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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady in the West and Midwest, mostly steady elsewhere. Demand was typically slow to moderate with light trading, but expected to improve for first of the month. Supplies were mixed, but overall sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate for mid-week trading. Boneless skinless breasts were balanced to tight and moving well, with all other breast cuts at least adequate. Dark meat was sufficient aided by export business, and wings were readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable to occasionally light.

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 68.00 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 64.00 cents last year on July 31, 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	204.00
BREASTS - B/S	202.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	104.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	80.00
LEG QUARTERS	31.50
WINGS	71.50

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SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was mixed, but overall steady. Retail demand was fair at best, and food service was fair to moderate, best for fast food promotions. Supplies were usually sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, boneless skinless breasts were balanced to close and moving, and the remaining breast cuts were irregular, but available. Dark meat was adequate to well cleared with good movement, aided by export interest, and wings were more manageable. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to light, but mostly desirable.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly fair and about as expected for mid-week trading. Offerings were generally sufficient for immediate needs with heavier sizes noted as slightly more available. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, boneless-skinless breasts were in close balance and well cleared. Bone-in breasts were at least adequate. Dark meat items and wings were adequate.

MIDWEST Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady to at times fully steady. Offerings of whole birds were adequate. Retail demand was fair with features receiving best interest. Feature noted in the Chicago area: drums and thighs at 68 cents and split breasts at 98 cents. Food service movement mixed, slow to moderate with best interest into special events such as fairs. Floor stocks were adequate for immediate trade needs. Weights were desirable. Trading on parts was flat with adequate offerings. The market tone was steady on all parts, instances fully steady to firm on boneless/skinless breasts.

WESTERN The market tone was fully steady with early trading for next week at mainly unchanged prices on regular commitments, often higher on additional bookings. Offerings in good balance. Retailer demand good. Floor stocks adequate. Parts at least steady.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES WEEK ENDING 07/26/03	2003	2002	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	206,521	207,984	-01
CHICKS PLACED	167,532	167,733	0

BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 207 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 26, 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 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 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 26, 2003. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through July 26, 2003 were 5.04 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for the marketing during the week ending 6-Sep-03 is estimated at 153.1 million head. This compares to 154.0 million head the previous week and to 157.0 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 141.7 million head and the composite weighted average 56.19 cents per pound.

JULY 29, 2003

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

JULY 30, 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			WTD
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG
BREAST - B/S	890	165.00-235.00	166-169	168.81
TENDERLOINS	234	135.00-212.00	140-145	150.08
BREAST - LINE RUN	100	90.00-111.00	92-95	94.85
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	168	30.00-49.00	30-33	32.33
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	760	24.00-27.00	24-25	24.79
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,055	26.00-33.00	27-29	28.12
WINGS (WHOLE)	276	55.00-76.00	-	72.15
WINGS (CUT)	495	72.00-81.00	74-76	75.89
DRUMSTICKS	68	49.00-60.00	-	50.29
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

ITEM	POUNDS			WTD
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG
BREAST - B/S	880	165.00-235.00	169-172	176.23
TENDERLOINS	225	137.00-213.00	143-148	151.89
BREAST - LINE RUN	100	92.00-112.00	92-95	95.65
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	128	30.00-49.00	31-33	33.06
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	562	24.00-27.00	25	25.07
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,020	25.00-34.00	27-29	27.75
WINGS (WHOLE)	276	56.00-77.00	-	73.00
WINGS (CUT)	376	73.00-77.00	74-77	75.09
DRUMSTICKS	68	49.00-60.00	-	50.29
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
51.50 - 56.00	53.30

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
51.00 - 56.00	53.76	53.53

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 to moderate during mid-week trading as dealers kept floor stocks in close balance with immediate needs. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts were in close balance and well cleared. Bone-in breasts were at least adequate. Dark meat items were about adequate and clearing with the exception of thighs which were available. Wings were adequate. Retail and distributive movement was mostly fair. The market tone was at least steady to fully steady on boneless-skinless breasts; steady to 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, JULY 29, 2003

JULY 30, 2003

ITEM	CURRENT NEG	WTD	VOL/LBS
	TRADING*	AVG**	
BREAST - B/S	170-175	170.25	544,726
TENDERLOINS	140	138.25	231,070
BREAST - WITH RIBS	84-85	90.12	148,984
BREAST - LINE RUN	84	82.86	124,200
LEGS	37-38	35.11	308,920
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	25-26	26.88	464,413
DRUMSTICKS	33-34	37.00	135,080
THIGHS	26-27	36.70	71,730
B/S THIGHS	69-70	71.86	87,660
WINGS (WHOLE)	62-63	64.61	265,120
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.19	38,040
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	19.73	57,260
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35-40	40.91	24,510

ITEM	CURRENT NEG	WTD	VOL/LBS
	TRADING*	AVG**	
BREAST - B/S	170-175	169.65	835,510
TENDERLOINS	140	144.21	155,420
BREAST - WITH RIBS	84-85	88.13	234,480
BREAST - LINE RUN	84	84.74	154,240
LEGS	37-38	36.51	332,720
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	25-26	26.95	362,056
DRUMSTICKS	33-34	38.76	142,960
THIGHS	26-27	36.82	96,200
B/S THIGHS	69-70	74.38	54,200
WINGS (WHOLE)	62-63	67.96	226,120
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.81	27,040
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	26.65	12,520
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35-40	42.55	20,360

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		AVG	
	07/30	07/29	07/28	07/25	07/28	07/25	07/23	07/21
ALA	4,142	4,117	3,992	4,028	5.22	5.04	3,864	5.17
ARK	5,163	5,326	5,169	5,312	5.01	4.85	5,011	4.89
DELMARVA	2,331	2,334	2,192	2,351	5.35	5.34	2,290	5.42
KY-LA-TN	1,938	1,984	1,898	2,190	4.77	4.61	1,908	4.77
MISS	3,029	3,020	2,951	2,653	5.38	5.21	3,006	5.31
NC	2,640	2,633	2,592	2,659	6.07	5.95	2,536	6.09
TEXAS	2,499	2,488	2,481	3,576	5.00	4.97	2,442	4.95
TOTAL	21,742	21,902	21,275	22,705	5.24	5.10	21,057	5.19
MON-WED65,337 (A)					62,993 (A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 30-Jul 03 and is estimated to be 32,528,000 up 2.94 percent from a week ago and up 3.1 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,598,000; last year 31,552,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	91-97
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

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 100-102
	DRY PACK 107-108
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 02-AUG-03

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	08/02/03 (1)	07/26/03	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	164,984 (2)	161,842		
LT HENS	1,232	1,217		
HVY HENS	1,551	1,548		
CHECK TOTAL	167,767	164,607		

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 02-Aug-03 is 162.7 million head compared to 159.6 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 165.3 million head or 2.6 million more than estimated available. For week of 09-Aug-03 the estimated available is 162.3 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS	LBS	LBS	LBS
AM 07/28/03	217,580	58,524		
AM 07/01/03	206,919	57,844		
CHG	10,661	680		
PCT CHG	5	1		

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	7/28/03	7/21/03	7/29/02	7/28/03	7/21/03	7/29/02
PACIFIC						
COAST	16,828	15,112	26,645	7,715	4,716	5,683
LOS ANGELES	200	164	353	2,926	2,765	3,829

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 JULY 28, 2003

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

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

	LOW HIGH AVG			FOR 7/29/03		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.65	.90	.80	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	.60	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	2.00
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	.85	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	.50	.60	.54	BANTAMS ea.	1.00	6.00
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	.80	1.05
ROASTERS lb.	-	.35	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.20	3.00
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	9.50
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	.75	2.50
ROOSTERS lb.	.90	1.55	1.32	ROOSTERS ea.	-	4.00
GEESE lb.	-	.60	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	12.00	13.00
DUCKS lb.	.50	1.85	.85	DUCKS ea.	3.50	4.00
RABBITS lb.	1.00	1.30	1.14	RABBITS ea.	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.50	12.50
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	8.00	9.00
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	6.75
GUINEA KEETS ea.	.50	1.50	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	1.50	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-

TOTAL COOPS 112

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending July 25, 2003

	Whole		Legs w/ Thighs	Necks,Back & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
	Chickens	Breasts				
RAYON						
Low	57.54	129.79	86.53	8.65	12.98	56.24
High	62.30	138.44	95.18	17.31	17.31	56.24
Mostly	60.57	129.79	90.85	12.98	17.31	56.24
SAN JUAN						
Low	57.54	129.79	86.53	8.65	12.98	56.24
High	61.87	138.44	95.18	17.31	17.31	56.24
Mostly	60.57	129.79	86.53	8.65	12.98	56.24
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	57.54	129.79	86.53	8.65	12.98	56.24
High	61.87	138.44	95.18	17.31	17.31	56.24
Mostly	60.57	129.79	86.53	12.98	12.98	56.24
BECERRA						
Low	57.97	129.79	86.53	12.98	12.98	58.41
High	62.30	138.44	95.18	17.31	17.31	58.41
Mostly	61.00	129.79	90.85	12.98	17.31	58.41

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was somewhat slow and typical of end-of-month, mid-week activity. Sellers were generally in wait of increased orders for the upcoming weekend and first-of-the month. Offerings were fully adequate to closely cleared on 2.50 to 3.00 pound sizes; 3.50 and 4.00 pound sizes increased in availability and were sufficient for immediate needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable, occasionally light. Processor schedules were mostly moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 59 to 68 cents. Trade sentiment was steady.

*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	62.45
NO. OF BOXES	8,374

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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