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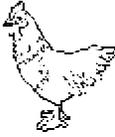
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was mixed, mostly steady to fully steady. Demand into all channels was light to moderate, good for fast food promotions and other holiday meat items. Supplies were usually sufficient to well cleared with some plants reducing schedules to comply with limited seasonal interest. In the parts structure, trading was light and selective. Wings had strongest movement with supplies close to short, and dark meat was adequate to well cleared and moving. Breast items were irregular, but at least available and often discounted. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights in a full range.

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 62.00 cents last year on November 13, 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	198.50
BREASTS - B/S	174.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	87.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	93.50
LEG QUARTERS	31.00
WINGS	94.50

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SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Demand was light to moderate, best for fast food and retail ads, and for more traditional holiday items. Supplies were balanced to close, short for wogs as some plants responded to limited seasonal interest by reducing kill schedules. In the parts structure, trading was fair. Breast items were mixed, but available, dark meat was in balance to close, and wings were tight with strong movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy, mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair to fairly good at times during midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes were in good balance. Movement into retail and distributive channels was seasonally fair to good. The market tone was fully steady. In the parts complex, boneless-skinless breasts were available. Bone-in breasts were adequate to at times better balanced. Wings, drums and thighs were in close balance and clearing well.

MIDWEST Market tone on whole broiler/fryers was steady to fully steady. Offerings were in balance for the light buyer interest. Retail demand light to fair with attention focused on holiday items. Food service trade was moderate, best into fast food promotions. Floor stocks were adequate with some shortages noted on wings. Weights were desirable. Supplies of parts were adequate with wings in the shortest position. The market tone was steady to firm on wings, barely steady to weak on breast items and steady to fully steady on dark meat.

WESTERN The market tone was steady. Offerings generally adequate for the lighter buyer interest. Retailer demand light to moderate. Floor stocks adequate.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES			PERCENT CHANGE
WEEK ENDING 11/08/03	2003	2002	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	199,335	197,676	+01
CHICKS PLACED	153,307	151,790	+01

BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 199 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 8, 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.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 153 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 8, 2003. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through November 8, 2003 were 7.50 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 20-Dec-03 is estimated at 144.2 million head. This compares to 146.6 million head the previous week and to 144.4 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 154.7 million head and the composite weighted average pr 53.89cents per pound.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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	855	125.00-223.00	128-130	130.00
TENDERLOINS	230	140.00-214.00	142-147	151.01
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	81	32.00-50.00	32-34	35.00
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	295	24.00-29.00	26	26.27
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,129	28.00-33.50	28-30	29.31
WINGS (WHOLE)	290	88.00-92.00	89-90	89.86
WINGS (CUT)	488	97.00-113.00	-	103.26
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
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	5-DAY AVERAGE
47.00 - 52.50	50.05	49.94

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 as dealers eyed the market with caution. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts were available at discounted levels in an attempt to stimulate interest. Bone-in breasts were adequate to better balanced. Dark meat cuts were clearing satisfactorily. Wings were closely cleared. Retail and distributive movement was generally fair at best. The market tone remained cautious on boneless-skinless breasts, fully steady on wings and dark meat cuts 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. **NOVEMBER 11, 2003**

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
	TRADING*						TRADING*				
BREAST - B/S	145-150			145.96	617,882	BREAST - B/S	145-150			149.02	580,320
TENDERLOINS	145			136.90	145,210	TENDERLOINS	145			136.48	107,790
BREAST - WITH RIBS	74-75			79.69	154,640	BREAST - WITH RIBS	74-75			81.57	187,320
BREAST - LINE RUN	74			76.50	113,240	BREAST - LINE RUN	74			77.02	85,080
LEGS	38-39			38.23	200,360	LEGS	38-39			36.10	374,600
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	29-30			29.73	447,504	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	29-30			29.74	438,287
DRUMSTICKS	35-36			38.75	127,780	DRUMSTICKS	35-36			41.25	97,360
THIGHS	30-31			39.44	97,860	THIGHS	31-32			40.18	78,360
B/S THIGHS	85-86			87.22	52,650	B/S THIGHS	85-86			86.99	32,220
WINGS (WHOLE)	84-85			90.35	97,400	WINGS (WHOLE)	85-86			94.61	88,360
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12			12.02	34,360	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12			11.75	46,680
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40			34.63	21,975	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40			34.19	15,800
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60			63.29	36,040	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60			64.68	24,560

 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		ACTUAL WTS	
	11/12	11/11	11/10	11/07	11/10	11/07	11/05	11/03
ALA	3,753	4,002	3,803	3,974	5.29	5.15	3,877	5.22
ARK	5,205	5,315	5,354	5,186	5.04	4.91	5,194	5.04
DELMARVA	2,255	2,226	2,243	2,255	5.49	5.40	2,329	5.57
KY-LA-TN	1,937	1,915	1,946	1,944	5.03	4.86	1,973	4.93
MISS	2,990	2,953	2,988	3,052	5.48	5.37	3,078	5.55
NC	1,946	2,467	2,447	2,397	6.24	6.15	2,407	6.36
TEXAS	2,494	2,535	2,468	2,284	5.04	5.42	2,513	5.07
TOTAL	20,580	21,413	21,249	21,092	5.33	5.27	21,371	5.34
MON-WED	62,825(A)				63,911(A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 11/12 is estimated to be 30,790,000 down 4.0 percent from a week ago and down 0.2 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,069,000; last year 30,862,000)

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	89-105
	DRY PACK	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 15-NOV-03

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	11/15/03 (1)	11/08/03
	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	159,199 (2)	159,760
LT HENS	1,223	1,272
HVY HENS	1,470	1,197
CHECK TOTAL	161,892	162,229

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 15-Nov-03 is 151.7 million head compared to 156.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 159.5 million head or 7.8 million more than estimated available. For week of 22-Nov-03 the estimated available is 149.1 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 11/10/03	181,365		45,208	
AM 10/01/03	182,037		44,797	
CHG	-672		411	
PCT CHG	0		1	

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	11/11/03	11/03/03	11/11/02	11/11/03	11/03/03	11/11/02
PACIFIC						
COAST	16,858	16,849	17,882	3,750	3,668	5,881
LOS ANGELES	389	358	361	1,712	1,639	3,955

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 10, 2003

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

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

	FOR 11/11/03		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.35	1.10	.72
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	.35	1.10	.78
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.50	1.55	1.20
GEESE lb.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	.40	.70	.55
DUCKS lb.	.25	1.60	.83
RABBITS lb.	.80	1.55	1.34
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	2.50	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-
TOTAL COOPS	192		

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending November 7, 2003

	Whole		Legs W/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
	Chickens	Breasts				
RAYON						
Low	46.37	107.64	70.38	12.42	12.42	40.99
High	48.02	115.92	74.52	20.70	16.56	40.99
Mostly	46.37	111.78	70.38	14.49	12.42	40.99
SAN JUAN						
Low	46.37	111.78	66.24	12.42	12.42	42.23
High	47.61	113.85	74.52	20.70	16.56	42.23
Mostly	46.37	111.78	70.38	16.56	14.49	42.23
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	46.37	109.71	70.38	14.49	10.35	43.47
High	48.02	113.85	74.52	18.63	14.49	43.47
Mostly	46.37	109.71	70.38	16.56	10.35	43.47
BECERRA						
Low	45.54	103.50	70.38	12.42	8.28	42.23
High	46.37	111.78	74.52	20.70	14.49	42.23
Mostly	45.54	107.64	70.38	16.56	12.42	42.23

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally moderate to good. Seller offerings were adequate to well cleared. Live supplies were moderate; weights varied and were mostly desirable to light. Processor schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher at 61 to 71 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady. In the parts complex, Breast cuts were at least adequate. Legs and leg quarters were generally adequate. Drums and thighs were adequate to well cleared. Wings were short of needs.

*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		57-73
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		62.90
NO. OF BOXES		6,845

*7 of 7 plants reporting.

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