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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was steady in the West, at least steady elsewhere. Demand was light to moderate with best movement for retail ads, delis, and casual dining restaurants. Supplies of smaller sizes were close to short, heavier sizes were at least adequate. In the parts structure, wings were barely adequate to tight with strong demand, and dark meat was sufficient. Breast items were sufficient, but becoming more available with interest at times light. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at 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 advanced .25 cents to 62.25 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 January 9, 2002.

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	173.00
BREASTS - B/S	141.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	67.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	58.00
LEG QUARTERS	18.00
WINGS	62.50

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SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was at least steady, mostly steady. Retail demand was slow to fair with few features, and food service was fair to moderate, best for fast food specials. Supplies were in good balance for trade needs. In the parts structure, wings were tight and sought and continued to clear well. Breast items were mixed, mostly sufficient, but closest for fronts, and dark meat was at least adequate with limited interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, but mostly desirable.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was about fair and noted as typical for midweek trading. Offerings of the 3 pound birds were balanced and the larger sizes were slightly more available. Retail and distributive movement was only fair. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, wings remained tight and actively sought. Dark meat cuts were at least sufficient. Bone-in breasts were closely cleared, however, boneless-skinless breasts were increasingly available.

MIDWEST The market tone on whole fryers was fully steady to instances firm. Offers were generally balanced with lighter weights in close balance to short. Retail and food service movement was light to moderate, occasionally good; best for scattered retail features, casual dining restaurants and delicatessens. Floor stocks were in a full range. Weights in a desirable range. In the parts sector, wings continue to clear and were close to short of full trade needs; leg quarters were clearing and available; breast items falling short of anticipated call and supplies building. The market tone was fully steady to firm on wings and steady on remaining items.

WESTERN The market tone was steady overall. Offerings of whole body product less than 3 pounds in fairly good balance; however heavier weight product was readily available to cover current needs. Retailer demand was moderate to good best to cover store features and fast food specials. Floor stocks were generally adequate. Trade sentiment was fully steady on wings with the balance of parts generally steady.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES WEEK ENDING 01/04/03	2003	2002	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	204,389	206,952	-01
CHICKS PLACED	164,621	169,020	-03

BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 204 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 4, 2003. This was down 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 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 165 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 4, 2003. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week in 2001.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 15-Feb-03 IS ESTIMATED AT 150.6 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 150.7 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 157.2 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 157.2 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 56.11 CENTS PER POUND.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

JANUARY 08, 2003

3.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	934	110.00-196.00	125-132	130.91
TENDERLOINS	152	115.00-180.00	115-120	133.32
BREAST - LINE RUN	113	61.00-69.00	62-64	65.32
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	108	20.00-32.00	-	22.48
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	630	13.50-18.00	13.5-14.5	15.59
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,067	15.50-26.00	17-19	18.39
WINGS (WHOLE)	283	57.00-60.00	57-59	58.08
WINGS (CUT)	420	71.00-77.00	71-73	73.00
DRUMSTICKS	69	32.00-46.00	-	33.83
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	879	110.00-196.00	116-122	123.33
TENDERLOINS	193	115.00-176.00	-	140.48
BREAST - LINE RUN	123	62.00-72.00	63-65	65.58
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	630	13.50-18.00	14-15	14.83
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	987	15.50-26.00	17-19	18.70
WINGS (WHOLE)	281	62.00-65.00	-	64.14
WINGS (CUT)	455	71.00-79.00	71-74	74.43
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

 F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
38.50 - 42.00	40.68

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
38.75 - 42.00	40.33	40.52

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 and noted as typical of midweek trading as dealers continued with a cautious and selective posture. Offerings of bone-in breasts ranged balanced to adequate, however, boneless-skinless breasts were at least sufficient. Dark meat cuts were adequate to available, although, thighs were in a better balance. Retail and distributive draw was limited. The market tone was firm on 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 **JANUARY 07, 2003**

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	125-130	130.50	562,310
TENDERLOINS	105-110	108.28	220,534
BREAST - WITH RIBS	63-64	69.80	223,080
BREAST - LINE RUN	63	66.20	131,200
LEGS	31-32	35.63	128,960
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	17.96	643,416
DRUMSTICKS	21-22	23.20	243,290
THIGHS	20-21	35.20	59,060
B/S THIGHS	62-63	56.78	90,760
WINGS (WHOLE)	56-57	62.93	231,850
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.15	28,320
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	39.08	24,103
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	64.19	25,980

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	125-130	129.66	461,320
TENDERLOINS	105-110	117.02	58,780
BREAST - WITH RIBS	63-64	70.48	144,760
BREAST - LINE RUN	63	66.94	156,880
LEGS	31-32	29.29	304,120
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	18.16	417,040
DRUMSTICKS	21-22	28.44	133,400
THIGHS	20-21	31.37	80,680
B/S THIGHS	62-63	63.42	46,920
WINGS (WHOLE)	58-59	63.71	249,340
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.88	41,880
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	31.09	11,280
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	63.54	23,720

 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	
	01/08	01/07	01/06	01/03	01/06	01/03	01/01	12/30
ALA	3,902	4,120	4,052	4,635	5.20	4.99	(A)	5.15
ARK	4,956	5,282	5,204	7,116	5.09	4.94	Holiday	5.06
DELMARVA	2,437	2,405	2,389	3,213	5.13	5.16	Holiday	5.17
KY-LA-TN	1,632	1,876	1,844	1,913	4.96	4.84	(A)	4.84
MISS	2,811	2,897	2,960	3,068	5.42	5.48	Holiday	5.55
NC	2,566	2,466	2,552	2,659	6.14	6.09	(A)	6.12
TEXAS	2,456	2,458	2,380	2,700	4.89	4.88	(A)	4.71
TOTAL	20,760	21,504	21,381	26,113	5.25	5.18	1,292	5.22
MON-WED	63,892 (B)				38,813 (B)			

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations
 (B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 08-Jan 03 and is estimated to be 31,059,000 up from a holiday a week ago and down 2.6 percent from a year ago.
 (Last week 1,939,000; last year 31,876,000)

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#	66-69
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	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 11-Jan-03

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	01/11/03 (1)		01/04/03	
	THOUSAND HEAD			
BRO-FRY	159,376 (2)		131,001	
LT HENS	1,891		1,318	
HVY HENS	1,462		1,187	
TOTAL	162,729		133,506	

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 11-Jan-03 is 142.4 million head compared to 119.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 159.7 million head or 17.3 million more than estimated available. For week of 18-Jan-03 the estimated available is 149.1 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 01/06/03	134,279		79,029	
AM 01/01/03	112,050		77,481	
CHG	22,229		1,548	
PCT CHG	20		2	

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	1/06/03	12/30/02	1/07/02	1/06/03	12/30/02	1/07/02
PACIFIC COAST LOS ANGELES	7,801	8,079	5,298	5,295	4,150	3,318
ANGELES	1,363	1,370	119	3,734	3,588	1,849

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 JANUARY 6, 2002

HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	RANGE
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	58-64 62-79

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

	LOW HIGH AVG			FOR 1/7/03		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.60	1.00	.75	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	.60	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	.80	1.35	.95	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	.75	4.00
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	5.00
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	4.00	4.25
ROOSTERS lb.	.70	1.05	.84	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	1.40	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	1.00	-	TURKEYS ea.	11.00	14.00
DUCKS lb.	.70	2.20	1.18	DUCKS ea.	3.00	3.25
RABBITS lb.	1.40	2.30	1.73	RABBITS ea.	3.00	4.00
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.75	5.75
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	5.00	8.00
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	1.50
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-

TOTAL COOPS 111

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending January 3, 2003

Hens	Whole		Legs Necks, Backs & Wings		Livers/ Gizzards
	Chickens	Breasts	W/ Thighs	& Wings	
RAYON					
Low	56.72	130.88	74.17	13.09	13.09
45.81 High	61.08	139.61	80.71	17.45	17.45
17.45	45.81	Mostly	58.90	135.24	80.71
13.09	13.09	45.81			
SAN JUAN					
Low	55.84	122.16	69.80	8.73	13.09
45.81 High	60.21	130.88	78.53	17.45	17.45
17.45	45.81	Mostly	58.46	130.88	74.17
13.09	13.09	45.81			
NEW SAN JUAN					
Low	55.84	130.88	69.80	13.09	13.09
47.99 High	61.08	139.61	78.53	17.45	17.45
17.45	47.99	Mostly	59.33	130.88	78.53
13.09	13.09	47.99			
BECERRA					
Low	56.72	130.88	74.17	13.09	13.09
47.99 High	61.08	139.61	82.89	17.45	17.45
17.45	47.99	Mostly	59.33	139.61	80.71
13.09	17.45	47.99			
DELMARVA					

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was mostly fair to moderate. Offerings were adequate and generally in best balance on 3 pound sizes, heavier sizes were at least adequate. Live supplies were moderate; weights were in a full range of light to heavy. Processors schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 60 to 71 cents. Trade sentiment was at least steady. In the parts complex, wings were in close balance and clearing satisfactorily. Thighs were about adequate. Other items were 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	58-74
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	63.46
NO. OF BOXES	9,442

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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