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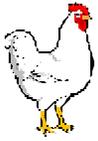
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was mixed, ranging about steady to weak. Retail demand was seasonally light to fair. Food service was fair to moderate, best into fast food, sports bars, and catering businesses. Supplies were more than sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was generally light to fair. Wings and tenders were available to at times better balanced. Dark meat and breast items were at least adequate with discounts reported to help move additional product. In production areas, live supplies were moderate to heavy; weights were desirable to heavy, 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 71.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 73.75 cents last year on December 8, 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	138.00
BREASTS - B/S	111.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	61.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	94.50
LEG QUARTERS	33.00
WINGS	79.50

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

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Demand was seasonally slow to fair, but best for active retail ads, fast food, and other eateries near shopping locations. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was mostly fair with supplies of all items at least adequate or available with discounts noted. In production areas, live supplies were moderate to heavy; weights were desirable to heavy, but mostly desirable.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light to no better than fair. Offerings varied but were noted as at least adequate for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was light. The market tone was about steady to barely steady. In the parts complex, tenderloins were clearing satisfactorily; breast items were at least adequate to available. Dark meat cuts and wings were fully adequate.

MIDWEST REGION The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was barely steady to weak. Offerings continued in excess of trade needs; noted fill-in on 3 up wogs into Chicago at 39 cents and into Michigan at 44 cents. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate for the most part, instances fairly good. Best call into fast food, catering, sports bars and some aggressive retail ads. Floor stocks were in close balance; weights desirable. Trade activity on parts was hand to mouth with wings receiving fairly good interest. Supplies of regular wings were barely adequate to available with all other items plentiful and sharply discounted to entice buying. The market tone was unsettled on regular wings and barely steady to weak on all other parts.

WESTERN REGION The market tone was about steady. Offerings ample. Retailer demand just fair. Floor stocks adequate.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES

UP 3 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 3, 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 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 3, 2005. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through December 3, 2005 were 8.34 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 11/26/05	2005	2004	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	213,393	208,114	+03
CHICKS PLACED	171,740	170,790	+01

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 14-Jan-06 is estimated at 156.9 million head. This compares to 153.3 million head the previous week and to 158.8 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 161.4 million head and the composite weighted average price was 72.01 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	775	86.00-148.00	90-95	95.54	BREAST - B/S	715	86.00-148.00	90-95	96.50		
TENDERLOINS	318	79.00-145.00	-	86.13	TENDERLOINS	258	79.00-144.00	-	86.93		
BREAST - LINE RUN	110	59.00-68.00	-	60.91	BREAST - LINE RUN	110	59.00-68.00	-	60.91		
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT					
LEGS	128	32.00-58.00	-	36.13	LEGS	128	32.00-58.00	-	36.13		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	590	20.00-30.00	23-24	23.69	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	590	20.00-30.00	23-24	23.69		
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	945	22.00-31.00	25-27	24.99	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	950	22.00-31.00	25-27	24.97		
WINGS (WHOLE)	280	70.00-82.00	74-76	75.50	WINGS (WHOLE)	280	70.00-82.00	-	75.14		
WINGS (CUT)	302	89.00-95.00	-	93.49	WINGS (CUT)	290	90.00-95.00	-	93.74		
DRUMSTICKS	281	31.00-58.00	-	33.13	DRUMSTICKS	280	31.00-58.00	-	33.14		
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT					
B/S THIGHS	73	77.00-108.00	-	85.68	B/S THIGHS	83	77.00-108.00	-	84.64		
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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	
	32.50-39.50		35.42			32.50-39.00		35.02		36.12	

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 light to fair at best during midweek trading. Offerings of tenders were in close balance and clearing satisfactorily; most other items were at least adequate to available. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair. The market tone was about steady to barely steady.

*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	100-105	102.09	690,905		BREAST - B/S	100-105	101.73	472,000	
TENDERLOINS	95-100	99.71	212,840		TENDERLOINS	95-100	100.36	131,120	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	53-54	62.68	126,560		BREAST - WITH RIBS	53-54	67.69	104,720	
BREAST - LINE RUN	53	55.13	72,000		BREAST - LINE RUN	53	54.70	90,000	
LEGS	43-44	45.44	230,200		LEGS	43-44	47.04	73,640	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	25-26	27.56	591,360		LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	25-26	26.37	308,240	
DRUMSTICKS	32-33	36.73	129,120		DRUMSTICKS	32-33	39.65	115,680	
THIGHS	32-33	42.91	59,700		THIGHS	32-33	40.25	54,280	
B/S THIGHS	95-96	92.34	90,640		B/S THIGHS	95-96	91.42	59,560	
WINGS (WHOLE)	77-78	76.53	253,276		WINGS (WHOLE)	77-78	76.68	201,160	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.55	31,640		BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.42	28,120	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	48.04	27,264		LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	50.10	12,663	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	71.82	37,680		GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	74.19	21,280	

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)		
	12/07	12/06	12/05	12/02	12/05	12/02	11/30	11/28	
Alabama	4,033	4,082	4,046	4,600	5.57	5.42	3,974	5.60	
Arkansas	5,153	5,127	4,944	5,310	5.28	5.26	4,951	5.29	
Delmarva	2,308	2,106	2,296	2,349	5.87	5.69	2,268	5.90	
KY-LA-TN	2,310	2,327	2,329	2,678	5.24	5.03	2,346	5.34	
Mississippi	2,991	3,025	2,966	3,148	5.78	5.64	2,957	5.78	
North Car	2,546	2,499	2,436	3,511	6.89	6.74	2,409	6.84	
Texas	2,261	2,259	2,262	2,229	5.24	5.11	2,259	5.34	
Total	21,602	21,425	21,279	23,825	5.64	5.56	21,164	5.66	
Mon-Wed	64,737(A)						64,313(A)		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 07-Dec-05 is estimated to be 32,319,000 head up 1.76 percent from a week ago and up 1.70 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,759,000, last year 31,778,000)

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**

	RANGE
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 10-Dec-05

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	12/10/05 (1)	THOUSAND HEAD	12/03/05	THOUSAND HEAD
Broiler/fryer	167,977 (2)		162,767	
Light hens	1,392		1,305	
Heavy hens	1,499		1,433	
Total	170,868		165,505	

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 10-Dec-05 is 157.2 million head compared to 161.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 168.3 million head or 11.1 million more than estimated available. For the week of 17-Dec-05 the estimated available is 157.5 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS	LBS	LBS	LBS
AM 12/05/05	32,978		74,903	
AM 11/01/05	81,804		63,547	
CHG	-48,826		11,356	
PCT CHG	-60		18	

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	12/05/05	11/28/05	12/06/04	12/05/05	11/28/05	12/06/04
PACIFIC COAST	2,195	1,923	4,273	4,755	4,788	6,040
LOS ANGELES	65	44	47	2,788	2,731	2,068

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 DECEMBER 5, 2005

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

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 12/06/05

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW HIGH AVG			LOW HIGH AVG		
	HEAVY FOWL lb.	.40	.55	.44	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.	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	.80	1.40	1.10	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	.20	.80	.48	RABBITS ea.	-	-
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	14					

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending December 2, 2005

	Whole		Legs W/Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/Gizzards	Hens
	Chickens	Breasts				
RAYON						
Low	39.10	125.99	78.20	17.38	8.69	56.48
High	59.52	130.34	86.89	21.72	13.03	56.48
Mostly	56.48	125.99	82.55	21.72	8.69	56.48
SAN JUAN						
Low	39.10	117.30	73.86	17.38	4.34	56.48
High	60.82	121.65	78.20	21.72	8.69	56.48
Mostly	56.48	121.65	73.86	17.38	8.69	56.48
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	34.76	121.65	69.51	17.38	8.69	52.13
High	60.82	125.99	73.86	21.72	17.38	52.13
Mostly	56.48	125.99	69.51	21.72	13.03	52.13
BECERRA						
Low	36.93	130.34	82.55	17.38	8.69	60.82
High	63.00	134.68	86.89	21.72	17.38	60.82
Mostly	57.35	130.34	82.55	21.72	13.03	60.82

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds increased at some points and was seasonally light to fair overall. Buyer interest was noted for both immediate and early next week deliveries. Offerings varied from plant to plant, but were at least adequate on all sizes. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 56 to 70 cents. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. In the parts complex, supplies were irregularly balanced from plant to plant. Most notably wings, tenders and legs were moving into closer balance at several plants.

*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	51-76
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)



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