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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Demand into all channels covered the full range, at times better into retail outlets. Offerings were in good balance to limited; floor stocks were adequate to tight. Truck shortages, lack of fuel and its increased cost continued to affect deliveries. Processing plants in the South that were devastated by Hurricane Katrina were attempting to resume normal schedules, particularly in Mississippi. In the parts structure, movement was fair to good. Supplies of all items were limited to tight and confidently held. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were in a full range, but mostly desirable. The Composite Weighted Average price for 09/05/05 was 73.09 compared to 71.38 a week earlier, and 70.14 a year ago.

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .25 to 75.25 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 78.50 cents last year on September 8, 2004.

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	176.00
BREASTS - B/S	154.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	87.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	123.50
LEG QUARTERS	48.00
WINGS	91.00

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

**SOUTHERN REGION** Trade sentiment was firm. Demand into all channels was at least moderate with availability still limited as plants in areas devastated by last week's hurricane try to resume normal work schedules. In the parts structure, interest was fair to active. Supplies of all items were no more than adequate to tight and trading at premium levels. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.

**NORTHEAST REGION** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was moderate to good during midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes were about adequate to well cleared and were influenced by disruptions in transportation and production due to the continuing effects of hurricane Katrina. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was firm. In the parts complex, most items were in good balance to short and clearing.

**MIDWEST REGION** The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was fully steady to firm. Offerings light on mixed trade call. Retail and food service movement covered the full range; mostly fairly good into retail and light to moderate into food service. Floor stocks adequate to tight; weights generally desirable. Rising fuel costs and tighter transport availability was affecting trade and deliveries somewhat. Supplies of all parts were limited with wings and leg items in tightest position. The market tone on all items was fully steady to firm.

**WESTERN REGION** The market tone was fully steady to firm. Offerings were tight to adequate. Buyers' reevaluated needs and closely watched market developments. Retailer Demand was moderate, best for parts. Floor stocks were in close balance, with road conditions contributing to late deliveries.

## BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 208 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 3, 2005. This was down slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

## CHICKS DOWN 3 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 170 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 3, 2005. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through September 3, 2005 were 6.15 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

## BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED TOTAL 19 SELECTED STATES

	2005	2004	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
WEEK ENDING 09/03/05			
EGGS SET	208,341	209,170	0
CHICKS PLACED	169,608	174,771	-03

**WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING** Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 15-Oct-05 is estimated at 158.2 million head. This compares to 160.9 million head the previous week and to 164.4 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 163.4 million head and the composite weighted average price was 69.72 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	622	141.00-215.00	142-148	146.21
TENDERLOINS	182	140.00-198.00	145-147	147.47
BREAST - LINE RUN	74	86.00-88.00	-	86.27
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	48	62.00-71.00	-	63.50
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	656	42.00-47.00	45-46	45.29
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,081	46.00-48.00	46-47	46.87
WINGS (WHOLE)	295	88.00-92.00	89-90	89.83
WINGS (CUT)	296	106.00-109.00	107-108	106.96
DRUMSTICKS	83	55.00-71.00	-	57.99
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
49.75-56.00	53.27	52.23

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 good during midweek trading. Offerings of most items ranged about adequate to short and where available held with confidence. Transportation difficulties were present as truck and fuel shortages were causing disruptions in deliveries. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was fully steady to firm and continued to be powered by the ongoing affects of Hurricane Katrina.

\*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	150-155	140.11	782,060
TENDERLOINS	145-150	139.37	241,024
BREAST - WITH RIBS	83-84	90.08	79,880
BREAST - LINE RUN	83	88.29	63,000
LEGS	63-64	63.46	315,800
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	47-48	45.11	418,160
DRUMSTICKS	54-55	58.78	229,170
THIGHS	58-59	62.65	89,490
B/S THIGHS	129-130	117.20	149,300
WINGS (WHOLE)	92-93	93.11	221,520
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.00	28,680
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	40-45	42.92	11,680
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	64.94	21,560

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		ACTUAL		AVG WTS
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)		
	09/07	09/06	09/05	09/02	09/05	09/02	08/31	08/29	
Alabama	4,044	4,063	(A) 5,238	(A) 5.238	(A) 5.12	4,002	5.22		
Arkansas	5,383	5,402	(A) 6,110	(A) 6.110	(A) 4.93	5,295	5.15		
Delmarva	2,338	2,340	(A) 2,770	(A) 2.770	(A) 5.39	2,263	5.41		
KY-LA-TN	2,311	2,284	(A) 2,597	(A) 2.597	(A) 4.58	2,171	4.67		
Mississippi	2,647	2,410	(A) 2,753	(A) 2.753	(A) 4.98	Storm	5.52		
North Car	2,528	2,572	(A) 3,149	(A) 3.149	(A) 6.09	2,496	6.42		
Texas	2,474	2,480	(A) 2,592	(A) 2.592	(A) 5.00	2,537	5.16		
Total	21,725	21,551	7,791	22,456	5.17	5.16	18,764	5.34	
Mon-Wed	47,254(B)						57,191(B)		

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 07-Sep-05 is estimated to be 32,503,000 head up 15.43 percent from a week ago and up 2.29 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 28,157,000, last year 31,775,000)

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

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-107
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	65-73
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

## SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	105-107
	DRY PACK	108
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	108-112
	DRY PACK	111-112
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	93-95
	DRY PACK	95-105
DUCKS		180-192

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

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 10-Sep-05

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	09/10/05 (1)		09/03/05	
	THOUSAND HEAD			
Broiler/fryer	146,434	(2)	149,518	
Light hens	1,024		1,306	
Heavy hens	1,035		1,324	
Total	148,493		152,148	

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 10-Sep-05 is 165.7 million head compared to 151.4 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 146.7 million head or 19.0 million less than estimated available. For the week of 17-Sep-05 the estimated available is 163.7 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 09/05/05	118,833		52,382	
AM 08/01/05	118,501		47,724	
CHG	332		4,658	
PCT CHG	0		10	

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT** (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	09/05/05	08/29/05	09/06/04	09/05/05	08/29/05	09/06/04
<b>PACIFIC COAST</b>	5,009	4,895	21,147	4,284	4,485	5,221
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>	77	144	347	2,041	2,246	3,752

**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 SEPTEMBER 5, 2005

HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	RANGE
			74-80
			80-84

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

FOR 09/06/05

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW HIGH AVG			LOW HIGH AVG		
	HEAVY FOWL lb.	.50	1.05	.67	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED 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.	-	1.00
ROOSTERS lb.	-	.90	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	.80
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	.20	1.25	.77	RABBITS ea.	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.00	6.50
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	.25	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-			
TOTAL COOPS	35					

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City**

Cents per pound for the week ending September 2, 2005

	Whole		Legs W/Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
	Chickens	Breasts				
<b>RAYON</b>						
Low	79.46	152.97	106.23	21.25	12.75	76.48
High	87.11	165.72	110.48	25.49	17.00	76.48
Mostly	82.86	161.47	106.23	21.25	17.00	76.48
<b>SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	80.73	157.22	93.48	21.25	12.75	76.48
High	87.11	161.47	101.98	25.49	17.00	76.48
Mostly	85.83	157.22	97.73	21.25	17.00	76.48
<b>NEW SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	81.58	157.22	101.98	21.25	12.75	81.58
High	87.96	165.72	106.23	25.49	21.25	81.58
Mostly	85.83	161.47	101.98	21.25	17.00	81.58
<b>BECERRA</b>						
Low	80.73	161.47	118.98	21.25	12.75	77.33
High	89.23	169.96	123.22	25.49	21.25	77.33
Mostly	84.13	165.72	118.98	25.49	17.00	77.33

**DELMARVA**

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds varied into regular outlets of distribution, but combined with activity acquired as a result of disruptions in Southern production centers caused by hurricane Katrina, offerings were generally well cleared. Live supplies were moderate; weights varied in a full range of light to heavy. Processor schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher at 71 to 82 cents. Trade sentiment remained firm. In the parts complex, drums were at least adequate. Other cuts were in good balance to well cleared.

\*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	68-83
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)



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