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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was mixed, but overall no better than steady to weak. Retail and food service movement was mostly light with limited buying interest. Offerings were at least adequate; floor stocks were in balance to ample. In the parts structure, movement was slow to fair and usually limited to immediate needs. Livers and gizzards in the East were limited, but all other parts were at least adequate to readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading declined .25 cent to 75.00 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 76.75 cents last year on September 29, 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	173.50
BREASTS - B/S	147.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	86.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	139.00
LEG QUARTERS	49.00
WINGS	96.50

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

**SOUTHERN REGION** Trade sentiment was steady at best. Demand into retail and food service was light to fair with mixed trading. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair at best. Supplies of all items were at least adequate to ample with discounts available to clear additional product. 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 light and generally unaggressive. Offerings range from clearing satisfactorily to readily available and competitive priced to stimulate any additional business. Retail and distributive movement was light. The market tone was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, white meat items were available, dark meat cuts were at least adequate to available.

**MIDWEST REGION** The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was steady to weak. Offerings moderate to plentiful for the cautious trade interest. Food service and retail demand was generally light, occasionally moderate where retail features were active. Floor stocks were in balance to ample; weights desirable. Parts trade was mixed; boneless/skinless breasts received active interest for first of month retail features and from further processors; trade interest on remaining parts was light. Offerings of boneless/skinless breasts and tenders were light to moderate, wings moderate to plentiful, bone-in breasts and drums ample with leg quarters and dark meat light. The market tone was steady on leg quarters, dark meat and boneless/skinless breasts, cautiously steady to weak on drums, wings and bone-in breasts.

**WESTERN REGION** The market tone was about steady to weak. Offerings were ample. Lightweight WOGs in the closest position. Buying activity was fair for immediate needs. Retailer demand was moderate to instances good. Floor stocks adequate overall. The market tone was about steady on parts.

### BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 3 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 208 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 24, 2005. This was up 3 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 DOWN 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 170 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 24, 2005. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through September 24, 2005 were 6.67 billion, up 1 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 09/24/05			
EGGS SET	208,046	201,405	+03
CHICKS PLACED	170,376	172,022	-01

**WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING** Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 05-Nov-05 is estimated at 157.9 million head. This compares to 158.1 million head the previous week and to 162.0 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 161.5 million head and the composite weighted average price was 67.76 cents per pound.

SEPTEMBER 27, 2005

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

SEPTEMBER 28, 2005

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	759	110.00-188.00	114-119	121.02	BREAST - B/S	749	100.00-177.00	-	114.23
TENDERLOINS	198	132.00-189.00	141-145	141.17	TENDERLOINS	168	135.00-186.00	139-143	141.24
BREAST - LINE RUN	94	80.00-88.00	83-86	85.26	BREAST - LINE RUN	95	80.00-89.00	84-86	85.19
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	596	44.00-47.00	45-46	45.59	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	596	42.00-47.00	45-46	45.46
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,030	46.00-50.00	47-48	47.57	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	990	46.00-49.00	47-48	47.34
WINGS (WHOLE)	287	90.00-99.00	93-95	94.42	WINGS (WHOLE)	287	85.00-99.00	88-90	90.32
WINGS (CUT)	280	104.00-113.00	108-111	109.09	WINGS (CUT)	325	106.00-111.00	108-110	109.20
DRUMSTICKS	68	52.00-70.00	-	55.59	DRUMSTICKS	48	50.00-69.00	-	55.25
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	97	128.00-142.00	-	133.75	B/S THIGHS	105	125.00-145.00	-	133.00
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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR F.O.B. DOCK.					*****				
		RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE				RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
		51.00-54.50	52.57				48.50-52.50	50.93	51.73

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 slow and unaggressive for fully adequate to ample offerings. However, offerings of livers and gizzards were limited. Overall, trading was generally confined to immediate needs. Retail and distributive movement was light even for mid week business. The market tone on white meat items was barely steady to mostly weak, and dark meat items were reported as having slowed and usually no better than barely steady.

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

SEPTEMBER 27, 2005	CURRENT NEG	WTD		SEPTEMBER 28, 2005	CURRENT NEG	WTD	
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	125-130	124.85	642,440	BREAST - B/S	125	124.75	566,680
TENDERLOINS	140	142.44	275,216	TENDERLOINS	135	143.50	98,330
BREAST - WITH RIBS	81-82	88.36	87,160	BREAST - WITH RIBS	79-80	90.79	56,640
BREAST - LINE RUN	81	80.67	81,000	BREAST - LINE RUN	79	77.67	54,000
LEGS	64-65	63.86	229,700	LEGS	63-64	64.92	168,520
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	47-48	47.85	322,720	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	47-48	48.48	179,640
DRUMSTICKS	53-54	56.73	137,860	DRUMSTICKS	53-54	60.62	50,040
THIGHS	61-62	64.28	52,300	THIGHS	61-62	63.25	39,200
B/S THIGHS	135-136	123.61	96,700	B/S THIGHS	135-136	135.86	52,780
WINGS (WHOLE)	96-97	97.81	185,520	WINGS (WHOLE)	94-95	100.82	146,480
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.65	25,120	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.54	24,280
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	50.80	17,265	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	51.14	11,822
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	74.87	18,560	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	74.96	14,320

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		WTS
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)		
	09/28	09/27	09/26	09/23	09/26	09/23	09/21	09/19	
Alabama	4,043	4,082	3,867	4,285	5.46	5.16	3,904	5.34	
Arkansas	4,986	5,183	5,073	5,071	5.43	5.18	5,296	5.15	
Delmarva	2,298	2,263	(A) 2,260		(A) 5.55		2,190	5.65	
KY-LA-TN	2,406	2,306	2,142	2,535	5.29	4.84	2,321	5.26	
Mississippi	3,163	3,163	3,102	2,753	5.76	4.98	3,006	5.85	
North Car	2,478	2,507	2,455	2,995	6.49	6.38	2,491	6.63	
Texas	2,493	2,480	1,752	1,276	5.22	4.85	2,569	5.17	
Total	21,867	21,984	20,608	22,542	5.61	5.37	21,777	5.49	
Mon-Wed	65,579(A)						64,960(A)		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 28-Sep-05 is estimated to be 32,715,000 head up 0.11 percent from a week ago and up 4.04 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,679,000, last year 31,444,000)

**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		-
<b>SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY</b>		
<b>DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS</b>		
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 01-Oct-05

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	10/01/05 (1)	THOUSAND HEAD	09/24/05	
Broiler/fryer	164,359 (2)		170,241	
Light hens	1,259		1,283	
Heavy hens	1,483		1,541	
Total	167,101		173,065	

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 01-Oct-05 is 164.8 million head compared to 164.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 164.7 million head or 0.1 million less than estimated available. For the week of 08-Oct-05 the estimated available is 165.7 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 09/26/05	115,070		54,851	
AM 09/01/05	118,073		52,120	
CHG	-3,003		2,731	
PCT CHG	-3		5	

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)**

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	09/26/05	09/19/05	09/27/04	09/26/05	09/19/05	09/27/04
<b>PACIFIC COAST</b>	4,866	4,928	21,691	4,568	4,168	5,604
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>	96	116	366	2,350	2,092	3,379

**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 26, 2005

HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	RANGE
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	76-80 82-85

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	FOR 09/27/05				FOR 09/27/05		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	-	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.		.50	-
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.	.85	1.00	.92	ROOSTERS ea.	-	2.00	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	.90	1.30	1.00	RABBITS ea.	-	.50	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.25	3.50	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	2.50	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-				
TOTAL COOPS	27						

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City**

Cents per pound for the week ending September 23, 2005

	Whole		Legs W/Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
	Chickens	Breasts				
<b>RAYON</b>						
Low	62.01	142.46	79.61	16.76	12.57	75.42
High	65.36	150.84	87.99	25.14	18.86	75.42
Mostly	65.36	146.65	83.80	20.95	14.67	75.42
<b>SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	64.95	142.46	75.42	20.95	12.57	74.58
High	68.72	155.03	87.99	25.14	18.86	74.58
Mostly	65.36	146.65	79.61	23.05	14.67	74.58
<b>NEW SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	65.78	134.08	75.42	12.57	8.38	67.04
High	68.72	146.65	92.18	20.95	12.57	67.04
Mostly	66.20	138.27	79.61	16.76	10.48	67.04
<b>BECERRA</b>						
Low	64.53	146.65	96.37	25.14	14.67	77.52
High	65.36	155.03	104.75	29.33	16.76	77.52
Mostly	65.36	150.84	96.37	25.14	14.67	77.52

**DELMARVA**

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was sluggish. Offerings were adequate to ample for immediate delivery; however, buyers generally looked to keep floor stocks in close balance, and additional receipts remained readily available. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were desirable. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 68 to 79 cent. Trade sentiment was barely steady. In the parts complex, supplies were at least adequate for a mostly light and selective buying interest.

\*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	58-82
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A)Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations



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