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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak in the East, but steady elsewhere. Retail demand was slow to fair. Food service demand ranged fair to moderate, fairly good into sports bars, and fast food outlets/restaurants close to shopping. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to ample for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was limited to fair. Availability on all items was at least adequate with discounts noted to help move additional product. In production areas, live supplies were moderate to heavy; weights were desirable to heavy.

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 72.00 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 74.00 cents last year on December 1, 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	141.50
BREASTS - B/S	113.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	63.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	97.50
LEG QUARTERS	35.00
WINGS	80.00

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

SOUTHERN REGION Market tone was no better than steady. Retail demand was slow to fair with mixed opinions for first of the month. Food service was fair to moderate, best for fast food promotions. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was limited, with offerings of all items at least adequate or readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate to heavy; weights were in a full range, but mostly desirable.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light and limited. Offerings were fully sufficient for the light and selective buyer interest. Retail and distributive movement was slow. The market tone was weak. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breasts were fully adequate to ample; bone-in breasts were readily available to ample. Drums and thighs were fully adequate to ample, and wings were balanced to available.

MIDWEST REGION Whole broiler/fryer market tone remained steady. Offerings light to moderate and seeing little buyer activity. Slow to fair demand was noted into retail. Food service movement was mixed, light to fairly good, best into sports bars, restaurants and fast food located in close proximity to holiday shopping centers. Floor stocks were adequate; weights desirable to heavy. Trade on parts was light to moderate; best interest reported on wings and boneless/skinless breasts. Supplies of all parts were available. The market tone on wings was steady, breast cuts cautiously steady, and mostly weak on dark meat items.

WESTERN REGION Trade sentiment mixed but overall steady. Offerings were adequate to ample. Retailer demand was fair to fairly good. Floor stocks adequate.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES

UP 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 215 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 26, 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 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 26, 2005. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through November 26, 2005 were 8.17 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 11/19/05	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>PERCENT CHANGE</u> <u>PREVIOUS YEAR</u>
EGGS SET	214,580	210,096	+02
CHICKS PLACED	168,767	165,545	+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 07-Jan-06 is estimated at 153.3 million head. This compares to 151.6 million head the previous week and to 154.9 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 162.6 million head and the composite weighted average price was 69.98 cents per pound.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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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	690	90.00-159.00	92-96	99.30	BREAST - B/S	705	88.00-149.00	90-95	98.24
TENDERLOINS	243	79.00-162.00	85-90	91.26	TENDERLOINS	258	80.00-145.00	82-87	88.80
BREAST - LINE	RUNTOO FEW TO REPORT				BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	208	32.00-58.00	33-35	34.73	LEGS	288	30.00-58.00	31-33	33.69
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	595	20.00-30.00	25-26	25.41	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	990	20.00-30.00	25-26	24.91
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,075	23.00-34.00	27-28	26.84	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	650	22.00-32.00	27-28	27.72
WINGS (WHOLE)	280	74.00-83.00	75-79	77.59	WINGS (WHOLE)	280	74.00-82.00	75-78	77.07
WINGS (CUT)	347	88.00-96.00	90-95	93.05	WINGS (CUT)	285	87.00-96.00	90-95	93.44
DRUMSTICKS	57	32.00-58.00	-	36.59	DRUMSTICKS	81	30.00-58.00	33-35	36.92
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				THIGHS	68	29.00-58.00	-	31.73
B/S THIGHS	102	89.00-130.00	95-99	97.16	B/S THIGHS	105	88.00-108.00	-	98.10
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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
		33.50-43.50	37.42				33.50-41.00	37.62	37.25

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 irregular but mostly light at lower price on most items. Offerings were fully adequate to ample and often with price concessions in order to move any additional product. Retail and distributive movement was light, although increased movement was reported where specials were in progress. The market tone was barely steady to mostly weak.

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

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD	ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	TRADING*		AVG**	VOL/LBS		
BREAST - B/S	105-110	101.76	714,500	BREAST - B/S	105	102.34	857,730		
TENDERLOINS	95-100	93.83	213,945	TENDERLOINS	95-100	99.98	155,700		
BREAST - WITH RIBS	55-56	65.71	59,920	BREAST - WITH RIBS	54-55	67.33	47,320		
BREAST - LINE RUN	55	56.70	90,000	BREAST - LINE RUN	54	54.45	52,200		
LEGS	45-46	47.44	212,630	LEGS	44-45	44.45	173,960		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	26-27	27.54	326,600	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	26-27	29.95	436,806		
DRUMSTICKS	33-34	42.56	78,190	DRUMSTICKS	32-33	36.27	101,360		
THIGHS	34-35	45.80	51,950	THIGHS	33-34	41.34	38,680		
B/S THIGHS	95-96	90.51	52,190	B/S THIGHS	95-96	93.14	104,580		
WINGS (WHOLE)	78-79	81.95	131,080	WINGS (WHOLE)	77-78	82.24	210,640		
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.12	26,840	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.31	33,040		
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	50.19	14,742	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	49.71	21,164		
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	75.28	22,200	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	73.78	21,320		

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		AVG
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	WTS	
	11/30	11/29	11/28	11/25	11/28	11/25	11/23	11/21	
Alabama	4,058	4,019	4,030	4,064	5.60	5.13	3,663	5.38	
Arkansas	5,126	5,186	4,972	4,747	5.29	5.02	4,696	5.41	
Delmarva	2,345	2,319	2,305	2,578	5.90	5.63	2,222	5.92	
KY-LA-TN	2,349	2,326	2,290	1,606	5.34	5.09	2,161	5.12	
Mississippi	3,002	3,056	2,992	1,863	5.78	5.45	2,591	5.48	
North Car	2,506	2,530	2,276	2,110	6.84	6.62	2,428	6.89	
Texas	2,518	2,485	2,532	1,867	5.34	5.24	2,499	5.35	
Total	21,904	21,921	21,397	18,835	5.66	5.38	20,260	5.60	
Mon-Wed	65,725(A)							63,019(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 30-Nov-05 is estimated to be 32,771,000 head up 7.79 percent from a week ago and up 4.39 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 30,402,000, last year 31,393,000)

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 03-Dec-05

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	12/03/05 (1)	THOUSAND HEAD	11/26/05	
Broiler/fryer	162,767 (2)		127,235	
Light hens	1,305		815	
Heavy hens	1,433		904	
Total	165,505		128,954	

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 03-Dec-05 is 158.0 million head compared to 164.6 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 163.1 million head or 5.1 million more than estimated available. For the week of 10-Dec-05 the estimated available is 157.2 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 11/28/05	33,334		75,223	
AM 11/01/05	81,804		63,547	
CHG	-48,470		11,676	
PCT CHG	-59		18	

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	11/28/05	11/21/05	11/29/04	11/28/05	11/21/05	11/29/04
PACIFIC COAST	1,923	1,907	4,457	4,788	4,214	5,370
LOS ANGELES	44	59	67	2,731	2,178	1,493

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 28, 2005

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

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	FOR 11/29/05			FOR 11/29/05		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.40	.50	.43	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	3.00
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	2.00
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.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	.50	-	DUCKS ea.	.25	1.50
RABBITS lb.	.90	1.55	1.22	RABBITS ea.	.05	5.00
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	-	2.00
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	35					

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending November 25, 2005

	Whole		Legs		Necks, Backs		Livers/	
	Chickens	Breasts	W/Thighs	& Wings	Gizzards	Hens		
RAYON								
Low	38.53	124.15	81.34	17.12	8.56	55.65		
High	57.79	128.43	85.62	21.40	12.84	55.65		
Mostly	55.65	124.15	81.34	17.12	8.56	55.65		
SAN JUAN								
Low	40.67	115.58	72.78	17.12	4.28	55.65		
High	59.93	124.15	77.06	21.40	8.56	55.65		
Mostly	55.65	119.87	72.78	21.40	8.56	55.65		
NEW SAN JUAN								
Low	34.25	119.87	68.49	17.12	4.28	59.93		
High	59.93	128.43	77.06	21.40	8.56	59.93		
Mostly	55.65	124.15	68.49	21.40	8.56	59.93		
BECERRA								
Low	38.53	128.43	85.62	17.12	8.56	59.93		
High	59.93	132.71	94.18	21.40	17.12	59.93		
Mostly	57.79	128.43	89.90	21.40	12.84	59.93		

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds remained disappointing slow. Offerings were adequate on the 2.50 pound sizes; fully adequate on the 3.00 pound sizes, and readily available on the 4.00 pound sizes. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 59 to 72 cents. Trade sentiment remained barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, supplies were fully adequate to ample. Buyer interest was limited and offerings were difficult to clear.

*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		54-75	
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		(A)	
NO. OF BOXES		(A)	



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