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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was about steady in the East, but barely steady to weak in all other areas. Demand was seasonally light to moderate, best where fast food and retail ads were active, but usually limited to most immediate needs. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate; floor stocks were balanced to long. In the parts structure, midweek trading was mostly light to fair at best. Breast items were in a better position, but remained at least adequate. Wings were readily available, and dark meat was fully adequate to ample and discounted. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but 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 .50 cents to 73.25 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 75.00 cents last year on November 3, 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 | 157.00 |
| BREASTS - B/S | 127.50 |
| BREASTS - WHOLE | 72.50 |
| THIGH MEAT - B/S | 121.00 |
| LEG QUARTERS | 43.00 |
| WINGS | 84.50 |

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 all channels was seasonally fair at best with trading usually limited to most immediate needs. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was light. Breast items and wings were readily available, and dark meat was fully adequate to ample and discounted. 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 no better than fair for midweek trading as dealers remained somewhat cautious. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was light. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, supplies of breast items and tenders were noted as at least adequate for current needs. Dark meat cuts were readily available and competitively priced. Wings were fully adequate.

MIDWEST REGION Whole broiler/fryer market tone was barely steady, instances weak. Offerings were plentiful, competitively priced and seeing light trade call. Fill-in on 3 up wogs noted at 45 cents into Chicago area. Market activity was noted as seasonal and mixed, light to moderate for the most part. Fast food and some retail advertisements were stimulating best consumer response. Floor stocks were adequate to long, weights desirable to at times heavy. Parts trade continued light and hand to mouth as buyers remain guarded with many focused on traditional holiday proteins. Offerings of all parts were moderate to heavy and discounted to entice buyers. The market tone was about steady on breast cuts and wings, and weak on dark meat lines.

WESTERN REGION The market tone was barely steady. Offerings were ample to cover current needs. Sizes trended heavy. Buying activity was light and selective. Retailer demand was seasonally moderate. Floor stocks adequate overall. Trade sentiments were steady for white meat items and barely steady to weak for dark meat items.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 201 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 29, 2005. This was up 2 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.

BROILER CHICKS UP 3 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 170 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 29, 2005. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through October 29, 2005 were 7.51 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

| WEEK ENDING 10/29/05 | <u>2005</u> | <u>2004</u> | <u>PERCENT CHANGE</u> <u>PREVIOUS YEAR</u> |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| EGGS SET | 201,410 | 197,554 | +02 |
| CHICKS PLACED | 169,972 | 165,442 | +03 |

Source: USDA, NASS

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 10-Dec-05 is estimated at 154.8 million head. This compares to 154.1 million head the previous week and to 155.8 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 161.8 million head and the composite weighted average price was 67.48 cents per pound.

NOVEMBER 01, 2005

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

NOVEMBER 02, 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 | | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | BREAST - B/S | 648 | 90.00-162.00 | - | 103.59 | | |
| TENDERLOINS | | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | TENDERLOINS | 213 | 88.00-150.00 | - | 96.67 | | |
| BREAST - LINE RUN | 76 | 64.00-80.00 | 70-73 | 71.95 | BREAST - LINE RUN | 161 | 68.00-75.00 | 72-75 | 71.85 | | |
| FRONT HALVES | | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | FRONT HALVES | | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | |
| LEGS | 128 | 42.00-68.00 | - | 45.50 | LEGS | 128 | 40.00-68.00 | 41-42 | 44.56 | | |
| LEG QUARTERS (BULK) | 549 | 29.00-37.00 | 30-33 | 31.75 | LEG QUARTERS (BULK) | 689 | 28.00-37.00 | 29-32 | 31.37 | | |
| LEG QUARTERS (4/10) | 1,050 | 31.00-43.00 | 34-35 | 35.15 | LEG QUARTERS (4/10) | 950 | 31.00-40.00 | 33-35 | 34.46 | | |
| WINGS (WHOLE) | 236 | 72.00-85.00 | 75-77 | 75.44 | WINGS (WHOLE) | 299 | 72.00-80.00 | 76-78 | 77.73 | | |
| WINGS (CUT) | 315 | 90.00-99.00 | 94-97 | 96.03 | WINGS (CUT) | | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | |
| DRUMSTICKS | 73 | 35.00-68.00 | - | 42.86 | DRUMSTICKS | 78 | 40.00-68.00 | - | 44.03 | | |
| THIGHS | 53 | 39.00-68.00 | - | 40.95 | THIGHS | | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | |
| B/S THIGHS | 107 | 100.00-137.00 | - | 105.35 | B/S THIGHS | 145 | 90.00-115.00 | - | 104.83 | | |
| ***** | | | | | ***** | | | | | | |
| 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 | |
| | 37.00-44.50 | | 39.66 | | | 37.00-44.50 | | 40.44 | | 40.98 | |

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 light to fair at best for midweek trading. Offerings of breast items and tenders were at least adequate for current needs. Dark meat cuts were fully adequate to ample and competitively priced. Wings were available and slow in clearing. Retail and distributive movement was light. The market tone was weak for most dark meat cuts; no better than steady on breast items.

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

| NOVEMBER 01, 2005 ITEM | CURRENT NEG TRADING* | WTD AVG** | VOL/LBS | NOVEMBER 02, 2005 ITEM | CURRENT NEG TRADING* | WTD AVG** | VOL/LBS |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|---------|----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|---------|
| | | | | | | | |
| TENDERLOINS | 100 | 112.19 | 188,011 | TENDERLOINS | 100 | 110.26 | 189,410 |
| BREAST - WITH RIBS | 61-62 | 73.33 | 89,600 | BREAST - WITH RIBS | 61-62 | 70.76 | 70,800 |
| BREAST - LINE RUN | 61 | 62.18 | 99,080 | BREAST - LINE RUN | 61 | 61.66 | 98,880 |
| LEGS | 51-52 | 55.30 | 129,800 | LEGS | 50-51 | 52.21 | 177,640 |
| LEG QUARTERS (BULK) | 34-35 | 31.62 | 511,120 | LEG QUARTERS (BULK) | 33-34 | 30.93 | 458,320 |
| DRUMSTICKS | 41-42 | 47.61 | 113,490 | DRUMSTICKS | 39-40 | 42.24 | 106,800 |
| THIGHS | 45-46 | 56.11 | 52,350 | THIGHS | 43-44 | 48.21 | 45,400 |
| B/S THIGHS | 106-107 | 100.58 | 43,740 | B/S THIGHS | 103-104 | 111.04 | 61,600 |
| WINGS (WHOLE) | 81-82 | 75.88 | 276,820 | WINGS (WHOLE) | 79-80 | 83.21 | 220,840 |
| BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED) | 10-12 | 10.58 | 23,840 | BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED) | 10-12 | 11.06 | 22,840 |
| LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS) | 50-55 | 54.12 | 14,703 | LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS) | 50-55 | 55.15 | 11,484 |
| GIZZARDS (HEARTS) | 70-75 | 72.76 | 14,600 | GIZZARDS (HEARTS) | 70-75 | 71.87 | 34,720 |

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) | | |
| | 11/02 | 11/01 | 10/31 | 10/28 | 10/31 | 10/28 | 10/26 | 10/24 | |
| Alabama | 4,071 | 4,097 | 3,789 | 4,582 | 5.51 | 5.29 | 3,992 | 5.47 | |
| Arkansas | 5,421 | 5,441 | 5,365 | 5,948 | 5.37 | 5.34 | 5,415 | 5.50 | |
| Delmarva | 2,316 | 2,302 | 2,290 | 2,279 | 5.84 | 5.63 | 2,319 | 5.73 | |
| KY-LA-TN | 2,049 | 2,327 | 2,214 | 2,338 | 5.21 | 4.83 | 2,232 | 5.23 | |
| Mississippi | 2,742 | 2,896 | 2,747 | 2,753 | 5.63 | 4.98 | 2,768 | 5.76 | |
| North Car | 2,502 | 2,485 | 2,268 | 2,547 | 6.95 | 6.91 | 2,344 | 6.71 | |
| Texas | 2,522 | 2,526 | 2,522 | 2,544 | 5.43 | 5.26 | 2,500 | 5.29 | |
| Total | 21,623 | 22,074 | 21,195 | 23,593 | 5.64 | 5.51 | 21,570 | 5.64 | |
| Mon-Wed | 65,312(A) | | | | | | 65,232(A) | | |

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 02-Nov-05 is estimated to be 32,350,000 head down 0.06 percent from a week ago and up 2.90 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,368,000, last year 31,438,000)

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 | | |
| FRESH FRYERS | ICE PACK | 95-107 |
| | DRY PACK | 114 |
| ROASTERS 4# & UP | ICE PACK | 100-112 |
| | DRY PACK | 118 |
| HENS OVER 5# | ICE PACK | 90-105 |
| | DRY PACK | 109 |
| DUCKS | | 185-188 |

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 05-Nov-05

| CLASS | CURRENT WEEK | | PREVIOUS WEEK | |
|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | 11/05/05 (1) | THOUSAND HEAD | 10/29/05 | THOUSAND HEAD |
| Broiler/fryer | 167,666 (2) | | 165,084 | |
| Light hens | 1,242 | | 1,411 | |
| Heavy hens | 1,511 | | 1,487 | |
| Total | 170,419 | | 167,982 | |

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 05-Nov-05 is 160.7 million head compared to 161.5 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 168.0 million head or 7.3 million more than estimated available. For the week of 12-Nov-05 the estimated available is 162.2 million head.

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

| | PROCESSED TURKEY | | PROCESSED POULTRY | |
|-------------|------------------|--|-------------------|--|
| | LBS | | LBS | |
| AM 10/31/05 | 89,477 | | 62,531 | |
| AM 10/01/05 | 115,061 | | 55,027 | |
| CHG | -25,584 | | 7,504 | |
| PCT CHG | -22 | | 14 | |

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

| | PROCESSED TURKEYS | | | PROCESSED POULTRY | | |
|----------------------|-------------------|----------|----------|-------------------|----------|----------|
| | 10/31/05 | 10/24/05 | 11/01/04 | 10/31/05 | 10/24/05 | 11/01/04 |
| PACIFIC COAST | 3,111 | 3,930 | 10,524 | 5,465 | 5,113 | 6,454 |
| LOS ANGELES | 60 | 95 | 112 | 2,465 | 2,387 | 3,512 |

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 31, 2005

| HENS | ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX) | RANGE |
|------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| | VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX) | 76-80 82-86 |

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 11/01/05

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

| | 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. | - | - |
| BROILERS lb. | - | - | - | BROILERS ea. | - | - |
| ROASTERS lb. | - | - | - | ROASTERS ea. | - | - |
| FRYERS lb. | - | - | - | FRYERS ea. | - | - |
| CHICKS lb. | - | - | - | CHICKS ea. | - | - |
| PULLETS lb. | - | - | - | PULLETS ea. | - | - |
| BUNNIES lb. | - | - | - | BUNNIES ea. | 2.00 | 2.25 |
| ROOSTERS lb. | - | - | - | ROOSTERS ea. | 3.00 | 6.50 |
| GEESE lb. | - | - | - | GEESE ea. | - | - |
| TURKEYS lb. | - | - | - | TURKEYS ea. | - | - |
| DUCKS lb. | - | - | - | DUCKS ea. | - | 3.50 |
| RABBITS lb. | .50 | 1.30 | 1.04 | RABBITS ea. | - | 2.50 |
| PIGEONS lb. | - | - | - | PIGEONS ea. | 2.00 | 3.75 |
| 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 | 62 | | | | | |

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending October 28, 2005

| | Whole | | Legs W/Thighs | Necks, Backs & Wings | Livers/ Gizzards | Hens |
|---------------------|----------|---------|---------------|----------------------|------------------|-------|
| | Chickens | Breasts | | | | |
| RAYON | | | | | | |
| Low | 33.52 | 117.32 | 75.42 | 16.76 | 8.38 | 71.23 |
| High | 60.76 | 125.70 | 83.80 | 25.14 | 12.57 | 71.23 |
| Mostly | 54.47 | 121.51 | 79.61 | 20.95 | 8.38 | 71.23 |
| SAN JUAN | | | | | | |
| Low | 37.71 | 117.32 | 67.04 | 20.95 | 8.38 | 69.14 |
| High | 62.85 | 125.70 | 83.80 | 25.14 | 12.57 | 69.14 |
| Mostly | 54.47 | 121.51 | 75.42 | 20.95 | 8.38 | 69.14 |
| NEW SAN JUAN | | | | | | |
| Low | 33.52 | 117.32 | 71.23 | 18.86 | 8.38 | 71.23 |
| High | 61.59 | 121.51 | 79.61 | 25.14 | 12.57 | 71.23 |
| Mostly | 54.47 | 117.32 | 71.23 | 20.95 | 8.38 | 71.23 |
| BECERRA | | | | | | |
| Low | 35.62 | 125.70 | 75.42 | 16.76 | 12.57 | 75.42 |
| High | 63.69 | 134.08 | 87.99 | 20.95 | 16.76 | 75.42 |
| Mostly | 55.31 | 125.70 | 83.80 | 20.95 | 12.57 | 75.42 |

DELMARVA

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*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

| | RANGE | WEIGHTED AVERAGE | NO. OF BOXES | BRANDED U.S. GRADE A |
|--|-------|------------------|--------------|----------------------|
| | | | | 43-76 |
| | | | | (A) |
| | | | | (A) |

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