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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was about steady in the East, steady in the Midwest, and barely steady in the West. Retail demand was light to fair, instances moderate for features, but best for holiday items. Food service covered the full range with fast food promotions receiving best interest. Supplies of all sizes were at least sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair at best with limited trading. Breast items were in the longest position and frequently discounted to help move. Wings were balanced to tight and continued to move well, and dark meat was irregular, but overall available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range, but mostly desirable to heavy.

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 68.25 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 62.25 cents last year on November 6, 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	198.00
BREASTS - B/S	176.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	88.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	94.00
LEG QUARTERS	31.00
WINGS	93.00

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

SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was seasonally light to fair with limited trading. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was fair to moderate. Wings were balanced to short with strong movement, and dark meat was adequate to close balanced and moving well. Breast items were mixed, at times better balanced, but overall available if needed. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly light to fair as dealers kept floor stocks in close balance with light demand. Offerings varied but were generally more than sufficient for trade needs. Movement into retail and distributive channels was no better than fair. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items were readily available and competitively priced in an attempt to stimulate interest. Drums and thighs were clearing and wings were sufficient.

MIDWEST The whole broiler/fryer market tone was mostly steady. Buyers were cautious and selective on light to moderate additional offerings. Fill on 3# up Wogs at 49 cents. Retail demand was light to fair; limited features noted on chicken as traditional holiday items take the focus. Retail features noted on whole fryers at 49 cents; boneless/skinless breasts at \$1.99; tenderloins at \$1.98; split breasts at 89 and 99 cents; drums and thighs at 68 cents. Food service trade was spotty, light to fairly good and best into fast food promotions. Floor stocks were adequate to long. Weights desirable to occasionally heavy. Parts trade centered on wings with remaining parts acquiring limited trade interest. Supplies of parts were closely balanced to ample; wings tight and breast items in the longest position. The market tone was steady to instances firm on wings, barely steady to weak on breast items and cautiously steady on the balance.

WESTERN The market tone was barely steady. Offerings generally adequate on sized product and fully adequate overall on heavy weights. Some buyers reported sharp discounts offered to help stimulate buying activity but interest in other than regular commitments was slow to materialize. Retailer demand was light to moderate for whole body and moderate to good for parts, best to cover features. Floor stocks generally adequate to cover needs. Trade sentiment was barely steady on leg quarters and breast, fully steady on wings.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES	WEEK ENDING 11/01/03		PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
	2003	2002	
EGGS SET	192,529	189,835	+01
CHICKS PLACED	159,856	155,287	+03

BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 193 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 1, 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 87 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 3 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 160 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 1, 2003. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through November 1, 2003 were 7.35 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 13-Dec-03 is estimated at 146.6 million head. This compares to 146.8 million head the previous week and to 146.7 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 156.8 million head and the composite weighted average price was 53.73 cents per pound.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

NOVEMBER 05, 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	829	129.00-223.00	131-134	134.53	BREAST - B/S	829	128.00-223.00	130-131	131.56
TENDERLOINS	165	140.00-212.00	142-147	152.49	TENDERLOINS	235	140.00-214.00	140-145	150.20
BREAST - LINE RUN	115	79.00-92.00	82-84	82.55	BREAST - LINE RUN	105	79.00-92.00	82-84	82.89
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	145	31.00-50.00	32-34	33.70	LEGS	86	32.00-50.00	32-35	33.96
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	272	24.00-29.00	25-26	26.06	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	312	23.00-29.00	25-26	25.84
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,170	28.00-33.00	29-30	29.24	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	995	27.00-33.00	29-30	29.19
WINGS (WHOLE)	114	85.00-89.00	87-88	87.91	WINGS (WHOLE)	109	88.00-91.00	88-90	88.92
WINGS (CUT)	448	94.00-110.00	-	99.83	WINGS (CUT)	728	94.00-111.00	-	100.22
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	67	85.00-98.00	-	88.00	B/S THIGHS	47	88.00-99.00	-	90.60

***** F.O.B. DOCK. *****

RANGE		TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE		TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
47.50 - 52.50		49.70	46.50 - 52.50		49.59	49.68

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 interest was light to no better than fair and generally unaggressive as dealers limited orders to regular commitments. Offerings of breast items were readily available and competitively priced to stimulate additional interest. Drums and thighs were adequate to well cleared, leg quarters were at least adequate. Wings were sufficient for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair, best where scattered features were planned. The market tone was barely steady on breast items and about steady to 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. **NOVEMBER 04, 2003**

ITEM	CURRENT NEG	WTD	VOL/LBS	ITEM	CURRENT NEG	WTD	VOL/LBS
	TRADING*	AVG**			TRADING*	AVG**	
BREAST - B/S	150	145.03	735,930	BREAST - B/S	150	147.04	490,539
TENDERLOINS	145	143.00	164,310	TENDERLOINS	145	143.80	88,560
BREAST - WITH RIBS	75-76	81.08	270,480	BREAST - WITH RIBS	75-76	81.80	233,920
BREAST - LINE RUN	75	77.23	124,200	BREAST - LINE RUN	75	76.74	138,600
LEGS	38-39	37.10	222,760	LEGS	38-39	37.08	345,000
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	29-30	29.59	561,734	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	29-30	29.59	459,268
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	38.38	181,900	DRUMSTICKS	34-35	40.74	134,040
THIGHS	29-30	38.90	73,280	THIGHS	29-30	38.54	77,680
B/S THIGHS	84-85	88.72	96,920	B/S THIGHS	84-85	90.41	68,820
WINGS (WHOLE)	80-81	88.59	139,320	WINGS (WHOLE)	80-81	85.49	176,000
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.92	36,280	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.11	43,240
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	31.96	23,610	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	30.82	23,000
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	63.76	21,660	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	62.20	38,320

***** 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	
	11/05	11/04	11/03	10/31	11/03	10/31	10/29	10/27
ALA	3,923	3,835	3,914	4,183	5.22	5.06	3,951	5.39
ARK	5,254	5,180	5,348	4,890	5.04	4.93	5,190	5.01
DELMARVA	2,315	2,326	2,296	2,187	5.57	5.38	2,302	5.56
KY-LA-TN	1,956	1,952	1,965	1,959	4.93	4.86	2,001	4.97
MISS	3,112	3,101	3,041	3,102	5.55	5.34	3,104	5.55
NC	2,443	2,430	2,366	2,397	6.36	6.19	2,344	6.42
TEXAS	2,508	2,499	2,466	2,512	5.07	4.81	2,468	5.17
TOTAL	21,511	21,323	21,396	21,230	5.34	5.18	21,360	5.38
MON-WED	64,212(A)				63,923(A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 11/5 is estimated to be 32,183,000 up 0.4 percent from a week ago and up 5.5 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,053,000; last year 30,504,000)

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#		60-63
DUCKS		-
RABBITS-WHOLE		-
RABBITS-CUT UP		-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY		
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS		
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	99-100
	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 08-NOV-03

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	11/08/03 (1)	THOUSAND HEAD		11/01/03
BRO-FRY	159,760 (2)			163,565
LT HENS	1,272			1,294
HVY HENS	1,197			1,422
CHECK TOTAL	162,229			166,281

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 08-Nov-03 is 154.5 million head compared to 157.5 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 160.1 million head or 5.6 million more than estimated available. For week of 15-Nov-03 the estimated available is 151.7 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 11/03/03	182,037		44,797	
AM 10/01/03	205,956		49,344	
CHG	-23,919		-4,547	
PCT CHG	-12		-9	

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	11/03/03	10/27/03	11/04/02	11/03/03	10/27/03	11/04/02
PACIFIC						
COAST	16,849	15,195	18,316	3,668	3,476	6,101
LOS ANGELES	358	429	437	1,639	1,871	4,033

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 NOVEMBER 03, 2003

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

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

	FOR 11/04/03		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.30	.60	.38
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	.40	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	1.20	-
BROILERS lb.	-	.50	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.35	1.35	.82
GEESE lb.	.30	.50	.38
TURKEYS lb.	.40	.65	.46
DUCKS lb.	.30	1.30	.69
RABBITS lb.	.50	1.20	.98
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-
TOTAL COOPS	154		

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending October 31, 2003

	Whole		Legs	Necks,Back	Livers/	Hens
	Chickens	Breasts	w/ Thighs	&Wings	Gizzards	
RAYON						
Low	43.09	106.70	65.66	12.31	12.31	45.14
High	47.19	114.90	73.87	20.52	16.41	45.14
Mostly	47.19	114.90	73.87	16.41	16.41	45.14
SAN JUAN						
Low	43.09	106.70	65.66	12.31	12.31	45.14
High	47.19	114.90	73.87	20.52	16.41	45.14
Mostly	47.19	110.80	73.87	16.41	16.41	45.14
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	43.09	106.70	65.66	12.31	12.31	45.96
High	47.19	114.90	73.87	16.41	16.41	45.96
Mostly	47.19	110.80	69.76	16.41	16.41	45.96
BECERRA						
Low	43.09	106.70	65.66	12.31	12.31	45.14
High	47.19	114.90	73.87	20.52	16.41	45.14
Mostly	47.19	114.90	73.87	20.52	16.41	45.14

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally light to fair. Seller offerings continued to vary by size, but were fully sufficient overall. 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 remained about steady. In the parts complex, drums and wings were generally noted as in close balance. Other items were adequate to fully 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		58-73	
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		63.34	
NO. OF BOXES		7,147	

*7 of 7 plants reporting.

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