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Trade sentiment was steady in the West, steady to fully steady in the Midwest and at least steady in the East. Retail and food service demand was seasonally light to fair as buyers looked to more traditional holiday items. Supplies were usually sufficient to close due to reduced holiday schedules. Trucking shortages were also noted. In the parts structure, wings were balanced and clearing, along with livers and gizzards. Breast items were available and dark meat was sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate with 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 advanced .25 cents to 68.75 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 61.50 cents last year on November 27, 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	170.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	88.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	93.00
LEG QUARTERS	31.00
WINGS	100.00

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

SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was seasonally light to fair with limited trading as other traditional holiday items take center stage. Supplies were generally sufficient to well cleared due to reduced holiday schedules. In the parts structure, wings were adequate to close. The remaining items were adequate to at least adequate for the light and unaggressive buyer interest. 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 generally light to fair at best entering the Thanksgiving holiday. Offerings of all sizes ranged adequate to balanced for current needs. The market tone was at least steady. In the parts complex, breast items were at least sufficient. Dark meat cuts and wings were adequate.

MIDWEST Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment continued steady to instances fully steady. Limited trade and offerings were the norm as buyers and sellers prepared for the holiday and trucks remained very tight. Fill in trade noted on 2 3/4 Wogs at 61 cents and 3 up Wogs at 53 cents. Movement into all channels was slow to light; most segments reported heavy consumer traffic on turkey and other holiday protein items. Some in the fast food sector were expecting increased traffic for the weekend. Floor stocks were collectively in close balance as expectations for improved demand following the holiday were muted. Weights desirable. Parts trade for the most part was inactive on light offerings. Supplies were mostly in balance with only scattered shortages of wings reported and boneless/skinless breasts were somewhat long. The market tone was steady to fully steady on wings, and mostly steady on all other parts.

WESTERN The market tone was overall steady. Offerings were readily available to cover immediate needs. The main agenda for today centers on Thanksgivings Day needs, however retail demand was moderate overall best for parts. Floor stocks adequate overall.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES	2003		2002	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
WEEK ENDING 11/22/03				
EGGS SET	203,078		200,518	+1
CHICKS PLACED	156,686		154,972	+1

BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 203 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 22, 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 6 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 157 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 22, 2003. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through November 22, 2003 were 7.81 billion, down slightly 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 2-Jan-04 is estimated at 144.0 million head. This compares to 142.5 million head the previous week and to 142.4 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 128.3 million head and the composite weighted average price 58.22 cents per pound.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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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.

POUNDS				WTD	POUNDS				WTD	
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG	ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG	
BREAST - B/S	862	122.00-223.00	127-130	128.32	BREAST - B/S	891	122.00-223.00	125-129	126.60	
TENDERLOINS	173	141.00-215.00	141-147	152.34	TENDERLOINS	201	141.00-215.00	141-145	146.54	
BREAST - LINE RUN	103	79.00-93.00	82-83	82.27	BREAST - LINE RUN	88	80.00-93.00	80-83	82.26	
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				
LEGS	113	35.00-50.00	35-37	37.48	LEGS	96	35.00-50.00	36-37	36.80	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	251	24.00-29.00	26-27	26.09	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	286	24.00-29.00	26	26.36	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,189	29.00-33.00	29-30	29.56	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,169	29.00-33.00	29-30	29.91	
WINGS (WHOLE)	300	97.00-102.00	100	99.58	WINGS (WHOLE)	300	97.00-102.00	-	99.58	
WINGS (CUT)	505	107.00-120.00	109-115	112.42	WINGS (CUT)	442	107.00-119.00	109-115	111.79	
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				
B/S THIGHS	87	85.00-100.00	-	90.17	B/S THIGHS	77	88.00-100.00	-	91.43	
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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
50.00 - 55.50		52.96			49.50 - 55.00		52.59			52.46

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 to fair entering the Thanksgiving holiday. Offerings of breast items were at least sufficient. Dark meat cuts and wings were generally adequate. Retail and distributive movement was light to no better than fair. The market tone mostly steady.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES. **NOVEMBER 25, 2003**

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD	ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	TRADING*		AVG**	VOL/LBS		
BREAST - B/S	145	140.72	755,720	BREAST - B/S	145	143.99	690,160		
TENDERLOINS	145	142.03	229,400	TENDERLOINS	145	147.30	102,650		
BREAST - WITH RIBS	74-75	80.08	228,840	BREAST - WITH RIBS	74-75	80.15	195,240		
BREAST - LINE RUN	74	73.31	135,400	BREAST - LINE RUN	74	76.78	100,600		
LEGS	38-39	34.44	400,320	LEGS	38-39	36.78	297,840		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	29-30	29.56	436,657	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	29-30	29.44	383,528		
DRUMSTICKS	36-37	38.73	119,310	DRUMSTICKS	36-37	36.84	122,480		
THIGHS	34-35	38.46	93,720	THIGHS	34-35	39.00	47,760		
B/S THIGHS	85-86	88.09	48,543	B/S THIGHS	85-86	87.89	67,840		
WINGS (WHOLE)	93-94	97.37	165,710	WINGS (WHOLE)	93-94	94.52	125,200		
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.93	39,840	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.00	52,840		
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	35.01	19,605	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	34.44	27,800		
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	64.31	24,670	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	62.95	24,740		

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	
	11/26	11/25	11/24	11/21	11/24	11/21	11/19	11/17
ALA	3,672	3,886	3,874	4,731	5.17	5.09	3,770	5.26
ARK	5,306	5,371	5,264	5,123	5.00	4.82	5,190	5.12
DELMARVA	2,187	2,204	2,198	1,857	5.59	5.46	1,489	5.51
KY-LA-TN	1,948	1,976	2,006	1,754	4.87	4.79	1,844	4.99
MISS	2,830	3,014	3,040	2,535	5.53	5.50	2,556	5.51
NC	2,197	2,145	2,090	2,036	6.54	6.31	2,414	6.33
TEXAS	2,455	2,428	2,498	2,436	4.94	4.74	2,306	4.92
TOTAL	20,595	21,024	20,970	20,472	5.30	5.16	19,569	5.35
MON-WED	62,651 (A)						60,836 (A)	

A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 11/26 is estimated to be 30,812,000 up 4.9 percent from a week ago and up 5.9 percent from a year ago. (Last week 29,365,000; last year 29,107,000)

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 29-NOV-03

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	11/29/03 (1)	THOUSAND HEAD		11/22/03
BRO-FRY	123,256 (2)			154,774
LT HENS	727			1,196
HVY HENS	972			1,476
CHECK TOTAL	124,955			157,446

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 29-Nov-03 is 149.6 million head compared to 116.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 123.5 million head or 26.1 million less than estimated available. For week of 06-Dec-03 the estimated available is 150.2 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 11/24/03	126,613		44,131	
AM 11/01/03	182,037		44,797	
CHG	-55,424		-666	
PCT CHG	-30		-1	

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	11/24/03	11/17/03	11/25/02	11/24/03	11/17/03	11/25/02
PACIFIC COAST LOS ANGELES	16,860	16,705	10,218	3,835	3,512	5,596
	426	420	94	1,727	1,575	3,947

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 24, 2003

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

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

	FOR 11/25/03			LOW	HIGH	AVG	
	LOW	HIGH	AVG				
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.40	.75	.56	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	1.00	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	.35	.55	.39	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	1.00	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	.65	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	2.75	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	.25	4.25	-
BROILERS lb.	.55	.70	.64	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	2.00	6.25	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.20	1.00	.74	ROOSTERS ea.	.50	4.00	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	4.50	-
TURKEYS lb.	.50	1.40	.83	TURKEYS ea.	-	10.00	-
DUCKS lb.	.35	1.35	.89	DUCKS ea.	2.75	3.50	-
RABBITS lb.	1.10	1.30	1.19	RABBITS ea.	-	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.50	5.00	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	4.00	6.00	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-				
TOTAL COOPS	141						

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending November 21, 2003

	Whole		Legs	Necks,Back	Livers/	Hens
	Chickens	Breasts	w/ Thighs	&Wings	Gizzards	
RAYON						
Low	45.86	105.51	64.93	12.17	12.17	40.58
High	46.67	113.63	73.05	16.23	16.23	40.58
Mostly	45.86	113.63	73.05	16.23	12.17	40.58
SAN JUAN						
Low	45.86	105.51	64.93	12.17	12.17	40.58
High	46.26	109.57	73.05	16.23	16.23	40.58
Mostly	45.86	105.51	64.93	12.17	12.17	40.58
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	45.45	105.51	64.93	12.17	12.17	40.58
High	46.26	113.63	73.05	16.23	16.23	40.58
Mostly	45.86	109.57	68.99	16.23	12.17	40.58
BECERRA						
Low	45.86	105.51	64.93	12.17	12.17	40.58
High	46.67	113.63	73.05	16.23	16.23	40.58
Mostly	45.86	113.63	73.05	16.23	16.23	40.58

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally light to fair with sellers noting little if any difficulty keeping product cleared satisfactorily. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderate to light. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 61 to 71 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. In the parts complex, wings were generally noted as well cleared. Boneless/skinless breasts were not as freely available as yesterday. Other cuts were in a range of 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		57-77	
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		64.39	
NO. OF BOXES		7,536	

*7 of 7 plants reporting.

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