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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady in the East, steady elsewhere. Retail demand was light to moderate, fairly good for active ads and to cover holiday needs. Food service was moderate to good, best for fast food specials, delis, and catering businesses. Supplies were mixed, but overall available for trade needs. Delivery difficulties were still prevalent due to widespread lack of trucks, and processing schedules were mixed with a majority of plants down Friday for July 4th. In the parts structure, trading was moderate to good. Breast items were better balanced to tight with boneless skinless and bone-in breasts in the closest positions. Dark meat was sufficient to tight and continued to clear well, and wings were readily available with limited interest. 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 .50 cents to 67.00 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 64.25 cents last year on July 03, 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	197.50
BREASTS - B/S	186.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	101.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	74.00
LEG QUARTERS	28.50
WINGS	71.50

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SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Retail demand was fair to moderate with holiday and first of the month orders being completed. Food service was fair to good, strongest into fast food where promotions were active. Supplies were balanced to less available for trade needs. Processing schedules are mostly part time with many plants down Friday in observance of July 4th. Delivery problems were still being reported due to continuous lack of trucks. In the parts structure, dark meat was close to tight and trading at premium levels. Breast items were better balanced to sufficient, and wings were readily available with limited interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly fair to fairly good overall. Offerings of the 3.5 pound and larger birds remained in the best balance. The 3 pound and smaller sizes were at least sufficient. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, breast items were tight to closely cleared. Dark meat cuts ranged adequate to balanced. Tenderloins and wings were sufficient.

MIDWEST The whole broiler/fryer market tone was mostly steady. Offerings of additional Wog and whole birds were light to moderate. Market activity was typical pre-holiday; moderate to active with delivery disruptions and limited availability of transportation. Movement into both retail and food service channels was mostly light to moderate, occasionally good. Retail features noted as somewhat light with other protein items heavy. Food service draw was best into fast food promotions and delicatessens. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. Weights were mostly desirable. Supplies of parts items were adequate for the most part with drumsticks very limited and tenders long. Buyer interest was moderate. The market tone was barely steady to weak on wings and thighs, mostly steady to instances firm on drumsticks, leg quarters and breast items.

WESTERN The market tone was generally steady. Offerings of small sized product was confidently held and in fair balance, heavier weights generally adequate. Retailer demand was moderate to good, best for parts. Floor stocks adequate overall.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES	WEEK ENDING 06/28/03		PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
	2003	2002	
EGGS SET	203,443	204,462	0
CHICKS PLACED	172,154	172,481	0

BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 203 million eggs in incubators during the week ending June 28, 2003. This was down slightly 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 SLIGHTLY

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 28, 2003. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through June 28, 2003 were 4.37 billion, down 1 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 9-Aug-03 IS ESTIMATED AT 158.8 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 159.2 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 162.1 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 162.5 MILLION HEAD AND THE COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 55.55 CENTS PER POUND.

JULY 01, 2003

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

JULY 02, 2003

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	710	152.00-226.00	156-160	158.41
TENDERLOINS	100	137.00-211.00	137-142	159.82
BREAST - LINE RUN	93	90.00-107.00	91-93	94.02
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	92	30.00-45.00	31-33	33.50
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	625	23.00-25.00	24	23.94
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,200	25.00-30.00	25-27	26.55
WINGS (WHOLE)	276	50.00-76.00	-	72.11
WINGS (CUT)	450	67.00-86.00	75-78	77.49
DRUMSTICKS	68	45.00-56.00	-	46.29
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	58	72.00-74.00	-	72.69

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	850	152.00-226.00	155-158	164.42
TENDERLOINS	165	135.00-211.00	137-141	151.43
BREAST - LINE RUN	113	90.00-108.00	92-93	93.40
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	121	31.00-45.00	31-32.5	32.93
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	623	23.00-25.00	24	23.94
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,040	25.00-31.00	26-27	26.73
WINGS (WHOLE)	276	49.00-76.00	-	71.98
WINGS (CUT)	429	66.00-79.00	74-77	75.53
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	58	72.00-75.00	-	73.03

 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
51.00 - 54.00	52.47	49.50 - 54.00	51.87	52.03

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 continued fair to fairly good during midweek trading. Offerings of bone-in breasts remained in tight balance and boneless-skinless breasts were closely cleared. Dark meat cuts ranged adequate to balanced. Distributive draw was moderate to fairly good. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm on breast items and dark meat cuts. Tenderloins and wings were about steady.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES JULY 01, 2003

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	160-165	163.29	738,030
TENDERLOINS	140	137.78	164,340
BREAST - WITH RIBS	84-85	88.08	227,920
BREAST - LINE RUN	84	86.97	147,160
LEGS	35-36	33.51	419,520
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	25-26	25.56	683,220
DRUMSTICKS	31-32	34.13	243,240
THIGHS	27-28	35.21	116,250
B/S THIGHS	69-70	73.09	113,260
WINGS (WHOLE)	64-65	68.73	309,200
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.17	25,760
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	24.77	14,340
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35-40	36.67	31,310

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	165-170	166.33	590,640
TENDERLOINS	140	139.34	116,026
BREAST - WITH RIBS	85-86	90.68	243,560
BREAST - LINE RUN	85	87.00	125,320
LEGS	36-37	35.82	315,520
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	25-26	25.51	406,992
DRUMSTICKS	32-33	36.61	142,320
THIGHS	28-29	36.35	103,880
B/S THIGHS	69-70	74.98	76,560
WINGS (WHOLE)	64-65	69.35	206,560
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.82	34,400
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	27.34	14,560
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35-40	38.10	26,240

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	
	07/02	07/01	06/30	06/27	06/30	06/27	06/25	06/23
ALA	3,973	4,009	3,945	4,708	5.22	5.08	4,039	5.24
ARK	5,328	5,371	5,266	6,203	5.02	4.85	5,205	5.08
DELMARVA	2,249	2,287	2,311	3,090	5.41	5.33	2,329	5.34
KY-LA-TN	1,992	1,955	1,926	2,684	4.91	4.67	1,936	4.94
MISS	3,086	3,071	3,041	3,876	5.38	5.24	3,022	5.50
NC	2,606	2,655	5,584	2,659	6.13	6.07	2,475	6.32
TEXAS	2,527	2,493	2,500	3,021	4.97	4.90	2,425	4.97
TOTAL	21,761	21,841	24,573	27,087	5.37	5.15	21,431	5.32
MON-WED 65,493(A)					64,908(A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 02-Jul 03 and is estimated to be 32,557,000 up 1.24 percent from a week ago and up 7.1 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,159,000; last year 30,411,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	90-96
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	63
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-
SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY	
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS	
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 99-101
	DRY PACK 106-107
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 104-105
	DRY PACK 113
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 91-98
	DRY PACK -
DUCKS	155-166

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 05-JUL-03

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	07/05/03 (1)	07/05/03 (2)	06/28/03	06/28/03
	THOUSAND HEAD			
BRO-FRY	144,122	144,122 (2)	167,981	167,981
LT HENS	1,110	1,110	1,606	1,606
HVY HENS	1,220	1,220	1,601	1,601
CHECK TOTAL	146,452	146,452	171,188	171,188

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 05-Jul-03 is 160.9 million head compared to 138.6 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 144.4 million head or 16.5 million less than estimated available. For week of 12-Jul-03 the estimated available is 160.4 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS	LBS	LBS	LBS
AM 06/30/03	206,547	206,547	57,525	57,525
AM 06/01/03	219,295	219,295	43,194	43,194
CHG	-12,748	-12,748	14,331	14,331
PCT CHG	-6	-6	33	33

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	6/30/03	6/23/03	7/1/02	6/30/03	6/23/03	7/1/02
PACIFIC COAST	15,455	15,422	18,458	6,655	6,913	5,102
LOS ANGELES	134	147	363	2,865	2,991	3,431

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 JUNE 30, 2003

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

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

	LOW HIGH AVG			FOR 7/01/03		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.40	3.10	.90	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	7.50
LIGHT FOWL lb.	.60	1.00	.75	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	.85	9.00
BROILERS lb.	.50	1.50	.96	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.10	8.50
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	1.00	7.50
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	2.00	5.00
ROOSTERS lb.	1.65	3.00	1.93	ROOSTERS ea.	3.50	8.50
GEESE lb.	-	.05	-	GEESE ea.	-	3.00
TURKEYS lb.	-	.55	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	.10	.40	.23	DUCKS ea.	1.00	9.00
RABBITS lb.	.40	1.75	1.13	RABBITS ea.	2.00	5.50
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.25	4.50
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea	8.50	10.50
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	1.75
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	.75	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	20.00
SILKIES ea.	1.00	5.00	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-

TOTAL COOPS 160

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending June 27, 2003

	Whole		Legs	Necks, Back	Livers/	Hens
	Chickens	Breasts	w/ Thighs	& Wings	Gizzards	
RAYON						
Low	73.29	130.88	91.62	21.81	17.45	71.98
High	77.66	143.97	104.71	28.36	21.81	71.98
Mostly	74.17	135.24	95.98	23.99	19.63	71.98
SAN JUAN						
Low	71.98	135.24	87.25	26.18	13.09	69.80
High	76.78	148.33	95.98	30.54	19.63	69.80
Mostly	74.17	139.61	91.62	26.18	14.40	69.80
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	73.29	135.24	91.62	21.81	13.09	70.68
High	77.22	148.33	95.98	30.54	21.81	70.68
Mostly	74.17	143.97	91.62	26.18	17.45	70.68
BECERRA						
Low	76.35	139.61	91.62	21.81	17.45	69.80
High	78.53	143.97	100.34	32.72	21.81	69.80
Mostly	77.66	141.79	95.98	23.99	19.63	69.80

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was mostly moderate to fairly good. Seller offering 3.5 and heavier sizes were in good balance; smaller sizes were fully sufficient. Live supplies were moderate; weights were in a full range of light to heavy, mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 59 to 68 cents. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, breasts items were in close balance to tight. Dark meat items in good balance and clearing satisfactorily. Tenderloins and wings were at least adequate.

*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	57-71
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	62.12
NO. OF BOXES	9,958

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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