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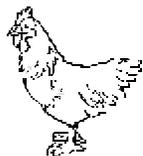
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment overall was steady to about steady. Retail demand was very slow to occasionally fair with few features. Food service was light to moderate, instances good for fast food promotions. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient or available for limited trade needs since most were satisfied with regular commitments. In the parts structure, trading was light and cautious with market conditions being closely monitored. Wings were fully sufficient to ample, and the remaining items were at least adequate, at times long for drums. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were irregular, but mostly desirable.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading declined .25 cents to 62.75 based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 65.25 cents last year on October 24, 2001.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	172.00
BREASTS - B/S	133.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	66.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	60.00
LEG QUARTERS	18.50
WINGS	49.50

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SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail demand was fair at best with few features present, and food service was light to moderate. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate or available for trade needs. In the parts structure, wings were fully sufficient to ample of a limited call. Breast items were mixed, mostly adequate, and dark meat was more than sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was very light and unaggressive during midweek trading as dealers attempted to maintain closely cleared floor stocks. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate to available for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was slow. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items were at least adequate. Dark meat cuts were fully sufficient, particularly drumsticks. Tenderloins and wings were ample.

MIDWEST Whole fryer market tone was steady. Offers were fully sufficient with lighter weight product in best balance. Very slow to instances fair movement was noted into retail channels. Food service demand was irregular, mostly light to moderate, occasionally good. Floor stocks in close balance to fully adequate. Weights desirable. Trading on parts was minimal, as the majority of dealers remain cautious, ordering hand to mouth and awaiting further market developments. Supplies were fully sufficient for current trade needs. The market tone was steady on leg items and whole breasts with remaining items cautiously steady to weak.

WESTERN The market tone was about steady with early trading for next week at mainly unchanged prices. Offerings adequate. Retailer demand moderate. Floor stocks adequate. Parts also about steady.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE		
WEEK ENDING 10/19/02	2002	2001	
	PREVIOUS YEAR		
EGGS SET	185,842	189,784	-02
CHICKS PLACED	155,370	163,474	-05

BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 186 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 19, 2002. This was down 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN 5 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 155 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 19, 2002. Placements were down 5 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through October 19, 2002 were 7.07 billion.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 30-Nov-02 IS ESTIMATED AT 142.4 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 143.4 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 149.1 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 115.0 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 58.82 CENTS PER POUND.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

OCTOBER 23, 2002

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS				ITEM	POUNDS			
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG		(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	910	113.00-189.00	120-125	123.28	BREAST - B/S	915	113.00-189.00	120-125	123.58
TENDERLOINS	266	100.00-183.00	110-115	122.16	TENDERLOINS	164	97.00-165.00	-	116.77
BREAST - LINE RUN	80	70.00-75.00	-	74.38	BREAST - LINE RUN	115	68.00-75.00	70-72	72.43
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	89	19.00-33.00	19-20	20.42	LEGS	89	20.00-33.00	-	21.31
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	390	14.00-18.00	14-15	15.03	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	390	15.00-18.00	15-16	15.33
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,330	16.00-24.00	19	19.12	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,290	16.00-24.00	19	19.00
WINGS (WHOLE)	281	49.00-54.00	49-50	53.38	WINGS (WHOLE)	101	48.00-53.00	-	50.28
WINGS (CUT)	458	57.00-70.00	57-59	60.81	WINGS (CUT)	392	56.00-69.00	56-58	59.23
DRUMSTICKS	68	33.00-46.50	-	34.59	DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				B/S THIGHS	55	50.00-65.00	-	55.45

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
31.50 - 35.50	33.02	32.00 - 35.50	33.66	34.26

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity was very light during midweek trading as dealers attempted to keep floor stocks in a tight balance with the slow demand. Offerings of breast items were at least adequate, however, bone-in breasts were noted in the better balance. Dark meat cuts were fully sufficient, although, drumsticks were in the longest position. Tenderloins and wings were ample. Movement through retail and distributive channels was seasonally light. The market tone was barely steady on tenderloins and wings, and no better than steady on the balance.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES **OCTOBER 22, 2002** **OCTOBER 23, 2002**

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD	VOL/LBS	ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD	VOL/LBS
	TRADING*	AVG**					TRADING*	AVG**			
BREAST - B/S	120-125	124.08	465,150			BREAST - B/S	120-125	126.51	344,520		
TENDERLOINS	110	116.28	175,830			TENDERLOINS	105-110	107.73	107,440		
BREAST - WITH RIBS	60-61	64.91	232,000			BREAST - WITH RIBS	60-61	68.28	563,500		
BREAST - LINE RUN	60	63.84	159,480			BREAST - LINE RUN	60	64.66	136,560		
LEGS	31-32	34.55	112,960			LEGS	31-32	32.04	126,200		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	17.91	536,481			LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	18.29	320,178		
DRUMSTICKS	23-24	24.71	223,960			DRUMSTICKS	23-24	24.83	173,190		
THIGHS	20-21	31.42	51,960			THIGHS	20-21	27.02	81,740		
B/S THIGHS	62-63	63.67	114,410			B/S THIGHS	62-63	65.91	91,600		
WINGS (WHOLE)	44-45	49.80	265,840			WINGS (WHOLE)	44-45	49.92	216,030		
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.34	33,160			BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.82	40,960		
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	31.03	21,510			LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	33.61	11,840		
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	63.66	21,590			GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	64.09	17,840		

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL WTS	
	10/23	10/22	10/21	10/18	10/21	10/18	10/16	10/14
ALA	4,045	4,097	4,113	3,866	5.22	4.93	4,002	5.19
ARK	5,349	5,344	4,872	5,165	5.26	4.78	5,326	5.10
DELMARVA	2,364	2,381	2,249	2,289	5.27	5.22	2,387	5.22
KY-LA-TN	1,974	1,992	2,015	2,124	4.80	4.68	1,893	4.75
MISS	2,860	2,898	2,891	2,587	5.44	5.29	2,868	5.39
NC	2,594	2,672	2,435	2,659	6.24	6.03	2,161	6.14
TEXAS	2,478	2,472	2,495	2,410	4.97	4.86	2,452	4.93
TOTAL	21,664	21,856	21,070	20,939	5.31	5.07	21,089	5.23
MON-WED	64,812 (A)						64,333 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 23-Oct 02 and is estimated to be 32,412,000 up 2.42 percent from a week ago and up 5.5 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,646,000; last year 30,731,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	90-92
ROASTERS 4# & UP	88-95
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	75
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	ICE PACK	DRY PACK	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS			92-95
			96-103
ROASTERS 4# & UP			104
			113
HENS OVER 5#			92-98
			-
DUCKS			152-166

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 26 OCT-02

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	10/26/02 (1)	10/19/02
	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	165,303(2)	160,844
LT HENS	2,003	1,986
HVY HENS	1,584	1,659
CHECK TOTAL	168,890	164,489

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 26-Oct-02 is 157.2 million head compared to 158.86 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 165.6 million head or 8.4 million more than estimated available. For week of 02-Nov-02 the estimated available is 156.2 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 21-OCT-02	196,373	77,898
AM 01-OCT-02	187,932	74,844
CHG	8,441	3,054
PCT CHG	4	4

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	10/21/02	10/14/02	10/22/01	10/21/02	10/14/02	10/22/01
PACIFIC COAST	23,219	23,143	18,892	6,540	4,511	3,410
LOS ANGELES	1,450	1,457	2,241	4,224	4,006	1,695

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS,U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 21, 2002

	RANGE
HENS ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	58-60
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	59-69

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

	LOW HIGH AVG			FOR 10/22/02		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.35	1.10	.48	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	2.00
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	.35	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	1.75
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	.50	3.25
BROILERS lb.	-	.60	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	1.05	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.25	.40
PULLETS lb.	1.05	1.45	1.27	PULLETS ea.	3.50	5.50
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	1.25	3.25
ROOSTERS lb.	.40	1.40	.88	ROOSTERS ea.	2.50	6.50
GEESE lb.	-	.55	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	1.50	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	5.00
DUCKS lb.	.60	1.35	.99	DUCKS ea.	.25	6.00
RABBITS lb.	.70	3.00	.99	RABBITS ea.	1.00	3.25
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.00	3.50
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	2.00	5.00
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-

TOTAL COOPS 183

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending October 18, 2002

	Whole		Legs	Necks, Backs	Livers/
	Chickens	Breasts	W/ Thighs	& Wings	Gizzards
RAYON					
Low	54.59	127.37	72.78	18.20	18.20
High	59.14	136.47	81.88	22.75	22.75
Mostly	55.04	127.37	81.88	18.20	22.75

SAN JUAN

Low	61.41	122.82	77.33	22.75	13.65
High	64.60	127.37	86.43	31.84	15.92
Mostly	62.78	122.82	81.88	25.02	13.65

NEW SAN JUAN

Low	54.59	127.37	72.78	13.65	18.20
High	59.14	136.47	81.88	22.75	22.75
Mostly	54.59	127.37	72.78	18.20	22.75

BECERRA

Low	61.87	127.37	81.88	22.75	13.65
High	65.96	136.47	90.98	31.84	18.20
Mostly	63.23	131.92	84.16	27.29	15.92

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to fair at best with the bulk of activity centered around standing commitments. Offerings were fully sufficient although sizes continued to differ from plant to plant. Live supplies were moderate; weights continued to vary in a range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 47 to 61 cents. Trade sentiment was no better than steady. All parts were at least adequate for the light and unaggressive buying interest. Drums, Wings and Tenders were in heaviest supply and were generally slow to clear.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

	BRANDED
	U.S. GRADE A
RANGE	41-61
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	48.49
NO. OF BOXES	7,979

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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