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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak in the East, mostly steady to about steady elsewhere. Retail and food service demand was overall light to moderate with best interest for featured items. Supplies of smaller sized product was in good balance, however, heavier weights were more available to ample. In the parts structure, bone-in breasts and wings were close balanced to tight and continued to show good movement, and all other items were at least adequate with mixed demand. 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 remains unchanged at 62.25 cents full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 63.00 cents last year on January 16, 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	174.00
BREASTS - B/S	141.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	71.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	58.00
LEG QUARTERS	18.00
WINGS	69.00

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SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was generally steady at best. Retail demand was light, food service was fair to moderate, best for fast food. Supplies were usually sufficient to handle light trade needs. In the parts structure, wings and bone-in breasts were in the closest positions and moving well. The remaining breast items were mostly adequate, and dark meat was readily available. 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 light to fair at best as dealers kept floor stocks in close balance with light demand. Offerings of all sizes were readily available and slow to clear. Retail and distributive movement was limited. The market tone was weak. In the parts complex, wings and bone-in breasts were in good demand and well cleared. Boneless-skinless breasts were available; other items were generally sufficient for current trade needs.

MIDWEST Whole fryer market tone was about steady. Offers on small sized product in balance and fully available on heavy sized Wogs and whole fryers. Trade interest was limited. Movement into food service and retail was slow to light, occasionally moderate. Floor stocks were adequate. Weights were mixed. Trading on parts was lacking; orders on wings remained decent but softening on price resistance. Supplies of wings and whole breasts remain close and all other items adequate. The market tone was steady to firm on wings and whole breasts, steady on leg quarters and barely steady to instances weak on boneless/skinless breasts.

WESTERN The market tone was steady to fully steady. Offerings were easily adequate on heavy weight whole body product with lighter sized whole body product in fairly good balance and confidently held. Buying activity was moderate but selective with interest in additional product slow to develop. Retailer demand was moderate to fairly good. Floor stocks were adequate. The market tone was fully steady to firm on white meat items with wings and bone-in breast in the strongest position, dark meat items were about steady.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE	
WEEK ENDING 01/11/03	2003	2002
EGGS SET	202,919	204,606
		PREVIOUS YEAR
CHICKS PLACED	162,087	168,883
		-01
		-04

BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 203 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 11, 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 4 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 162 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 11, 2003. Placements were down 4 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through January 11, 2003 were 327 million, down 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 22-Feb-03 IS ESTIMATED AT 150.5 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 150.6 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 159.9 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 155.9 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 55.63 CENTS PER POUND.

JANUARY 14

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

JANUARY 15

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		WTD	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG
BREAST - B/S	958	110.00-200.00	117-126	120.88
TENDERLOINS	135	115.00-176.00	-	129.91
BREAST - LINE RUN	85	62.00-72.00	65-67	67.38
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	88	21.00-32.00	21-22	22.00
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	598	14.00-18.00	14-15	15.06
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,159	16.00-26.00	17-19	18.82
WINGS (WHOLE)	287	64.00-70.00	65-66	65.43
WINGS (CUT)	503	80.00-87.00	80-83	82.44
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

ITEM	POUNDS		WTD	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG
BREAST - B/S	996	110.00-200.00	117-122	121.81
TENDERLOINS	148	115.00-176.00	-	128.94
BREAST - LINE RUN	85	63.00-75.00	66-68	67.78
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	98	19.00-32.00	20-21	21.69
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	598	14.00-18.00	14-15	15.06
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,141	16.00-26.00	17-19	18.96
WINGS (WHOLE)	287	64.00-71.00	66-68	67.64
WINGS (CUT)	493	83.00-88.00	84-87	84.99
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
JANUARY 14, 2003 -- FOB DOCK*****
WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR
JANUARY 15, 2003 -- FOB DOCK

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
38.75 - 42.50	40.16

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
38.00 - 42.00	40.35	40.28

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 for mid-week trading as dealers generally limited orders to previously committed product. Offerings of bone-in breasts were in close balance to tight and well cleared. Wings were in good balance to short. Boneless-skinless breasts were available and dark meat cuts were more than sufficient. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate and centered on scattered retail feature activity. The market tone was fully steady to firm on wings and bone-in breasts; about steady on the balance.

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

JAN 14	CURRENT NEG	WTD	JAN 15
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	TRADING*
BREAST - B/S	125-130	124.15	125-130
TENDERLOINS	110	106.30	110
BREAST - WITH RIBS	68-69	73.37	69-70
BREAST - LINE RUN	68	70.67	69
LEGS	31-32	29.31	31-32
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	18.10	17-18
DRUMSTICKS	21-22	23.84	21-22
THIGHS	21-22	27.90	21-22
B/S THIGHS	62-63	65.27	62-63
WINGS (WHOLE)	68-69	73.13	70-71
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.61	10-12
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	26.05	30-35
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	62.54	60-65

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	
	01/15	01/14	01/13	01/10	01/13	01/10	01/08	01/06
ALA	3,638	4,091	3,987	3,956	5.20	4.94	3,726	5.20
ARK	4,940	4,993	5,083	5,238	4.98	4.72	4,797	5.09
DELMARVA	2,390	2,434	2,311	2,234	5.17	5.04	2,378	5.13
KY-LA-TN	1,607	1,918	1,915	1,746	5.01	4.84	1,629	4.96
MISS	2,647	2,912	2,896	2,651	5.46	5.33	2,814	5.42
NC	2,527	2,477	2,470	2,659	6.19	5.89	2,539	6.14
TEXAS	2,471	2,452	2,400	2,553	4.94	4.82	2,456	4.89
TOTAL	20,220	21,277	21,062	21,061	5.25	5.04	20,339	5.25
MON-WED	62,940(A)						62,871(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 15-Jan 03 and is estimated to be 30,251,000; down 0.88 percent from a week ago and down 2.1 percent from a year ago.
(Last week 30,521,000; last year 30,903,000)**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
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY	
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS	
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK 96-102
	ICE PACK 92-94
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 104
	DRY PACK 113
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK
	ICE PACK 92-98
DUCKS	152-166

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 18-Jan-03

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	01/18/03 (1)	THOUSAND HEAD		01/11/03
BRO-FRY	158,963 (2)			159,376
LT HENS	2,056			1,891
HVY HENS	1,558			1,462
TOTAL	162,577			162,729

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 18-Jan-03 is 152.4 million head compared to 160.5 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 159.3 million head or 6.9 million more than estimated available. For week of 25-Jan-03 the estimated available is 152.9 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 01/13/03	132,363			80,425
AM 01/01/03	131,968			79,054
CHG	395			1,371
PCT CHG	0			2

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	1/13/03	1/6/03	1/14/02	1/13/03	1/6/03	1/14/02
PACIFIC COAST LOS ANGELES	7,845	7,801	5,349	5,214	5,295	3,463
ANGELES	1,372	1,363	126	3,981	3,734	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 13, 2002

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

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

	FOR 1/14/03		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.35	1.00	.48
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	1.00	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	.30	1.65	1.02
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-
BROILERS lb.	.30	.65	.53
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.80	1.55	1.16
GEESE lb.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	.25	.40	.33
DUCKS lb.	1.00	1.75	1.64
RABBITS lb.	.60	1.75	1.50
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	1.00	2.00	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	2.00	-

TOTAL COOPS 143

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending January 10, 2003

RAYON	Whole		Legs		Necks, Backs		Livers/	
	Chickens	Breasts	W/Thighs	& Wings	Gizzards	Hens		
Low	56.42	130.20	78.12	8.68	13.02	43.40		
High	60.76	138.88	82.46	13.02	17.36	43.40		
Mostly	58.59	130.20	80.29	13.02	13.02	43.40		

SAN JUAN

Low	55.55	121.52	69.44	8.68	8.68	43.40		
High	59.89	130.20	78.12	13.02	17.36	43.40		
Mostly	58.59	130.20	78.12	13.02	13.02	43.40		

NEW SAN JUAN

Low	55.55	121.52	69.44	13.02	13.02	45.57		
High	60.76	130.20	78.12	17.36	17.36	45.57		
Mostly	58.16	130.20	78.12	13.02	13.02	45.57		

BECERRA

Low	56.42	130.20	78.12	13.02	8.68	45.57		
High	61.19	138.88	82.46	17.36	13.02	45.57		
Mostly	58.59	138.88	82.46	13.02	13.02	45.57		

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was slow to moderate at best. Seller offerings were ample, especially the 2.5 and 3 pound sizes which were difficult to clear. Live supplies were moderate; weights were in a full range of light to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent lower at 59 to 69 cents. Trade sentiment remained weak. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts and wings were in good demand and available supplies cleared with ease. Other items were adequate to fully adequate and were generally noted as clearing satisfactorily.

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

	RANGE	WEIGHTED AVERAGE	NO. OF BOXES
BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	52-71	61.49	7,410

*8 of 8 plants reporting.



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