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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was mixed, but mostly steady to about steady. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate, best for retail ads, catering services, and restaurants. Supplies were balanced to tight for smaller sizes, fully adequate to ample for heavier weights. In the parts structure, movement was fair at best. Supplies of all items were at least available with breast items more manageable in some areas, but still in the longest position. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading declined .25 to 76.00 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 68.50 cents last year on October 15, 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	192.00
BREASTS - B/S	160.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	85.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	77.50
LEG QUARTERS	31.50
WINGS	108.50

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

SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail and food service demand was light to fair, best for ads and promotions. Supplies were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair. Breast items were more than adequate, longest for tenders, dark meat and wings were readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was noted as fair at best. Offerings of the 2.5 to 3 pound birds were adequate to balanced and clearing under normal premiums. The larger birds were available. Movement through retail and distributive channels was limited. The market tone was at least steady on the 3 pound and lighter birds and no better than steady on the 3.5 to 4 pound weights. In the parts complex, breast items were at least sufficient. Tenderloins were readily available. Dark meat cuts were fully sufficient. Wings were generally adequate.

MIDWEST Whole fryer market tone was steady on mixed offerings; heavy weights long, smaller sizes tight. Retail and food service demand varied, light to fairly good, best into retail advertisements, some catering and restaurants. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate; weights desirable. Parts trade was light and selective on moderate to heavy offerings. Supplies of all items were available with breast cuts in the longest position. The market undertone was about steady on wings and leg items, firm on dark meat and cautiously steady to weak breast cuts.

WESTERN Trade sentiment about steady overall. Offerings in fairly good balance on lightweight product with heavyweights ample to cover current needs. Buying activity was fair and cautious. Retailer demand moderate, best to cover features. Floor stocks generally adequate.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES WEEK ENDING 10/09/04	2004	2003	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	203,648	196,592	+04
CHICKS PLACED	161,191	157,612	+02

BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 4 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 204 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 9, 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 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 161 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 9, 2004. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through October 9, 2004 were 7.05 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 20-Nov-04 is estimated at 151.0 million head. This compares to 155.7 million head the previous week and to 149.1 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 153.1 million head and the composite weighted average price was 64.79 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	675	115.00-185.00	118-122	123.56
TENDERLOINS	213	110.00-205.00	115-125	122.02
BREAST - LINE RUN	92	82.00-94.00	84-87	86.40
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	73	29.00-50.00	30-31	32.74
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	329	23.00-29.00	25-26	25.84
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	913	25.00-32.00	27-29	27.26
WINGS (WHOLE)	275	92.00-110.00	93-96	95.85
WINGS (CUT)	392	113.00-119.00	114-119	116.45
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 september 08, 2004 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
39.00 - 44.50	42.15	41.52

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 fair at best during midweek trading. Offerings of breast items were at least sufficient, although, boneless skinless breasts had moved into a more settled position as the sharp discounting was less prevalent. Dark meat cuts were fully sufficient. Wings were generally adequate. Movement through retail and distributive channels was about fair. The market tone was cautious on tenderloins and dark meat cuts and about steady on the balance.

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

ITEM	CURRENT		
	NEGOTIATED TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	130-135	131.22	869,949
TENDERLOINS	125	133.63	137,390
BREAST - WITH RIBS	77-78	82.45	130,080
BREAST - LINE RUN	77	78.93	86,320
LEGS	42-43	35.70	305,200
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	30-31	30.81	314,509
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	31.50	199,600
THIGHS	24-25	36.11	79,800
B/S THIGHS	75-76	69.52	88,300
WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101	114.14	267,560
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.93	36,680
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	29.94	16,920
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	64.28	19,960

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)	(1,000)
	10/13	10/12	10/11	10/08	10/11	10/08	10/06	10/04
Alabama	4,081	4,153	4,068	4,621	5.41	5.36	3,995	5.40
Arkansas	5,580	5,561	5,017	5,432	5.42	4.96	5,326	5.29
Delmarva	2,293	2,284	2,277	2,691	5.43	5.57	2,275	5.71
KY-LA-TN	2,069	2,034	1,836	2,056	5.08	4.79	1,876	5.13
Mississippi	3,072	2,925	3,102	3,517	5.60	5.82	3,088	5.61
North Carolina	2,514	2,355	2,450	3,458	6.49	6.62	2,439	6.52
Texas	2,427	2,429	2,775	2,694	5.18	5.18	2,537	5.36
Total	22,036	21,741	21,525	24,469	5.51	5.47	21,536	5.53
Mon-Wed	64,903(A)						65,052(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 13-Oct-04 is estimated to be 32,968,000 head up 2.01 percent from a week ago and up 2.15 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,317,000, last year 32,275,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS		97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP		107
HENS UNDER 5#		-
HENS OVER 5#		69-71
DUCKS		
RABBITS-WHOLE		
RABBITS-CUT UP		

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY		
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS		
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	110
	ICE PACK	105-106
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK	111
	ICE PACK	108-111
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	93-95
	ICE PACK	91-93
DUCKS		175-188

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 16-Oct-04

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	10/16/04 (1)		10/09/04	
THOUSAND HEAD				
Broiler/fryer	168,084	(2)	171,763	
Light hens	1,336		1,379	
Heavy hens	1,521		1,521	
Total	170,941		174,663	

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 16-Oct-04 is 164.4 million head compared to 159.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 168.4 million head or 4.0 million more than estimated available. For the week of 23-Oct-04 the estimated available is 163.9 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 10/11/04	186,452		56,769	
AM 10/01/00	182,984		58,076	
CHG	3,468		-1,307	
PCT CHG	2		-2	

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	10/11/04	10/04/04	10/13/03	10/11/04	10/04/04	10/13/03
PACIFIC						
COAST	22,399	22,242	15,633	5,704	5,483	4,605
LOS ANGELES	341	337	441	3,340	3,271	2,227

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 OCTOBER 11, 2004

HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	RANGE	
		70-72	72-81
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)		

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES FOR 10/12/04

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW HIGH AVG			LOW HIGH AVG		
	HEAVY FOWL lb.	.25	1.00	.58	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	2.00	3.25
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.20	.25
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	6.25
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	1.50	2.00
ROOSTERS lb.	.55	1.00	.73	ROOSTERS ea.	6.00	8.50
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	6.50
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	8.00
RABBITS lb.	.30	.95	.76	RABBITS ea.	3.00	4.75
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.50	4.25
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-			
TOTAL COOPS	82					

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending October 8, 2004

	Whole		Legs W/Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
	Chickens	Breasts				
RAYON						
Low	70.30	117.16	68.68	12.12	8.08	48.48
High	71.91	125.24	80.80	20.20	12.12	48.48
Mostly	70.30	117.16	72.72	16.16	10.10	48.48

SAN JUAN

Low	70.70	117.16	72.72	12.12	8.08	49.29
High	71.51	129.28	84.84	20.20	12.12	49.29
Mostly	71.51	121.20	72.72	18.18	8.08	49.29

NEW SAN JUAN

Low	71.11	117.16	76.76	12.12	12.12	48.08
High	72.32	129.28	84.84	20.20	16.16	48.08
Mostly	71.11	121.20	80.80	16.16	12.12	48.08

BECERRA

Low	70.70	121.20	76.76	12.12	8.08	48.48
High	72.72	133.32	88.88	20.20	12.12	48.48
Mostly	71.51	125.24	80.80	20.20	8.08	48.48

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds remained fair to moderate. Seller offerings were adequate. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 63 to 77 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, tenders were readily available, boneless skinless breasts were available in spots. Other items were at least 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	59-79
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	65.93
NO. OF BOXES	7,430

*7 of 7 plants reporting.

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