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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was no better than steady, but mostly steady to barely steady. Demand was seasonally light to fair, instances moderate, with interest and features for more traditional holiday items appearing. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate; floor stocks were close balanced to fully sufficient. In the parts structure, movement was light to moderate at best. Breast items were in balance to available with boneless skinless at times closely cleared in the East. Wings were adequate to fully adequate, and dark meat was in the longest balance and frequently discounted to help move. 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 cents to 73.00 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 74.75 cents last year on November 10, 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	153.50
BREASTS - B/S	125.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	69.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	112.50
LEG QUARTERS	40.00
WINGS	82.00

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

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was mostly about steady. Retail demand was seasonally light to fair, best for active retail ads and holiday items. Food service was fair to moderate, strongest for fast food promotions. Supplies of all sizes were at least sufficient to satisfy trade requirements. In the parts structure, trading was light to fair. Breast items were sufficient to better balanced, and wings were irregularly available. Dark meat was in the longest position, adequate to ample, and continued to be 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 mostly fair to fairly good during midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate to fully adequate for current trade needs. Retail and distributive movement was seasonally light to fair. The market tone was no better than steady. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breasts were in close balance and clearing satisfactorily; bone-in breasts were at least sufficient. Leg items were readily available and often discounted to stimulate additional interest. Wings were adequate to at least adequate.

MIDWEST REGION The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was steady to barely steady. Moderate to light offerings reported on like trade interest. Retail and food service demand was mixed, mostly light as seasonal holiday items start to ascend into prominence. Aggressive retail ads and restaurants created instances of a moderate call on whole broiler/fryers, boneless/skinless breasts and wings. Floor stocks were in close balance to fully adequate; weights desirable. Some distributors noted less than ordered shipments on regular wings. Parts trade was light and limited for the most part to immediate needs. Offerings of parts, outside of regular wings which varied, were fully adequate or available. The market tone was mostly steady on regular wings, whole and boneless/skinless breasts; and barely steady to weak on the balance.

WESTERN REGION Trade sentiment was barely steady. Offerings were generally adequate on whole body product under 3-pounds; heavier weights remained plentiful for the currently light buyers' interest. Retailer demand was light to moderate, best for parts. Floor stocks were adequate overall. Trade sentiments mixed on parts with dark meat items in the weakest position.

BROILER-TYPE 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 November 5, 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.

BROILER CHICKS UP 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 165 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 5, 2005. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through November 5, 2005 were 7.67 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 11/05/05			
EGGS SET	207,697	200,982	+03
CHICKS PLACED	165,039	161,494	+02

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 17-Dec-05 is estimated at 154.2 million head. This compares to 154.8 million head the previous week and to 154.3 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 161.2 million head and the composite weighted average price was 68.00 cents per pound.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

NOVEMBER 09, 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	637	90.00-159.00	93-97	98.98	BREAST - B/S	775	85.00-159.00	95-97	103.76
TENDERLOINS	203	80.00-150.00	-	90.99	TENDERLOINS	203	89.00-162.00	-	94.91
BREAST - LINE RUN	121	65.00-75.00	68-72	69.49	BREAST - LINE RUN	96	68.00-74.00	70-73	71.54
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	121	35.00-68.00	-	37.87	LEGS	88	34.00-68.00	-	40.73
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	521	25.00-35.00	27-28	27.40	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	989	24.00-35.00	27-28	28.37
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	905	26.00-36.00	29-31	29.90	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	660	25.00-36.00	29-30	28.97
WINGS (WHOLE)	299	72.00-80.00	75-78	76.72	WINGS (WHOLE)	299	72.00-80.00	-	78.73
WINGS (CUT)	250	92.00-97.00	93-95	95.02	WINGS (CUT)	255	90.00-96.00	93-95	94.55
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				DRUMSTICKS	60	32.00-68.00	-	39.67
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				THIGHS	97	25.00-68.00	-	26.14
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

***** F.O.B. DOCK. *****

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	
35.00-43.50	37.85		34.50-42.50	37.72	38.63	

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 mostly fair to moderate at best. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts were sufficient and clearing satisfactorily; bone-in breast were at least adequate for current needs. Legs, leg quarters and thighs were available and discounted where product was in excess. Wings were at least adequate to fully adequate. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair. The market tone was at least steady on boneless skinless breasts; about steady to weak for most dark meat cuts. The balance of items were generally steady.

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

NOVEMBER 08, 2005	CURRENT NEG	WTD		NOVEMBER 09, 2005	CURRENT NEG	WTD	
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	105-110	104.87	693,889	BREAST - B/S	105-110	101.49	711,440
TENDERLOINS	100	106.13	227,000	TENDERLOINS	100	108.35	168,180
BREAST - WITH RIBS	61-62	70.87	87,000	BREAST - WITH RIBS	61-62	70.99	80,120
BREAST - LINE RUN	61	62.22	81,000	BREAST - LINE RUN	61	62.00	81,000
LEGS	47-48	48.45	252,640	LEGS	46-47	48.16	252,720
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	30-31	29.00	448,000	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	29-30	30.88	286,440
DRUMSTICKS	36-37	40.60	153,020	DRUMSTICKS	35-36	41.19	139,560
THIGHS	39-40	50.78	60,240	THIGHS	38-39	49.55	57,400
B/S THIGHS	101-102	104.15	108,370	B/S THIGHS	100-101	105.72	107,700
WINGS (WHOLE)	78-79	75.91	253,216	WINGS (WHOLE)	78-79	82.20	255,560
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.03	21,000	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.20	30,880
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	50.98	15,943	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	50.15	21,652
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	70.40	26,720	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	73.70	18,420

***** 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		SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY					
ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL		WTS	DELIVERED TO RETAILERS		RANGE				
(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)								
11/09	11/08	11/07	11/04	11/07	11/04	11/02	10/31		FRESH FRYERS		97-99				
Alabama	3,982	4,041	3,919	4,471	5.55	5.36	3,997	5.51	ROASTERS 4# & UP		99-107				
Arkansas	5,446	5,420	5,079	5,779	5.38	4.97	5,401	5.37	HENS UNDER 5#		-				
Delmarva	2,281	2,301	2,318	2,255	5.76	5.65	2,316	5.84	HENS OVER 5#		65-73				
KY-LA-TN	2,228	2,259	2,269	2,242	5.12	5.01	2,004	5.21	DUCKS		-				
Mississippi	2,554	2,995	2,968	2,753	5.71	4.98	2,704	5.63	RABBITS-WHOLE		-				
North Car	2,569	2,571	2,405	3,079	6.93	6.72	2,451	6.95	RABBITS-CUT UP		-				
Texas	2,535	2,511	2,551	2,525	5.38	5.19	2,535	5.43							
Total	21,595	22,098	21,509	23,584	5.64	5.47	21,408	5.64							
Mon-Wed	65,993(A)							64,233(A)							

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

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.
 Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 09-Nov-05 is estimated to be 32,309,000 head up 0.57 percent from a week ago and up 1.01 percent from a year ago.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 12-Nov-05

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	11/12/05 (1)	11/05/05
	THOUSAND HEAD	
Broiler/fryer	166,819 (2)	167,666
Light hens	1,383	1,242
Heavy hens	1,418	1,511
Total	169,620	170,419

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 12-Nov-05 is 162.2 million head compared to 163.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 167.2 million head or 5.0 million more than estimated available. For the week of 19-Nov-05 the estimated available is 161.6 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 11/07/05	79,886	63,426
AM 10/01/05	115,061	55,027
CHG	-35,175	8,399
PCT CHG	-31	15

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	11/07/05	10/31/05	11/08/04	11/07/05	10/31/05	11/08/04
PACIFIC COAST	3,789	3,111	10,057	5,042	5,465	6,946
LOS ANGELES	50	60	107	2,330	2,465	4,004

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 7, 2005

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

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 11/08/05

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW HIGH AVG			LOW HIGH AVG		
	HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	.70	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	1.55	-	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.	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	7.50
TURKEYS lb.	-	.60	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	.80	2.05	1.65	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	.25	1.15	.91	RABBITS ea.	-	3.00
PIGEONS lb.	1.75	4.00	-	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.	-	.35	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-			
TOTAL COOPS	47					

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending November 4, 2005

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
	RAYON					
Low	53.68	122.57	71.85	21.13	8.45	73.96
High	69.74	126.79	80.30	25.36	12.68	73.96
Mostly	67.62	122.57	71.85	25.36	8.45	73.96

SAN JUAN

Low	50.72	118.34	63.40	21.13	8.45	71.85
High	65.09	122.57	71.85	25.36	12.68	71.85
Mostly	63.40	118.34	63.40	21.13	8.45	71.85

NEW SAN JUAN

Low	38.04	118.34	63.40	21.13	8.45	76.07
High	65.51	122.57	71.85	21.13	12.68	76.07
Mostly	63.40	122.57	63.40	21.13	8.45	76.07

BECERRA

Low	40.15	131.02	80.30	21.13	8.45	76.07
High	67.62	135.24	88.75	25.36	12.68	76.07
Mostly	67.62	131.02	80.30	25.36	8.45	76.07

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds remained mostly fair to fairly good. Seller offerings were fully adequate to ample and were generally more readily available on the 4.00 pound sizes which were competitively priced to stimulate buyer interest. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 63 to 71 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. In the parts complex, boneless/skinless breasts were balanced to closely cleared. Other items were fully adequate to ample for current needs.

*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	55-79
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

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