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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady in the West, steady elsewhere. Retail demand was slow to fair which is not unusual post holiday movement. Food service was moderate to at times good, best for fast food. Supplies were at least adequate with smaller sizes usually better balanced. In the parts structure, trading was limited to fair with regular commitments satisfying most needs. Supplies of all items were at least adequate, longest for dark meat, with some discounts reported to help clear. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy, 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 81.00 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 67.25 cents last year on July 9, 2003.

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	258.00
BREASTS - B/S	260.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	141.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	112.50
LEG QUARTERS	35.50
WINGS	118.50

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

SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was light and selective to fair, best for fast food promotions, with market conditions still being monitored. Supplies were usually sufficient to handle light trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was limited. Breast items were mostly adequate, wings were available, and dark meat was at least sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light to fair at best during midweek trading. Offerings of the 3.5 to 4 pound birds were adequate to available, however, the lighter weights remained in the better balance. The market tone was mostly steady. In the parts complex, breast items were available at discounted levels. Dark meat items were adequate to fully adequate. Wings were at least sufficient.

MIDWEST Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady. Offerings were limited for the resistant and lackluster trade interest. Retail followed the typical post holiday pattern of slow to light activity. Food service movement was moderate to at times good with best call into fast food. Floor stocks were in good balance. Weights were generally desirable, occasionally heavy. Trading on parts was limited as need basis and light overall. Trucking issues remain, but abated somewhat. Supplies of all cuts were adequate with thighs, thigh meat and leg meat in the longest position. The market tone was steady on wings, whole and boneless/skinless breasts, steady to at times weak on leg quarters and weak on thighs and boneless dark meat.

WESTERN The market tone was steady to fully steady. Offerings of lightweight product in close balance with heavy weights generally adequate to cover immediate trade needs. Buying activity was fair as buyer's watched further market developments. Retailer demand was moderate for whole body and fairly good for parts, best where featured. Floor stocks adequate overall. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady on parts with dark meat in the weakest position.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES	WEEK ENDING 07/03/04		PERCENT CHANGE
	2004	2003	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	210,314	205,357	+02
CHICKS PLACED	175,557	171,574	+02

Broiler Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 210 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 3, 2004. This was up 2 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 176 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 3, 2004. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through July 3, 2004 were 4.64 billion, up 2 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 marketing during the week ending 14-Aug-04 is estimated at 161.2 million head. This compares to 161.1 million head the previous week and to 161.7 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 163.7 million head and the composite weighted average price was 63.10 cents per pound.

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	867	242.00-334.00	244-247	246.17
TENDERLOINS	175	215.00-282.00	220-227	232.70
BREAST - LINE RUN	89	134.00-142.00	137-139	138.49
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	66	39.00-58.00	40-42	41.05
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	549	23.00-32.00	27-28	27.12
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	891	26.00-37.00	29-31	29.55
WINGS (WHOLE)	303	92.00-108.00	-	95.71
WINGS (CUT)	398	109.00-119.00	114-119	116.67
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 JULY 7, 2004 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
71.50 - 81.00	76.34	77.44

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 as dealers cautiously assessed market developments. Offerings of breast items were readily available at discounted levels. Legs and leg quarters were fully adequate. Wings were at least sufficient. Retail demand was lackluster and distributive draw was noted as hand-to-mouth. The market tone was barely steady to weak.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	245-250	239.99	277,280
TENDERLOINS	225	225.38	59,160
BREAST - WITH RIBS	133-134	144.18	73,760
BREAST - LINE RUN	133	136.67	98,360
LEGS	49-50	57.13	78,440
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	32-33	36.82	236,520
DRUMSTICKS	42-43	48.10	99,490
THIGHS	38-39	49.33	45,040
B/S THIGHS	99-100	104.40	26,400
WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101	106.42	151,080
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.00	22,480
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	35.29	2,040
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	60.17	8,120

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	
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	
ALA	4,075	4,113	(A) 4,578	(A) 5,06	3,921	5.34		
ARK	5,495	5,379	(A) 5,848	(A) 4.74	5,430	5.09		
DELMARVA	2,310	2,250	(A) 2,826	(A) 5.47	2,207	5.60		
KY-LA-TN	2,022	2,046	(A) 2,423	(A) 4.78	2,038	5.10		
MISS	3,077	3,090	(A) 3,581	(A) 5.32	2,972	5.27		
NC	2,469	854	(A) 2,442	(A) 6.17	2,449	6.21		
TEXAS	2,457	2,444	(A) 2,485	(A) 5.06	2,492	5.19		
TOTAL	21,905	20,176	8,489	24,183	4.90	5.15	21,509	5.35
MON-WED	72,593(B)						64,496(B)	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 07-Jul-04 is estimated to be 32,772,000 head up 1.54 percent from a week ago and up 53.68 percent from a year ago. (Last week 32,276,000, last year 21,325,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	95-107
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	71-81
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS		
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	116
	ICE PACK	109
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK	110
	ICE PACK	108
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	95
	ICE PACK	93
DUCKS		162-185

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 07-JULY-04

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	07/10/04 (1)		07/03/04	
	THOUSAND HEAD			
BRO-FRY	154,812	(2)	166,246	
LT HENS	1,448		1,523	
HVY HENS	1,216		1,448	
CHECK TOTAL	157,476		169,217	

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 10-Jul-04 is 164.0 million head compared to 161.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 155.1 million head or 8.9 million less than estimated available. For the week of 17-Jul-04 the estimated available is 165.2 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 07/06/04	198,591		56,152	
AM 06/01/04	196,039		50,785	
CHG	2,552		5,367	
PCT CHG	1		11	

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	07/05/04	06/28/04	07/07/03	07/05/04	06/28/04	07/07/03
PACIFIC COAST	9,353	9,398	15,559	4,398	4,388	6,976
LOS ANGELES	366	366	126	2,980	2,928	2,792

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 JULY 7, 2004

		RANGE
HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	68-70
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	70-79

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 07/06/04

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW HIGH AVG				LOW HIGH AVG		
	HEAVY FOWL lb.	1.00	1.85		1.33	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	2.00	3.25	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	1.25	2.50	-
BROILERS lb.	-	.90	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	1.50	2.00	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	.75	1.80	-
ROOSTERS lb.	1.30	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	.75	1.75	1.19	RABBITS ea.	-	1.10	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.25	3.00	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	.60	2.20	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	2.25	2.50	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	7.25	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-				
TOTAL COOPS	60						

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending July 2, 2004

	Whole		Legs W/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
	Chickens	Breasts				
RAYON						
Low	60.17	118.75	71.25	11.87	11.87	39.58
High	62.54	126.66	79.17	15.83	15.83	39.58
Mostly	61.75	126.66	79.17	15.83	15.83	39.58
SAN JUAN						
Low	60.56	118.75	71.25	7.92	11.87	39.58
High	62.54	126.66	79.17	15.83	15.83	39.58
Mostly	61.75	126.66	75.21	11.87	11.87	39.58
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	60.17	118.75	71.25	11.87	11.87	43.54
High	62.54	126.66	79.17	15.83	15.83	43.54
Mostly	61.35	126.66	79.17	11.87	11.87	43.54
BECERRA						
Low	60.56	118.75	71.25	11.87	11.87	43.54
High	62.54	126.66	79.17	15.83	15.83	43.54
Mostly	61.75	126.66	79.17	15.83	15.83	43.54

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light and unaggressive. Seller offerings were fully adequate to ample for immediate buying interest. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 82 to 96 cents. Trade sentiment was no better than steady. In the parts complex, all items were generally noted as at least adequate for the light and selective buyer.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

	RANGE	WEIGHTED AVERAGE	NO. OF BOXES	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
				84-97
				86.17
				5,425

*7 of 7 plants reporting.

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