



Fast Food Fax

Sep 26, 2005

Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Demand remained light to moderate, best where media promotions were in progress. In the parts complex, breast items were at least adequate to available. Other items were generally adequate to at least adequate. Weights were mixed but mostly desirable.

The "SOURCE" of Poultry and Egg Market Information

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Young Chickens Slaughtered under Federal Inspection Classified by Weight, WEEKENDING: Sep. 10, 2005

| | FOOD SERVICE/ | | | |
|--------------|---------------|-------------|-----------|---------|
| | FAST FOOD | RETAIL | DEBONING | TOTAL |
| Weight Range | 4.20 & Down | 4.21 - 5.25 | 5.26 & Up | ---- |
| Total (000) | 20,648 | 26,949 | 55,206 | 102,803 |
| Percentage | 20% | 26% | 54% | 100% |

Fast Food and Food Service Sizes

| Live Weights | RTC WOG Weights | No. of Head (000) | Percentage of Total Slaughter |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| 3.60 lbs. & Lighter | Under 2 lbs., 8 oz. | 4,715 | 4.59 |
| 3.61 - 3.80 lbs. | 2 lbs., 8 oz. - 2 lbs., 10 oz. | 3,515 | 3.42 |
| 3.81 - 4.00 lbs. | 2 lbs., 10 oz., -2 lbs., 12 oz. | 8,531 | 8.30 |
| 4.01 - 4.20 lbs. | 2 lbs., 12 oz. - 2 lbs., 14 oz. | 3,887 | 3.78 |
| | | 20,648 | 20.09 |

BROILER EGG SET CHICKS PLACED IN 19 STATES COMPARED WITH U.S. BROILER SLAUGHTER

| Slaughter Week | Egg Sets | | Chicks Placed | | Eggs Set 10 Weeks Previous | | Chicks Placed 7 Weeks Previous | | Prelim. Fed. Insp. Million head Slaughtered | |
|----------------|----------------|------------|----------------|------------|----------------------------|-----|--------------------------------|-----|---|------------|
| | (000) | %* | (000) | %* | (000) | %* | (000) | %* | (000) | %** |
| Jul 23 | 214,079 | 100 | 171,318 | 99 | 215,863 | 101 | 176,753 | 100 | 170,006 | 101 |
| Jul 30 | 213,819 | 99 | 174,849 | 100 | 216,461 | 101 | 177,537 | 100 | 168,852 | 99 |
| Aug 06 | 212,635 | 100 | 176,038 | 100 | 215,536 | 101 | 177,552 | 101 | 169,836 | 101 |
| Aug 13 | 212,141 | 99 | 176,066 | 100 | 215,754 | 102 | 178,181 | 101 | 168,700 | 99 |
| Aug 20 | 213,732 | 100 | 175,574 | 100 | 215,861 | 101 | 177,933 | 101 | 167,810 | 99 |
| Aug 27 | 211,406 | 100 | 174,028 | 99 | 214,570 | 100 | 176,492 | 100 | 167,447 | 100 |
| Sep 03 | 208,341 | 100 | 169,608 | 97 | 212,673 | 100 | 175,610 | 100 | 150,807 | 90 |
| Sep 10 | 208,331 | 103 | 170,874 | 98 | 209,346 | 99 | 172,400 | 100 | 150,712 | 100 |
| Sep 17 | 202,780 | 103 | 172,624 | 100 | 212,224 | 100 | 174,214 | 100 | 169,204 | 112 |

Data in bold are subject to revision *Percent of previous year **Percent change from previous week

| Whole Broiler/Fryers (cents/lb.) | Majority | Current Week | Previous Week | Year Ago |
|--|----------|--------------|---------------|----------|
| Week of 09/26/05 | | | | |
| NEW YORK Grade A Ice-packed | 67-70 | 68.43 | 72.91 | 63.26 |
| CHICAGO Grade A Ice-packed | 63-66 | 66.09 | 69.81 | 61.60 |
| LOS ANGELES Grade A Ice-packed | 82 | 80.62 | 81.13 | 80.24 |
| 12-CITY COMPOSITE Weighted Avg. | | 70.21 | 73.14 | 69.92 |
| GEORGIA DOCK FOB Wtd. Avg. (Wed Dock 75.25) | | 74.10 | 74.60 | 76.06 |
| SOUTHERN STATES FOB Whole Body 5 Day Avg. | | 50.90 | 53.33 | 39.57 |

| Broiler/Fryer Parts (cents/lb.) | Northeast (Delivered) | Southern States (FOB) | Georgia (FOB) |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Weekly Weighted Average | 09/23/05 | 09/23/05 | 09/26/05 |
| Breast - B/S | 140.12 | 121.89 | 151.00 |
| Tenderloins | 144.39 | 146.05 | 176.50 (Line run) |
| Breast - Line Run | 84.79 | 85.98 | 86.50 (Whole) |
| Leg Quarters | 48.08 | 45.69 | 48.50 |
| Wings | 99.73 | 93.78 | 97.50 |