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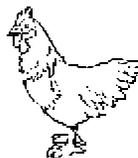
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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was generally no better than steady. Demand was seasonally light to moderate, best for post holiday retail features. Supplies of all sizes were in better balance than earlier in the week due to reduced processing schedules but remained more than sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was light to fair at best and limited to immediate needs. Supplies of all items ranged adequate to available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate with weights in a full range 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 61.50 based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 64.00 cents last year on November 28, 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	165.00
BREASTS - B/S	129.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	64.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	56.50
LEG QUARTERS	18.00
WINGS	47.50

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**SOUTHERN** Trade sentiment continued no better than steady. Demand was seasonally light and centered on other holiday items. Food service was mixed, best into fast food and feature activity. Supplies were more than sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was seasonally light. All items were at least adequate for the mostly light to no better than fair demand. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers remained light and selective as dealers continued with closely balanced floor stocks entering the Thanksgiving holiday. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate, but noted as better balanced due to plant closings. Retail and distributive movement was light. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, breast items were at least adequate. Dark meat cuts were fully adequate, and wings were available.

**MIDWEST** Whole fryer trade sentiment was steady. Offers of Wogs and whole fryers were sufficient for the mixed, mostly light trade interest. Retail and food service demand was in a full range and spotty, best for post holiday retail features, fast food outlets and institutional trade. Floor stocks closely balanced to ample. Weights desirable. Trading on parts continued light on limited offerings. Supplies varied, but adequate for current buyer needs. Trade sentiment in general steady on all parts.

**WESTERN** The market tone was generally steady to barely steady. Offerings were fully adequate overall with heavy weight whole body product in the longest position. Buyers' started to assess after Thanksgiving Day needs. Retailer demand was moderate overall best to cover fast food needs. Floor stocks were generally adequate. Trade sentiment was about steady on parts.

### CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES WEEK ENDING 11/23/02	2002	2001	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	199,513	205,396	-03
CHICKS PLACED	154,558	158,581	-03

### BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 3 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 200 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 23, 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 23, 2002. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through November 23, 2002 were 7.84 billion.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 4-Jan-03 IS ESTIMATED AT 139.1 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 137.6 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 141.6 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 116.7 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 55.66 CENTS PER POUND.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

NOVEMBER 27, 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	755	105.00-187.00	110-118	114.31
TENDERLOINS	133	105.00-179.00	105-110	112.65
BREAST - LINE RUN	80	65.50-75.00	69-70	70.06
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	99	19.00-33.00	19-20	21.08
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	386	13.00-18.00	13-14	14.27
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,138	15.00-24.00	17-19	18.17
WINGS (WHOLE)	265	41.00-48.00	46-47	46.85
WINGS (CUT)	290	56.00-63.00	-	58.36
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	765	107.00-187.00	110-118	117.48
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
BREAST - LINE RUN	76	66.00-75.00	70-72	71.39
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	89	19.00-33.00	19-20	21.26
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	386	13.00-18.00	13-14	14.27
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,378	15.00-24.00	17-19	18.19
WINGS (WHOLE)	295	41.00-49.00	46-47	47.44
WINGS (CUT)	293	56.00-63.00	57-58	58.90
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

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

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 F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
31.00 - 38.50	34.14	31.00 - 37.50	33.64	34.36

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 cautious and selective as dealers continued with closely balanced floor stocks entering the Thanksgiving holiday. Offerings of breast items were at least adequate. Dark meat cuts were fully sufficient. Wings were available. Retail and distributive movement was seasonally sluggish. The market tone was steady.

\*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES **NOVEMBER 26, 2002** **NOVEMBER 27, 2002**

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	120	121.04	332,885
TENDERLOINS	100-105	96.76	159,406
BREAST - WITH RIBS	55-56	60.77	210,680
BREAST - LINE RUN	55	57.46	101,160
LEGS	31-32	32.43	137,440
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	18.65	327,848
DRUMSTICKS	21-22	24.14	208,220
THIGHS	20-21	29.38	63,560
B/S THIGHS	62-63	63.97	82,960
WINGS (WHOLE)	41-42	48.63	147,140
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.41	37,320
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	31.81	24,385
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	63.12	28,660

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	120	121.16	379,610
TENDERLOINS	100-105	100.60	101,840
BREAST - WITH RIBS	55-56	63.33	124,600
BREAST - LINE RUN	55	58.05	94,600
LEGS	31-32	27.63	172,040
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	17.88	331,045
DRUMSTICKS	21-22	25.09	108,790
THIGHS	20-21	30.84	36,380
B/S THIGHS	62-63	63.32	79,840
WINGS (WHOLE)	41-42	45.28	149,430
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.82	29,120
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	33.39	17,200
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	63.30	18,200

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		AVG WTS	
	11/27	11/26	11/25	11/22	11/25	11/22	11/20	11/18
ALA	3,765	4,048	3,971	3,945	5.18	4.91	3,982	5.16
ARK	4,962	5,334	4,678	4,889	4.86	4.75	4,664	5.05
DELMARVA	2,205	2,414	2,391	2,128	5.17	5.07	1,780	5.11
KY-LA-TN	1,637	1,795	1,669	1,756	4.72	4.53	1,730	4.57
MISS	2,763	2,952	2,809	2,452	5.37	5.33	2,429	5.53
NC	2,343	2,439	2,419	2,659	6.16	6.03	2,623	6.29
TEXAS	2,500	2,457	2,460	2,461	4.92	4.86	2,299	5.03
TOTAL	20,175	21,439	20,397	19,755	5.18	5.02	19,507	5.24
MON-WED	62,456(A)						60,920(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 27-Nov 02 and is estimated to be 30,184,000 up 3.12 percent from a week ago and down 2.9 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 29,272,000; last year 31,098,000)

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	89-91
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-88
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	75
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**

**DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	ICE PACK	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS		92-94
	DRY PACK	96-102
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104
	DRY PACK	113
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	92-98
	DRY PACK	-
DUCKS		152-166

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 30 NOV-02

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	11/30/02 (1)	THOUSAND HEAD		11/23/02
BRO-FRY	118,248 (2)			156,087
LT HENS	1,334			1,812
HVY HENS	1,041			1,591
CHECK TOTAL	120,623			159,490

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 30-Nov-02 is 145.5 million head compared to 159.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 118.5 million head or 27.0 million less than estimated available. For week of 07-Dec-02 the estimated available is 146.7 million head.

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)**

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	11/25/02	11/18/02	11/26/01	11/25/02	11/18/02	11/26/01
<b>PACIFIC COAST</b>	10,218	9,075	5,798	5,596	10,335	3,128
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>	94	275	155	3,974	3,924	1,667

**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 NOVEMBER 25, 2002

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

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES FOR 11/26/02**

	LOW HIGH AVG				LOW HIGH AVG		
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.30	.70	.47	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	.75	1.00	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	.35	.55	.44	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	.35	-	BANTAMS ea.	.25	2.10	-
BROILERS lb.	-	.40	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	.10	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	4.00	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	1.00	2.25	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.55	1.10	.71	ROOSTERS ea.	-	.35	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	.50	.70	.56	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	.50	1.15	.89	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	1.00	1.45	1.35	RABBITS ea.	-	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	.50	1.35	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	6.50	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	10.50	-
SILKIES ea.	.35	.60	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-

TOTAL COOPS 101

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City**

Cents per pound for the week ending November 22, 2002

	Whole		Legs W/Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards Hens	
	Chickens	Breasts				
<b>RAYON</b>						
Low	53.83	125.59	71.77	17.94	17.94	47.10
High	58.31	134.56	80.74	22.43	22.43	47.10
Mostly	53.83	125.59	71.77	17.94	22.43	47.10
<b>SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	61.45	125.59	80.74	26.91	13.46	54.72
High	64.59	139.05	98.68	35.88	17.94	54.72
Mostly	62.80	134.56	85.22	29.16	15.70	54.72
<b>NEW SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	53.83	125.59	71.77	13.46	17.94	47.10
High	57.41	134.56	80.74	22.43	22.43	47.10
Mostly	53.83	125.59	71.77	17.94	17.94	47.10

**BECERRA**

Low	60.55	130.08	85.22	29.16	15.70	54.72
High	62.80	139.05	98.68	33.64	20.18	54.72
Mostly	62.80	134.56	85.22	29.16	15.70	54.72

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS**

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds remained seasonally fair at best. Offerings were fully sufficient for current inquiry. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were desirable in a full range of light to heavy. Processor schedules were reduced in some instances to accommodate the expected decline in immediate needs, and were moderate overall. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 48 to 62 cents. Trade sentiment continued no better than steady. In the parts complex, all items were fully sufficient for trade needs.

\*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	41-62
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	50.69
NO. OF BOXES	8,464

\*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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