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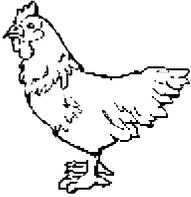
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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm on whole product as reduced holiday schedules limited any additional offerings. Retail demand was seasonal active and reported as light to moderate. However, interest from fast food outlets was active with some locations not filling orders. Overall, floor stocks were reported as in balance with light weight wogs in the best position. In the parts structure, trading on wings was good, breast items were clearing, dark meat was usually sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .25 cent to 61.75 cents full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 62.75 cents last year on December 26, 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	169.00
BREASTS - B/S	140.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	67.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	58.00
LEG QUARTERS	18.00
WINGS	53.00

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**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was fully steady to instances firm. Retail demand was seasonally fair to moderate. Food service was fair to fairly good, best for fast food promotions and retail ad activity. Supplies were in good balance to short with most plants on reduced schedules due to the holiday. In the parts structure, breast items were no more than adequate and well cleared. Wings were in good balance and moving. Other items were generally adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair to moderate, however, dealers were cautious and limited orders to most immediate needs entering the holiday. Offerings of the 3 pound birds were in tight balance and the 4 pound sizes were clearing. Retail and distributive movement was seasonally light to fair. The market tone was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, breast items were reported as adequate, although, bone-in breasts were in the better balance. Dark meat cuts were at least sufficient. Wings were clearing briskly.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** The market tone on whole birds was mostly steady to firm. Offers were limited but adequate for trade needs. Retail demand was light to moderate. Features and holiday related items were receiving the best movement. Food service movement was light to good into fast food outlets. Floor stocks were adequate to closely balanced. Weights were in the desirable range. Part sales were slow with trading interest centering on wings and boneless skinless breasts. Trade sentiment was about steady on leg items, fully steady to firm on wings and mostly steady on breast items.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** The market tone was steady to fully steady. Offerings in remained in fair balance to generally adequate. Retailer demand was fair to fairly good. Floor stocks in good balance with current needs.

THE FOLLOWING REPORTS WILL BE RELEASED AND ISSUED ON FRIDAY'S DECEMBER 27, 2002, PUBLICATION.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

BROILER EGGS SET

BROILER CHICKS

CHICKS PLACEMENTS

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

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	380	118.00-140.00	127-135	129.26
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
BREAST - LINE RUN	75	66.00-70.00	66-68	66.53
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	88	22.00-32.00	22-23	22.91
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	400	13.00-16.75	14-15	14.88
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,080	15.00-24.00	17-19	18.16
WINGS (WHOLE)	305	45.00-52.00	47-49	50.62
WINGS (CUT)	115	58.00-60.00	-	58.61
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR DECEMBER 24, 2002 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
37.00 - 41.00	39.76

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 fair as dealers remained cautious and limited orders to most immediate needs in an attempt to enter the holiday with closely cleared floor stocks. Offerings of breast items were sufficient, although, bone-in breasts were in the better position. Dark meat cuts were at least adequate. Wings were in good balance and clearing briskly. Retail and distributive draw was seasonally light to fair. The market tone was fully steady on wings and at least steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	125-130	126.93	314,200
TENDERLOINS	105-110	108.60	81,595
BREAST - WITH RIBS	62-63	68.68	157,000
BREAST - LINE RUN	62	64.16	112,400
LEGS	31-32	28.60	228,400
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	17.55	527,767
DRUMSTICKS	21-22	25.90	117,480
THIGHS	20-21	33.95	33,680
B/S THIGHS	62-63	63.03	47,690
WINGS (WHOLE)	48-49	46.11	130,000
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.05	33,240
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	32.83	14,540
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	64.55	20,690

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	
	12/24	12/20	12/20	12/17	12/13	12/13
ALA	1,781	3,608	4.82	4016	4.98	
ARK	1,048	4,931	4.50	5056	4.89	
DELMARVA	1,077	2,258	5.12	2399	5.19	
KY-LA-TN	361	2,263	4.40	1780	4.71	
MISS	1,843	2,663	5.36	2877	5.24	
NC	1,176	2,405	5.98	2583	6.04	
TEXAS	1,627	1,759	4.59	2183	4.84	
TOTAL	8,913	19,887	4.92	20894	5.11	
MON-TUE	29,937 (A)			42055 (A)		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 24-Dec 2002 is estimated to be 13,335,000 down 57.47 percent from a week ago and up from holiday year ago. Last week 31,354,000; last year 0,000)

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

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	89-91
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	75

DUCKS  
RABBITS-WHOLE  
RABBITS-CUT UP

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY****DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

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

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

**REPORT TO BE RELEASED 12/26/02**

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

<u>PROCESSED TURKEY</u>			<u>PROCESSED POULTRY</u>		
	<u>LBS</u>		<u>LBS</u>		
AM	12/23/02	110,278			79,887
AM	12/01/02	112,050			77,481
CHG		-1,772			2,406
PCT CHG		-2			3

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)**

	<u>PROCESSED TURKEYS</u>			<u>PROCESSED POULTRY</u>		
	12/23/02	12/16/02	12/24/01	12/23/02	12/16/02	12/24/01
<b>PACIFIC</b>						
<b>COAST</b>	6,667	7,542	4,832	5,267	5,510	3,008
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>	111	86	175	3,720	3,840	1,614

**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 DECEMBER 23, 2002

		<b>RANGE</b>
HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	61-66
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	62-79

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

	LOW HIGH AVG			RANGE		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	1.60	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	.50	1.15	.77	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	.35	.40	.37	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	3.00	4.00
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	1.00	3.00
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	.25	.30	.27	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	1.40	2.30	2.00	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	1.70	1.80	1.76	RABBITS ea.	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	-	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	3.00	3.75
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	3.75
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	1.00	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-

TOTAL COOPS 47

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City**

Cents per pound for the week ending December 20, 2002

	<u>Whole Chickens</u>	<u>Breasts</u>	<u>Legs W/ Thighs</u>	<u>Necks, Backs &amp; Wings</u>	<u>Livers/ Gizzards</u>	<u>Hens</u>
<b>RAYON</b>						
Low	56.17	124.83	80.25	17.83	17.83	55.73
High	63.31	133.74	89.16	22.29	22.29	55.73
Mostly	58.85	133.74	89.16	17.83	17.83	55.73
<b>SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	60.19	124.83	80.25	22.29	13.37	51.27
High	64.20	138.20	98.08	31.21	20.06	51.27
Mostly	62.41	133.74	84.70	28.98	15.60	51.27
<b>NEW SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	55.73	124.83	80.25	13.37	17.83	57.96
High	63.31	133.74	89.16	22.29	22.29	57.96
Mostly	60.19	133.74	89.16	17.83	17.83	57.96
<b>BECERRA</b>						
Low	60.19	129.29	84.70	26.75	15.60	55.73
High	62.41	133.74	93.62	28.98	20.06	55.73
Mostly	62.41	133.74	89.16	28.98	17.83	55.73

**DELMARVA**

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally light to fair and sufficient in keeping available offerings in good balance to short of immediate needs. Live supplies were about moderate; weights varied. Processor schedules were very light as most plants worked short schedules or suspended operation. Less than truckload asking prices were 1 cent higher at 53 to 64 cents. Trade sentiment was firm to higher. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breasts were fully adequate to ample. Bone-in breasts and tenders were in uneven distribution.. Legs were fully adequate. Other cuts were generally noted as in close balance to short.

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

	<b>BRANDED U.S. GRADE A</b>
RANGE	47-64
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	54.90
NO. OF BOXES	9,326

\*8 of 8 plants reporting.



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