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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was about steady in the East and West, generally steady elsewhere. Retail demand was light to no better than fair with few features in progress. Food service covered the full range, but was best into fast food for promotions. Supplies were usually sufficient with heavier sizes available in the West and Northeast. In the parts structure, trading was light and selective with some improvements anticipated for the upcoming holiday weekend. Supplies of breast items were adequate to fully adequate. Wings and tenders were in good balance and clearing. Dark meat items were adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

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 69.00 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 August 28, 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	208.00
BREASTS - B/S	206.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	105.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	82.50
LEG QUARTERS	32.50
WINGS	78.50

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand was light to fair with improvements noted for the holiday weekend; food service was fairly good, best into fast food outlets. Supplies were fully sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, boneless skinless breast were at least adequate to available. Bone-in breasts were at least adequate to adequate. Leg items were adequate. Wings and tenders were clearing satisfactorily. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed but mostly desirable.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light and unaggressive during midweek trading. Offerings of the 2.5 to 3 pound birds were sufficient and the heavier weights were in a longer position. Retail and distributive movement was unaggressive. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, boneless-skinless breasts were adequate to available and bone-in breasts were sufficient. Dark meat cuts were at least adequate. Wings and tenderloins were clearing.

MIDWEST Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment continued mostly steady. Offerings were adequate for current buyer's interest. Retail demand was generally light to fair with best interest where featured. Feature noted in Chicago on boneless skinless breast at \$1.99 and wings at 99 cents. Food service demand was light to moderate, best into fast food promotions. Most buyers are anticipating improved activity for the holiday weekend. Floor stocks were adequate. Sizes desirable. Offerings of wings were in close balance on regular sizes, larger size wings tight, tenderloins were barely adequate, leg quarters adequate, and breast items fully adequate for current trade needs. The market tone was steady to firm on wings and tenders, barely steady to weak on breast items and steady on leg quarters.

WESTERN Trade sentiment was steady overall. Offerings were generally adequate with weights over 3.5 pounds in the longest position. Retailer demand was good best to cover the extended Labor Day week end needs. Floor stocks in good balance.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES WEEK ENDING 08/23/03	2003	2002	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	205,977	204,776	+01
CHICKS PLACED	168,436	168,773	0

BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 206 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 23, 2003. This was up 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.

CHICKS PLACED UP DOWN SLIGHTLY

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 23, 2003. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through August 23, 2003 were 5.72 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 4-Oct-03 is estimated at 155.4 million head. This compares to 156.0 million head the previous week and to 157.8 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 161.0 million head and the composite weighted average price was 53.07 cents per pound.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

AUGUST 27, 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				ITEM	POUNDS			
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG		(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	973	169.00-240.00	169-173	179.00	BREAST - B/S	907	170.00-240.00	170-175	174.79
TENDERLOINS	376	154.00-211.00	154-157	182.86	TENDERLOINS	222	156.00-217.00	156-159	165.12
BREAST - LINE RUN	138	89.00-112.00	92-95	95.36	BREAST - LINE RUN	90	90.00-111.00	92-95	100.04
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	113	31.00-50.00	32-33	33.76	LEGS	113	31.00-50.00	31-33	33.85
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	619	26.00-29.00	27	27.00	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	655	26.00-29.00	27	27.10
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,260	29.00-32.00	29-31	30.30	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,095	29.00-34.00	29-31	30.46
WINGS (WHOLE)	282	70.00-81.00	-	78.30	WINGS (WHOLE)	282	70.00-81.00	-	78.30
WINGS (CUT)	227	80.00-90.00	80-84	82.80	WINGS (CUT)	418	80.00-87.00	-	84.42
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	105	63.00-88.00	-	75.76	B/S THIGHS	114	64.00-90.00	-	75.12

 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
53.75 - 57.50	55.30	53.75 - 58.00	55.48	55.61

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 remained light and unaggressive during midweek trading. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts were at least adequate and bone-in breasts were more than sufficient. Dark meat cuts were generally adequate. Wings and tenderloins were clearing, movement through retail and distributive channels was lackluster. The market tone was fully steady on tenderloins, 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 AUGUST 26, 2003

AUGUST 27, 2003

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD	VOL/LBS	ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD	VOL/LBS
	TRADING*	AVG**	AVG**				TRADING*	AVG**	AVG**		
BREAST - B/S	175-180	179.24	458,910			BREAST - B/S	175-180	178.70	530,480		
TENDERLOINS	145-150	146.69	174,730			TENDERLOINS	145-150	153.87	76,520		
BREAST - WITH RIBS	86-87	89.47	274,920			BREAST - WITH RIBS	86-87	90.92	208,600		
BREAST - LINE RUN	86	86.07	124,720			BREAST - LINE RUN	86	86.21	82,680		
LEGS	37-38	37.56	248,800			LEGS	37-38	37.08	216,400		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	27-28	28.88	555,172			LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	27-28	28.88	390,002		
DRUMSTICKS	33-34	39.12	94,300			DRUMSTICKS	33-34	41.38	102,680		
THIGHS	26-27	38.67	55,990			THIGHS	26-27	37.06	67,440		
B/S THIGHS	69-70	73.90	59,170			B/S THIGHS	69-70	77.32	69,840		
WINGS (WHOLE)	68-69	73.30	205,710			WINGS (WHOLE)	68-69	79.20	152,880		
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.36	39,400			BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.03	34,480		
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	32.09	13,115			LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	29.83	12,880		
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35-40	40.99	29,880			GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35-40	43.83	14,000		

 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)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		AVG WTS		
	08/27	08/26	08/25	08/22	08/25	08/22	08/20	08/18	
ALA	4,101	4,084	4,013	4,296	5.15	4.96	3,965	5.12	
ARK	5,430	5,092	5,224	5,346	4.92	4.78	5,172	4.99	
DELMARVA	2,361	2,312	2,339	2,325	5.39	5.23	2,297	5.41	
KY-LA-TN	1,979	1,991	1,938	2,146	4.86	4.65	1,907	4.94	
MISS	3,069	3,001	2,956	2,639	5.46	5.33	3,051	5.36	
NC	2,529	2,529	2,487	2,659	6.13	6.01	2,551	6.11	
TEXAS	2,505	2,462	2,503	2,462	5.06	6.01	2,482	5.00	
TOTAL	21,974	21,471	21,460	21,734	5.24	5.20	21,425	5.24	
MON-WED 65,391 (A)								64,424(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 8/27 is estimated to be 32,876,000 up 2.3 percent from a week ago and up 2.1 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,150,000; last year 32,186,000)

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	92-98
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

	ICE PACK	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS		100-103
	DRY PACK	107-109
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 09-AUG-03

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	08/30/03 (1)	THOUSAND HEAD		08/23/03
BRO-FRY	165,127 (2)			164,090
LT HENS	1,340			1,369
HVY HENS	1,610			1,592
CHECK TOTAL	168,077			167,051

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 30-Aug-03 is 157.2 million head compared to 167.6 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 165.5 million head or 8.3 million more than estimated available. For week of 06-Sep-03 the estimated available is 156.1 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 08/25/03	223,458		54,164	
AM 08/01/03	217,186		59,026	
CHG	6,272		-4,862	
PCT CHG	3		-8	

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	8/25/03	8/18/03	8/26/02	8/25/03	8/18/03	8/26/02
PACIFIC						
COAST	20,145	15,726	30,949	6,863	7,292	5,326
LOS ANGELES	433	138	1,318	2,446	2,864	3,549

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 AUGUST 27, 2003

HENS	RANGE	
	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)
	58-65	62-76

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

	FOR 8/26/03			FOR 8/26/03		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.40	1.10	.67	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	1.00
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	.55	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	3.00	3.50
BANTAMS lb.	.55	1.10	.89	BANTAMS ea.	.75	6.00
BROILERS lb.	-	.55	-	BROILERS ea.	-	3.00
ROASTERS lb.	-	.85	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.25	2.00
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	8.00
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	.50	2.50
ROOSTERS lb.	.70	1.20	.98	ROOSTERS ea.	1.50	5.00
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	5.50
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	13.00
DUCKS lb.	.60	1.20	.75	DUCKS ea.	2.25	8.00
RABBITS lb.	.55	1.15	.82	RABBITS ea.	1.75	5.75
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.00	3.00
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	5.00	8.00
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA KEETS lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA KEETS ea.	.50	2.50
SILKIES lb.	-	-	-	SILKIES ea.	1.00	3.00
POULTS lb.	-	-	-	POULTS ea.	.50	3.00

TOTAL COOPS 182

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending August 22, 2003

	Whole		Legs	Necks,Back	Livers/	Hens
	Chickens	Breasts	w/ Thighs	&Wings	Gizzards	
RAYON						
Low	54.47	117.32	75.42	8.38	12.57	56.57
High	58.66	125.70	83.80	16.76	16.76	56.57
Mostly	56.57	125.70	83.80	12.57	12.57	56.57
SAN JUAN						
Low	53.21	117.32	71.23	8.38	12.57	54.47
High	57.40	125.70	79.61	12.57	16.76	54.47
Mostly	56.15	117.32	71.23	12.57	12.57	54.47
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	53.63	117.32	75.42	8.38	12.57	58.66
High	57.82	125.70	83.80	12.57	16.76	58.66
Mostly	55.73	117.32	75.42	8.38	12.57	58.66
BECERRA						
Low	53.63	117.32	75.42	8.38	12.57	58.66
High	57.82	125.70	83.80	16.76	16.76	58.66
Mostly	56.15	125.70	83.80	12.57	16.76	58.66

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to fair with sellers anticipating increased late week activity for the holiday lengthened weekend. Offerings varied by size, and were generally no more than adequate on the 2.25 and 2.50 pound sizes; adequate to fully adequate on the larger. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged 57 to 67 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. In the parts complex, boneless skinless and bone-in breasts were fully adequate. Leg items were generally good balance. Wings and tenders continued to clear well.

*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		55-72	
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		61.65	
NO. OF BOXES		8,790	

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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