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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



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**GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading declined .50 to 79.00 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 69.25 cents last year on September 3, 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	238.00
BREASTS - B/S	195.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	112.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	91.50
LEG QUARTERS	32.50
WINGS	112.50

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

**SOUTHERN** Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Demand was slow to fair with limited trading, and mixed opinions for upcoming Labor Day and first of the month business. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate and discounted. In the parts structure, availability of all items was adequate to ample with minimal movement, even at lower levels. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers remained light and spotty as dealers continued to work hand to mouth. Offerings were fully adequate on all sizes and clearing at discounted levels. The market tone was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, breast items were ample and trading below market. Dark meat cuts were fully sufficient. Wings were at least adequate.

**MIDWEST** The market tone on whole broiler/fryers continued mostly weak. Offerings were ample and discounted to help clear on heavy weight birds, while smaller sized product was moderate in offerings. Trade inquiry was light and generally non-committal. Movement into all channels remained sluggish with a very few operations noting fairly good pick up today for upcoming weekend and first of month business. Floor stocks were in a full range. Weights mostly desirable. All parts lines were available and discounting the norm. Buyer interest was light to occasionally fair. The market tone was steady to cautiously steady on leg quarters and wings; barely steady to weak on remaining parts.

**WESTERN** The market tone was barely steady to weak. Offerings were adequate to instances burdensome. Heavy weights remained in the longest position. Buying activity had yet to improve and was only fair at best. Sharp discounts noted but did little to stimulate the cautious buyer interest. Retailer demand generally moderate best for parts. Floor stocks adequate overall. Parts were barely steady to weak with boneless breast noted in the weakest position.

## CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES	WEEK ENDING 08/28/04		PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
	2004	2003	
EGGS SET	210,374	203,135	+04
CHICKS PLACED	174,887	169,271	+03

## BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 4 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 210 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 28, 2004. This was up 4 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.

## CHICKS PLACED UP 3 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 28, 2004. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through August 28, 2004 were 6.03 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 09-Oct-04 is estimated at 161.4 million head. This compares to 161.4 million head the previous week and to 158.6 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 158.0 million head and the composite weighted average price was 63.63 cents per pound.

AUGUST 31, 2004

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

SEPTEMBER 01, 2004

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	705	138.00-220.00	145-150	150.06	BREAST - B/S	770	134.00-210.00	140-147	146.83
TENDERLOINS	211	185.00-245.00	185-190	192.09	TENDERLOINS	223	180.00-245.00	-	188.27
BREAST - LINE RUN	91	107.00-124.00	110-112	112.22	BREAST - LINE RUN	121	104.00-120.00	108-110	109.59
FRONT HALVES	90	62.00-69.00	-	65.28	FRONT HALVES	80	62.00-69.00	-	64.63
LEGS	88	31.00-52.00	34-36	36.03	LEGS	67	33.00-52.00	33-35	34.49
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	509	23.00-30.00	26-27	26.39	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	509	23.00-30.00	25-26	25.60
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,180	26.00-33.00	27-29	28.24	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,090	26.00-32.00	27-28	27.83
WINGS (WHOLE)	235	92.00-102.00	94-96	94.15	WINGS (WHOLE)	271	94.00-110.00	94-97	97.36
WINGS (CUT)	519	110.00-119.00	112-116	114.85	WINGS (CUT)	265	110.00-119.00	112-119	116.38
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	102	65.00-120.00	-	85.49	B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.					*****				
		<b>RANGE</b>	<b>TODAY'S AVERAGE</b>				<b>RANGE</b>	<b>TODAY'S AVERAGE</b>	<b>5-DAY AVERAGE</b>
		42.50 - 49.50	45.84				42.50-49.50	45.12	46.36

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 cautious and unaggressive as dealers were unwilling to assume excess product even when sharply discounted. Offerings of breast items were ample and slow to clear. Dark meat items were fully adequate and noted as under pressure. Wings were at least adequate. Retail and distributive movement was slow to fair at best. Trade sentiment was unsettled. The market tone was weak on breast items and barely 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. **AUGUST 31, 2004**

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD	ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	TRADING*		AVG**	VOL/LBS		
BREAST - B/S	160	167.77	768,716	BREAST - B/S	155-160	170.22	385,924		
TENDERLOINS	195-200	184.30	210,880	TENDERLOINS	195	201.21	72,900		
BREAST - WITH RIBS	94-95	90.08	161,960	BREAST - WITH RIBS	92-93	100.79	109,160		
BREAST - LINE RUN	94	89.55	93,600	BREAST - LINE RUN	92	89.33	132,000		
LEGS	46-47	39.78	333,749	LEGS	46-47	41.17	239,360		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	30-31	30.79	574,325	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	30-31	32.38	393,630		
DRUMSTICKS	31-32	33.76	253,280	DRUMSTICKS	31-32	38.79	92,950		
THIGHS	25-26	36.36	111,160	THIGHS	25-26	34.62	95,350		
B/S THIGHS	80-81	77.63	98,080	B/S THIGHS	77-78	77.63	55,680		
WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101	105.66	177,160	WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101	110.04	113,940		
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.84	31,360	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.75	37,240		
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	28.73	15,900	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	26.59	16,080		
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	57.02	32,680	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	59.44	18,600		

\*\*\*\*\* 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	
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	WTS	WTS	WTS	WTS
	09/01	08/31	08/30	08/27	08/30	08/27	08/25	08/23
Alabama	4,155	4,119	4,008	4,686	5.29	5.23	3,981	5.33
Arkansas	5,527	5,412	5,406	6,374	5.12	4.85	5,383	5.22
Delmarva	2,316	2,315	2,288	2,204	5.56	5.51	2,263	5.79
KY-LA-TN	1,972	2,100	2,068	2,215	5.12	4.71	1,967	5.16
Mississippi	3,109	3,091	2,998	3,707	5.44	5.33	3,065	5.48
North C	2,527	2,562	2,456	3,202	6.44	6.44	2,486	6.43
Texas	2,500	2,512	2,523	3,686	5.15	5.09	2,538	5.32
Total	22,106	22,111	21,747	26,074	5.39	5.26	21,683	5.46
Mon-Wed	66,294 (A)						65,347(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 01-Sep-04 is estimated to be 33,073,000 head up 1.64 percent from a week ago and up 4.26 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,538,000, last year 31,722,000)

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY**

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	107
HENS UNDER 5#	ICE PACK	-
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	73-79
DUCKS	ICE PACK	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	ICE PACK	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	ICE PACK	-
<b>SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY</b>		
<b>DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS</b>		
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	107-108
	DRY PACK	116
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	108-109
	DRY PACK	110
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	93
	DRY PACK	93-95
DUCKS	ICE PACK	170-185

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 04-Sep-04

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	09/04/04 (1)		08/28/04	
	THOUSAND HEAD			
BRO-FRY	172,708	(2)	170,398	
LT HENS	1,453		1,449	
HVY HENS	1,557		1,523	
TOTAL	175,718		173,370	

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 04-Sep-04 is 163.9 million head compared to 138.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 173.1 million head or 9.2 million more than estimated available. For the week of 11-Sept-04 the estimated available is 163.0 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS**

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 08/30/04	180,545		56,520	
AM 08/01/04	197,542		54,909	
CHG	-16,997		1,611	
PCT CHG	-9		3	

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)**

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	08/30/04	08/23/04	09/01/03	08/30/04	08/23/04	09/01/03
<b>PACIFIC COAST</b>	20,988	13,442	20,408	5,344	5,341	9,601
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>	364	357	472	3,870	3,989	2,330

**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 AUGUST 30, 2004

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

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

FOR 08/31/04

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW HIGH AVG			LOW HIGH AVG		
	HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	1.00	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	3.00	6.00
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.35	1.50
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	.50
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	3.50
ROOSTERS lb.	.75	2.10	1.12	ROOSTERS ea.	1.00	7.75
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	1.80	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	.50	1.35	.99	RABBITS ea.	2.00	3.75
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.50	5.75
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	.50	.60
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
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 August 27, 2004

	Whole		Legs W/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards Hens	
	Chickens	Breasts				
<b>RAYON</b>						
Low	69.83	127.68	87.78	11.97	15.96	49.88
High	71.02	131.67	91.77	19.95	19.95	49.88
Mostly	69.83	131.67	91.77	15.96	15.96	49.88
<b>SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	69.43	127.68	87.78	11.97	15.96	47.88
High	70.23	131.67	91.77	19.95	19.95	47.88
Mostly	69.83	127.68	87.78	15.96	15.96	47.88
<b>NEW SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	69.43	127.68	87.78	15.96	15.96	51.87
High	70.23	131.67	91.77	19.95	19.95	51.87
Mostly	69.83	127.68	87.78	15.96	15.96	51.87
<b>BECERRA</b>						
Low	69.83	127.68	87.78	15.96	15.96	49.88
High	70.62	135.66	91.77	19.95	19.95	49.88
Mostly	69.83	131.67	91.77	15.96	19.95	49.88

**DELMARVA** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds remained mostly light and selective. Seller offerings were more than sufficient for current inquiry. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent lower at 65 to 81 cents. Trade sentiment continued weak. In the parts complex, supplies were fully adequate to ample, and were generally more readily available on the breast cuts.

\*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	55-86
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	67.65
NO. OF BOXES	8,092

\*7 of 8 plants reporting.

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