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Movement of ready-to-cook whole broilers/fryers remains seasonally moderate and keeping floor stocks well cleared. Retail and distributive demand was seasonally light to moderate as other meat items continued to receive best interest. Trade sentiment was steady to weak in the West, steady in the Midwest and steady to firm in the East. Processing schedules for the week are less than normal due to the holiday. Supplies were clearing but adequate at most locations. In the parts structure, breast items were at least adequate to available, and dark meat was adequate to close. Wings and giblets were barely adequate to tight and moving well. 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 74.25 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 68.75 cents last year on November 26, 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	163.00
BREASTS - B/S	141.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	73.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	73.50
LEG QUARTERS	31.00
WINGS	92.00

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

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was light to seasonally moderate. Food service was moderate as interest increased for post holiday deliveries. Supplies were sufficient to close balanced due in part to reduced holiday schedules. In the parts structure, breast items were available with interest light. Dark meat was balanced to close, and wings were adequate in spot locations, but most locations were well cleared to short. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers were seasonally fair to moderate and sufficient in keeping floor stocks in close balance with anticipated needs. Offerings of all sizes were in close balance and well cleared. Retail and distributive movement was light and selective as interest centered on traditional holiday items. The market tone was at least steady. In the parts complex, breast items were fully adequate to available and competitively priced. Dark meat items were generally steady. Wings were in good balance to tight.

MIDWEST REGION The market tone on whole fryers remained steady. Additional offerings were in balance for the limited trade needs. Movement into retail channels was slow to fair, instances moderate into some locations in Michigan and Ohio. Food service demand was light moderate. Floor stocks were in a full range as were weights. Trade on parts was active on wings and limited on the balance of items. Supplies were tight on wings and available on all other parts. The market tone was firm on wings, steady with a fully steady undertone on dark meat, and cautiously steady on the balance.

WESTERN REGION Trade sentiment was steady to barely. Offerings were adequate to ample for immediate needs with heavy weights in the longest position. Buying activity remained seasonal and only fair overall. Retailer demand was fair overall. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm on wings and generally steady on balance of parts. Floor stocks were adequate.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES	2004		2003	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
WEEK ENDING 11/20/04				
EGGS SET	206,701	204,537		+01
CHICKS PLACED	162,724	156,626		+04

BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 207 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 20, 2004. 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.

CHICKS PLACED UP 4 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 163 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 20, 2004. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through November 20, 2004 were 8.04 billion, up 3 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 01-Jan-05 is estimated at 149.1 million head. This compares to 148.8 million head the previous week and to 151.1 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 136.5 million head and the composite weighted average price was 65.57 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.

ITEM	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG
	(000)	RANGE		
BREAST - B/S	670	108.00-150.00	110-120	115.79
TENDERLOINS	325	100.00-175.00	106-112	117.26
BREAST - LINE RUN	110	70.00-76.00	72-74	72.95
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	73	30.00-49.00	33-34	34.89
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	510	23.00-29.00	25-26	25.55
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	865	25.00-32.00	27-28	27.42
WINGS (WHOLE)	310	82.00-97.00	86-87	86.27
WINGS (CUT)	342	105.00-110.00	107-110	108.48
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

ITEM	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG
	(000)	RANGE		
BREAST - B/S	690	108.00-150.00	110-120	117.44
TENDERLOINS	340	100.00-175.00	106-112	116.68
BREAST - LINE RUN	90	69.00-74.00	70-72	71.78
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	78	30.00-49.00	32-34	34.38
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	510	23.00-29.00	25-26	25.55
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,215	25.00-32.00	27-28	27.31
WINGS (WHOLE)	295	86.00-92.00	86-87	86.92
WINGS (CUT)	422	105.00-111.00	107-110	109.38
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
 NOVEMBER 23, 2004 -- FOB DOCK

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RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
39.00 - 45.00	41.43

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
38.50 - 45.00	41.65	41.71

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 seasonally light to fair and generally unaggressive entering the Thanksgiving Day holiday. Offerings of breast items fully adequate to readily available and competitively priced in some instances. Dark meat cuts were generally sufficient. Wings were in close balance and well cleared. Retail and distributive movement was generally light to moderate at best as interest centered on traditional Thanksgiving holiday items. The market tone was barely steady on breast items; fully steady to firm on wings and generally steady on the balance.

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

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
	TRADING*		
BREAST - B/S	125-130	123.78	666,440
TENDERLOINS	110	109.11	209,440
BREAST - WITH RIBS	68-69	67.89	151,860
BREAST - LINE RUN	68	65.99	103,800
LEGS	42-43	39.30	281,280
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	28-29	29.43	544,588
DRUMSTICKS	25-26	32.27	96,070
THIGHS	26-27	37.04	73,410
B/S THIGHS	76-77	72.46	78,740
WINGS (WHOLE)	92-93	100.11	124,680
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.74	47,240
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	30.25	25,920
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	69.16	22,720

ITEM	CURRENT NEG	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
	TRADING*		
BREAST - B/S	125-130	125.23	548,720
TENDERLOINS	110	110.40	125,280
BREAST - WITH RIBS	68-69	74.14	100,640
BREAST - LINE RUN	68	68.02	96,520
LEGS	42-43	39.43	266,840
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	28-29	30.09	403,023
DRUMSTICKS	25-26	33.59	94,240
THIGHS	26-27	40.34	47,360
B/S THIGHS	76-77	72.49	55,080
WINGS (WHOLE)	93-94	100.98	135,520
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.54	49,240
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	30.31	22,380
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	69.62	15,160

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)

	AVG				AVG					
	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		WTS		ACTUAL		WTS	
	11/24	11/23	11/22	11/19	11/22	11/19	11/17	11/15		
Alabama	3,776	4,108	4,060	4,191	5.31	5.09	4,037	5.34		
Arkansas	5,186	5,483	5,792	6,557	5.29	5.12	5,432	5.27		
Delmarva	1,983	2,157	2,149	1,907	5.72	5.45	1,680	5.64		
KY-LA-TN	2,074	2,171	2,111	2,048	5.20	4.94	1,822	5.30		
Mississippi	2,934	3,025	3,063	3,312	5.62	5.34	2,687	5.61		
North Carolina	2,461	2,523	2,495	2,755	6.48	6.36	2,059	6.44		
Texas	2,510	2,525	2,481	2,545	5.27	5.05	2,257	5.30		
Total	20,924	21,992	22,151	23,315	5.50	5.30	19,974	5.50		
Mon-Wed	64,491(A)				63,219(A)					

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 24-Nov-04 is estimated to be 31,305,000 head up 4.44 percent from a week ago and up 3.79 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 29,973,000, last year 30,162,000)

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#	65-68
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	
SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY	
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS	
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 105-106
	DRY PACK 106-110
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 108-111
	DRY PACK 111
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 89-93
	DRY PACK 89-95
DUCKS	175-192

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 27-Nov-04

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	11/27/04(1)	11/20/04
	THOUSAND HEAD	
Broiler/fryer	129,389 (2)	161,742
Light hens	829	1,472
Heavy hens	737	1,456
Total	130,955	164,670

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 27-Nov-04 is 153.1 million head compared to 119.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 129.6 million head or 23.5 million less than estimated available. For the week of 04-Dec-04 the estimated available is 155.3 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 11/22/04	85,387	62,216
AM 11/01/04	138,953	65,304
CHG	-53,566	-3,088
PCT CHG	-39	-5

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	11/22/04	11/15/04	11/24/03	11/22/04	11/15/04	11/24/03
PACIFIC COAST LOS ANGELES	7,679	8,230	16,860	7,900	7,808	3,835
ANGELES	54	105	426	4,022	4,022	1,727

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 22, 2004

RANGE

HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	72-74
HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES		FOR 11/23/04
AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY	REQUIRED TO SELL (6.0 PER BOX)	7.4 LBS
	LOWHIGH AVG	LOW HIGH AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb..	.40.50	.47HEAVY FOWL ea.
LIGHT FOWL lb. -	-	-LIGHT FOWL ea.
MIXED FOWL lb..	.501.30	.89MIXED FOWL ea.
BANTAMS lb. -	-	-BANTAMS ea.
BROILERS lb. -	-	-BROILERS ea.
ROASTERS lb. -	-	-ROASTERS ea.
FRYERS lb. -	-	-FRYERS ea.
CHICKS lb. -	-	-CHICKS ea.
PULLETS lb. -	-	-PULLETS ea.
BUNNIES lb. -	-	-BUNNIES ea.
ROOSTERS lb..	.851.25	1.09ROOSTERS ea.
GEESE lb. -	-	-GEESE ea.
TURKEYS lb. .	.401.30	.70TURKEYS ea.
DUCKS lb. -	-	-DUCKS ea.
RABBITS lb. .	.701.35	1.12RABBITS ea.
PIGEONS lb. -	-	-PIGEONS ea.
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	42	

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending November 19, 2004

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards
	Hens				
RAYON					
Low	70.62	119.70	75.81	15.96	9.98
High	48.68	72.22	127.68	87.78	23.94
Mostly	13.97	48.68	71.02	119.70	79.80
Average	19.95	11.97	48.68		
SAN JUAN					
Low	70.23	119.70	75.81	15.96	9.98
High	49.48	71.82	131.67	91.77	19.95
Mostly	13.97	49.48	70.23	123.69	81.80
Average	17.96	11.97	49.48		
NEW SAN JUAN					
Low	71.02	115.71	79.80	15.96	11.97
High	47.88	71.42	127.68	87.78	23.94
Mostly	13.97	47.88	71.02	123.69	83.79
Average	15.96	11.97	47.88		
BECERRA					
Low	70.62	119.70	83.79	15.96	13.97
High	47.48	71.82	131.67	91.77	23.94
Mostly	17.96	47.48	71.82	123.69	87.78
Average	19.95	15.96	47.48		

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds remained seasonally moderate and continued to keep seller offerings in generally good balance to well cleared. Live supplies were moderate to light; weights were mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderate today with plants planning to suspend operations tomorrow for Thanksgiving Holiday observations. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 63 to 78 cents. Trade sentiment was at least steady. In the parts complex, Wings remained in short supply. Breasts items were more than adequate. Leg items were mostly 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			61-83
WEIGHTED AVERAGE			66-84
NO. OF BOXES			7-92
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