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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was no better than steady in the East, barely steady to weak in the Midwest, about steady to barely steady in the West. Retail and food service demand was slow to moderate; trading was limited with regular commitments satisfying needs. Supplies of all sizes were at least sufficient. In the parts structure, breast items were fully adequate and discounted to help move additional supplies. Dark meat was sufficient, and wings were more available, but manageable. 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 declined .25 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 63.50 cents last year on October 02, 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	208.50
BREASTS - B/S	187.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	94.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	94.00
LEG QUARTERS	32.00
WINGS	86.50

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

SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was steady at best. Demand was slow to fair, trading limited with regular commitments capable of satisfying needs. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient. In the parts structure, wings were balanced, and dark meat was available. Breast items were at least adequate, longest for boneless skinless and fronts. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light and selective during midweek trading as dealers saw no need to extend floor stocks. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate for current needs with 3 pound birds noted in the longer position. Movement through retail and distributive channels was slow. The market tone was no better than steady. In the parts complex, breast items were fully adequate and discounted to clear. Wings and tenderloins were available at times. The balance of cuts were at least sufficient.

MIDWEST Trade sentiment on whole fryers remains barely steady to weak. Offerings were moderate for the non-aggressive trade interest. Retail and food service demand was slow to instances moderate. Floor stocks were adequate to ample. Weights were mostly desirable. Trade in the parts complex was flat with adequate offerings. Buyers are cautious and selective. Supplies were fully sufficient for current trade interest. The market tone was barely steady to weak on breast items, fully steady on wings and leg items, steady on balance of items.

WESTERN The market tone was about steady. Offerings were fully adequate overall. Sizes in a full range with heavier weights in the longest position. Retailer demand was fair to fairly good; best to cover features in progress. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Trade sentiment was mixed on parts with wings and tenders in the strongest position.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES	WEEK ENDING 09/27/03		PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
	2003	2002	
EGGS SET	196,028	191,851	+02
CHICKS PLACED	163,230	165,235	-01

BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 196 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 27, 2003. This was up 2 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 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 163 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 27, 2003. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through September 27, 2003 were 6.55 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 8-Nov-03 is estimated at 151.3 million head. This compares to 154.1 million head the previous week and to 155.3 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 157.5 million head and the composite weighted average price was 54.11 cents per pound.

SEPTEMBER 30, 2003

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

OCTOBER 01, 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	ITEM	POUNDS			WTD
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG		(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG
BREAST - B/S	862	158.00-232.00	158-162	162.81	BREAST - B/S	939	144.00-232.00	149-153	152.26
TENDERLOINS	230	170.00-217.00	170-175	175.56	TENDERLOINS	232	170.00-217.00	170-175	175.51
BREAST - LINE RUN	124	85.00-102.00	89-92	90.99	BREAST - LINE RUN	117	85.00-96.00	-	88.72
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	128	30.00-53.00	33-35	35.15	LEGS	120	29.00-35.00	33-35	33.83
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	613	25.00-30.00	26-27	27.27	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	646	25.00-30.00	26-27	27.25
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	790	27.00-33.50	29-30	29.73	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	948	28.00-33.00	29-30	30.03
WINGS (WHOLE)	85	78.00-81.00	-	79.24	WINGS (WHOLE)	100	75.00-81.00	78-79	78.60
WINGS (CUT)	602	84.00-101.00	-	90.33	WINGS (CUT)	520	84.00-101.00	86-87	91.47
DRUMSTICKS	42	50.00-59.00	-	55.29	DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	120	85.00-95.00	-	89.17	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	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
50.50 - 56.00	53.04	48.50 - 54.00	51.23	53.80

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 light and selective as the weaker trending market had buyers keeping one eye on their floor stocks and the other on product availability as they attempted to keep their inventories in tight balance. Offerings of breast items were fully adequate and discounted to clear. Wings were at least adequate, but manageable. Legs and leg quarters were generally sufficient. Tenderloins were adequate to instances available. Retail and distributive movement was slow. Trade sentiment was cautious and unsettled. The market tone was barely steady to weak on breast items, barely steady on tenderloins and wings; no better than 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. **SEPTEMBER 30, 2003** **OCTOBER 01, 2003**

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD	ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	TRADING*		AVG**	VOL/LBS		
BREAST - B/S	170-175	175.36	477,176	BREAST - B/S	170	174.57	525,630		
TENDERLOINS	165	157.54	70,345	TENDERLOINS	160-165	164.72	137,000		
BREAST - WITH RIBS	82-83	89.04	122,200	BREAST - WITH RIBS	80-81	85.25	228,800		
BREAST - LINE RUN	82	83.59	185,400	BREAST - LINE RUN	80	81.46	133,200		
LEGS	38-39	37.49	226,240	LEGS	38-39	38.40	249,200		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	28-29	28.41	307,342	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	28-29	29.10	290,791		
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	37.25	110,000	DRUMSTICKS	34-35	37.49	140,430		
THIGHS	28-29	37.95	63,060	THIGHS	28-29	38.23	62,740		
B/S THIGHS	84-85	87.08	75,400	B/S THIGHS	84-85	83.40	88,880		
WINGS (WHOLE)	76-77	84.60	136,840	WINGS (WHOLE)	76-77	80.85	203,310		
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.41	26,560	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.81	39,280		
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	34.57	17,990	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	32.86	17,680		
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	57.70	18,960	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	59.32	29,960		

 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	
	10/01	09/30	09/29	09/26	09/29	09/26	09/24	09/22
ALA	4,077	4,093	3,966	4,535	5.33	5.10	4,027	5.28
ARK	5,378	5,344	5,520	5,378	5.05	4.92	5,209	5.19
DELMARVA	2,342	2,361	2,315	2,974	5.49	5.34	2,351	5.45
KY-LA-TN	2,002	2,022	1,976	2,178	4.94	4.98	1,818	4.97
MISS	2,949	3,094	3,081	3,167	5.33	5.46	2,939	5.32
NC	2,279	2,274	2,254	3,625	6.07	6.30	2,411	6.25
TEXAS	2,499	2,370	2,542	2,489	5.13	4.89	2,537	5.05
TOTAL	21,526	21,558	21,654	24,346	5.29	5.28	21,292	5.34
MON-WED 64,692(A)					63,910(A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 10/1 is estimated to be 32,205,000 up 0.8 percent from a week ago and up 1.4 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,951,000; last year 31,767,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	92-98
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	60-63
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS		
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	100
	DRY PACK	101-103
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	105
	DRY PACK	89-105
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	91
	DRY PACK	89
DUCKS		152-175

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 04-OCT-03

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	10/04/03 (1)	THOUSAND HEAD	09/27/03	THOUSAND HEAD
BRO-FRY	162,670 (2)		164,792	
LT HENS	1,453		1,361	
HVY HENS	1,497		1,597	
CHECK TOTAL	165,620		167,750	

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 04-Oct-03 is 158.9 million head compared to 161.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 163.0 million head or 4.1 million more than estimated available. For week of 11-Oct-03 the estimated available is 158.6 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 09/29/03	205,614		50,058	
AM 09/01/03	221,358		58,470	
CHG	-15,744		-8,412	
PCT CHG	-7		-14	

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	9/29/03	9/22/03	9/30/02	9/29/03	9/22/03	9/30/02
PACIFIC COAST	15,642	21,461	22,847	4,802	4,953	5,973
LOS ANGELES	447	796	1,390	2,420	2,524	3,903

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 SEPTEMBER 29, 2003

HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	RANGE	
		59-65	63-76
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)		

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

	FOR 9/30/03			FOR 9/30/03		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.30	1.50	.78	HEAVY FOWL ea.	2.75	5.00
LIGHT FOWL lb.	.20	.90	.48	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	3.00
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	.75	7.00
BROILERS lb.	.15	.60	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	.50
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	1.25	7.00
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	2.00	6.50
ROOSTERS lb.	.15	2.00	1.22	ROOSTERS ea.	5.00	8.00
GEESE lb.	.45	.70	.60	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	.45	.45	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	.50	1.60	1.09	DUCKS ea.	1.50	6.00
RABBITS lb.	.50	1.40	.91	RABBITS ea.	.70	3.50
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.00	8.00
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	4.00	9.50
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	3.00	3.50
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	2.25	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-			
TOTAL COOPS	184					

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending September 26, 2003

	Whole Chickens		Legs w/ Thighs	Necks, Back & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
	Chickens	Breasts	w/ Thighs	& Wings	Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	43.66	108.11	66.53	12.47	12.47	41.58
High	49.07	116.43	74.85	16.63	16.63	41.58
Mostly	43.66	116.43	74.85	16.63	16.63	41.58
SAN JUAN						
Low	43.25	108.11	66.53	12.47	12.47	41.58
High	48.24	116.43	74.85	16.63	16.63	41.58
Mostly	43.66	108.11	66.53	12.47	12.47	41.58
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	43.25	108.11	66.53	12.47	12.47	41.58
High	48.24	116.43	74.85	16.63	16.63	41.58
Mostly	43.66	108.11	66.53	12.47	16.63	41.58
BECERRA						
Low	43.66	108.11	66.53	12.47	12.47	41.58
High	49.07	116.43	74.85	16.63	16.63	41.58
Mostly	43.66	116.43	74.85	16.63	16.63	41.58

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was mostly light and unaggressive, fair at best. Seller offerings were fully adequate although, sizes tended to vary from plant to plant. Live supplies were moderate; weights were irregular in a full range of light to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 60 to 70 cents. Trade sentiment was no better than steady. In the parts complex, breast cuts and wings were at least adequate and were competitively priced in several instances to stimulate buyer interest. Leg quarters were adequate and in manageable balance.

*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	63.33
NO. OF BOXES	7,980

*8 of 8 plants reporting.



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