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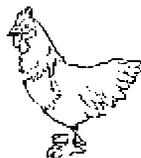
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was steady in the Midwest, steady to fully steady in the East and barely steady to weak in the West. Retail demand was light to moderate with feature activity aiding interest. Food service covered the full range, but was generally light to moderate overall. Supplies of 3 to 3.5 pound sizes were in good balance and well cleared in the East, generally sufficient in most other areas. In the parts structure, movement was slow to fair. Breast items ranged adequate to available. Wings and dark meat were at least adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate with weights desirable to heavy.

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 62.25 based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 64.50 cents last year on November 7, 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	169.50
BREASTS - B/S	130.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	65.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	57.50
LEG QUARTERS	18.50
WINGS	45.50

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SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail demand was light to fair. Food service was fair to moderate best into fast food. Supplies of all sizes were generally sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, breast items, wings and dark meat items ranged adequate to available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was about fair to moderate during midweek trading. Offerings of the 3 pound birds were in good balance. However, the 2.5 and 4 pound birds were at least adequate. Retail and distributive draw was mostly fair. The market tone was at least steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were increasingly available. Boneless-skinless breasts were adequate to fully adequate. Dark meat cuts were more than sufficient. Wings were ample.

MIDWEST Whole fryer market tone was steady. Offers were limited with trade interest generally absent. Movement into retail channels was mostly light, occasionally fair to moderate; scattered retail features providing little additional interest. Food service demand was slow to fair at best. Floor stocks were in a full range, weights desirable. In the parts sector, offerings were light and spotty on mostly slow trading levels. Buyers ordering hand to mouth and lacking optimism for any increased demand near term. Offerings though seen as minimal were adequate for immediate trade needs. The market tone was steady on whole breasts and about steady on all other items.

WESTERN The market tone was weak. Offerings in fair balance on lighter weights and fully adequate overall on weights over 3 pounds. Buying interest was moderate as anticipated because of the upcoming Thanksgiving Day needs. Demand for whole body product moderate and good for parts. Floor stocks adequate to cover current needs.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE		
WEEK ENDING 11/02/02	2002	2001	
	PREVIOUS YEAR		
EGGS SET	191,008	196,299	-03
CHICKS PLACED	154,802	159,933	-03

BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 3 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 191 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 2, 2002. This was down 3 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 3 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 155 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 2, 2002. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through November 2, 2002 were 7.38 billion.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 14-Dec-02 IS ESTIMATED AT 143.3 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 143.6 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 154.1 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 158.8 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 55.60 CENTS PER POUND.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

NOVEMBER 06, 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 (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	955	110.00-191.00	120-125	122.20
TENDERLOINS	96	110.00-180.00	-	130.73
BREAST - LINE RUN	105	68.00-75.00	69-70	70.00
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	114	19.00-33.00	19-20	20.81
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	388	14.00-19.00	14-15	15.19
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,378	16.00-24.00	17-19	18.71
WINGS (WHOLE)	281	42.00-49.00	46-48	47.64
WINGS (CUT)	419	53.00-62.00	53-55	55.42
DRUMSTICKS	69	33.00-46.00	-	34.70
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	55	42.00-60.00	-	48.55

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,035	108.00-191.00	115-121	120.29
TENDERLOINS	155	110.00-180.00	110-117	124.47
BREAST - LINE RUN	105	68.00-75.00	72-75	73.33
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	93	19.00-33.00	19-20	21.22
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	388	14.00-18.00	14-15	15.11
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,328	16.00-24.00	17-19	18.58
WINGS (WHOLE)	281	42.00-49.00	46-48	47.64
WINGS (CUT)	431	53.00-62.00	53-55	55.57
DRUMSTICKS	69	33.00-46.00	-	34.70
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

 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
34.25 - 37.50	35.22	34.00 - 37.50	35.31	35.30

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 mostly fair during midweek trading as dealers maintained balanced inventories and limited purchases to normally committed product. Offerings of bone-in breasts were at least adequate to available with slight discounting occasionally noted to stimulate sales. Boneless skinless breasts were more than sufficient. Dark meat cuts ranged adequate to fully adequate. Wings were readily available. Movement through retail and distributive channels was mostly fair to no better than moderate. The market tone was no better than steady on bone-in breasts and wings, and about 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 **NOVEMBER 05, 2002**

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	120	129.21	387,250
TENDERLOINS	105	115.39	98,850
BREAST - WITH RIBS	64-65	72.32	186,800
BREAST - LINE RUN	64	65.75	141,040
LEGS	31-32	33.97	97,400
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	17.81	666,862
DRUMSTICKS	21-22	21.84	212,750
THIGHS	20-21	30.94	59,530
B/S THIGHS	62-63	63.23	58,710
WINGS (WHOLE)	40-41	40.95	230,700
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.99	33,800
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	33.91	11,770
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	61.38	36,860

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	120	127.24	184,710
TENDERLOINS	105	105.65	50,400
BREAST - WITH RIBS	64-65	73.37	151,160
BREAST - LINE RUN	64	64.08	85,600
LEGS	31-32	34.25	132,040
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	17.76	440,113
DRUMSTICKS	21-22	25.75	122,120
THIGHS	20-21	32.73	48,120
B/S THIGHS	62-63	62.64	43,640
WINGS (WHOLE)	40-41	44.71	140,920
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.82	49,840
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	32.78	10,600
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	63.16	17,520

 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	AVG WTS
	11/06	11/05	11/04	11/01	11/04
ALA	4,034	4,086	4,056	3,967	5.22
ARK	5,367	5,336	4,932	4,939	5.08
DELMARVA	2,273	2,334	2,323	2,415	5.18
KY-LA-TN	1,948	1,996	2,009	1,897	4.83
MISS	2,805	2,971	2,870	2,545	5.40
NC	2,566	2,668	2,668	2,659	6.12
TEXAS	2,198	2,424	2,163	2,174	4.98
TOTAL	21,191	21,815	21,021	20,626	5.26
MON-WED	64,609 (A)				5.08

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 06-Nov 02 and is estimated to be 31,704,000 down 0.83 percent from a week ago and up 5.6 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,970,000; last year 30,032,000)

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

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 02 NOV-02

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	11/02/02 (1)	10/26/02
	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	160,211(2)	165,303
LT HENS	1,848	2,003
HVY HENS	1,592	1,584
CHECK TOTAL	163,651	168,890

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 02-Nov-02 is 156.2 million head compared to 157.4 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 160.5 million head or 4.3 million more than estimated available. For week of 09-Nov-02 the estimated available is 155.3 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 28-OCT-02	185,331	82,290
AM 01-OCT-02	187,932	74,844
CHG	-2,601	7,446
PCT CHG	-1	10

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	10/28/02	10/21/02	10/29/01	10/28/02	10/21/02	10/29/01
PACIFIC COAST	15,040	23,219	18,918	10,220	6,540	3,378
LOS ANGELES	856	1,450	1,703	4,209	4,224	1,598

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 28, 2002

	RANGE
HENS ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	59-61
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	62-79

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

	FOR 10/29/02		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.20	.80	.57
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	.35	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	.50	-
BANTAMS lb.	.65	.70	.68
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.40	1.25	.81
GEESE lb.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	.55	-
DUCKS lb.	.50	1.00	.81
RABBITS lb.	.40	1.10	.82
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-

TOTAL COOPS 174

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending October 25, 2002

	Whole	Legs	Necks, Backs	Livers/
	Chickens	Breasts	W/ Thighs & Wings	Gizzards Hens
RAYON				
Low	54.64	127.50	72.86	18.21
High	59.20	136.61	81.96	22.77
Mostly	54.64	136.61	81.96	18.21
SAN JUAN				
Low	54.64	127.50	72.86	13.66
High	58.29	136.61	81.96	22.77
Mostly	54.64	127.50	72.86	13.66
NEW SAN JUAN				
Low	54.64	127.50	72.86	13.66
High	59.20	136.61	81.96	22.77
Mostly	54.64	127.50	72.86	18.21
BECERRA				
Low	54.64	127.50	72.86	18.21
High	59.20	136.61	81.96	22.77
Mostly	54.64	136.61	81.96	18.21

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to moderate and sufficient in keeping the bulk of seller offerings cleared satisfactorily. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed and irregular. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 47 to 61 cents. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, supplies were adequate. Breast items were generally noted as in best balance, Leg cuts were fully sufficient. Wings remained in heaviest balance.

*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	44-61
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	49.34
NO. OF BOXES	7,669

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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