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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was about steady to barely steady, at times weak in the West. Retail demand was seasonally light to moderate, best for features and other holiday meat items. Food service was fair to fairly good with best interest into fast food and for holiday festivities. Supplies were adequate to ample for heavier weights, and sufficient to less available for smaller sizes. In the parts structure, trading was fair at best and usually limited to regular commitments. Wings were adequate to close and moving. Dark meat and breast items were more than sufficient and frequently discounted to help move. 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 71.00 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 73.50 cents last year on December 15, 2005

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	138.50
BREASTS - B/S	108.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	60.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	92.50
LEG QUARTERS	31.00
WINGS	79.00

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

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was steady at best. Demand was seasonally light to fair with limited trading, but best into fast food, restaurants, and for more traditional holiday items. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was mostly fair. Wings were sufficient to well balanced and moving. Dark meat was adequate to ample, and breast items were readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate to heavy. Weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was seasonally no better than fair as dealers remained cautious and limited orders to most immediate needs. Offerings of 2.5-3 pound sizes were well cleared; heavier sizes fully adequate to ample for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, wings were clearing satisfactorily; balance of items ranged at least adequate to readily available.

MIDWEST REGION The whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady to barely steady. Offerings were light to moderate on light trade call. Fill-in on Wogs, 3 pound and up noted at 46 cents into Ohio area and at 42 and 45 cents into the Chicago area. Retail demand was light to fair at best with retailer and consumer interest focused on other holiday protein promotional ads. Food service movement was irregular, light to good. Precautionary consumer buying was noted in areas where winter storms were expected or in progress. Floor stocks adequate to long; weights desirable to heavy. Offerings were available and discounts were the norm to help stimulate interest. The market tone was steady to instances firm on regular sized wings, about steady with a weak undertone on all other parts.

WESTERN REGION Trade sentiments were about steady to weak. Offerings were adequate to basically ample for immediate needs. Retailer demand was seasonally moderate at best. Floor stocks in fair balance with current demand. Trade sentiment was about steady on parts.

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

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 214 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 10, 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 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 10, 2005. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through December 10, 2005 were 8.52 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 12/03/05	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>PERCENT CHANGE</u> <u>PREVIOUS YEAR</u>
EGGS SET	213,869	209,584	+02
CHICKS PLACED	173,581	171,447	+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 21-Jan-06 is estimated at 159.0 million head. This compares to 156.9 million head the previous week and to 161.5 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 151.2 million head and the composite weighted average price was 72.05 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.

DECEMBER 13, 2005					DECEMBER 14, 2005				
ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	576	82.00-135.00	-	92.90	BREAST - B/S	741	82.00-135.00	-	93.83
TENDERLOINS	218	78.00-144.00	85-89	92.39	TENDERLOINS	214	78.00-144.00	85-89	92.33
BREAST - LINE RUN	33	58.00-68.00	61-64	61.58	BREAST - LINE RUN	97	58.00-68.00	61-64	61.51
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	272	29.00-58.00	-	31.44	LEGS	238	29.00-58.00	-	30.10
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	488	19.00-30.00	22-23	22.81	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	488	18.00-30.00	21-22	21.81
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,260	22.00-38.00	25-26	25.76	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,240	21.00-38.00	24-25	24.27
WINGS (WHOLE)	326	70.00-82.00	74-76	75.98	WINGS (WHOLE)	326	70.00-82.00	74-76	76.00
WINGS (CUT)	226	85.00-95.00	89-92	92.61	WINGS (CUT)	303	85.00-95.00	90-93	93.28
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR F.O.B. DOCK.					F.O.B. DOCK.				
RANGE					RANGE				
31.00-38.75					30.50-38.50				
TODAY'S AVERAGE					TODAY'S AVERAGE				
34.53					33.41				
5-DAY AVERAGE					5-DAY AVERAGE				
34.24					34.24				

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 generally fair at best during midweek trading. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts were at least adequate; bone-in breasts were fully adequate to instances ample for current needs. Dark meat cuts were adequate to fully adequate. Wings were generally sufficient and clearing satisfactorily. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair. The market tone was no better than 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	99.41	711,010	BREAST - B/S	100-105	101.42	609,380
TENDERLOINS	95-100	100.63	164,900	TENDERLOINS	95-100	101.64	178,190
BREAST - WITH RIBS	53-54	66.29	102,960	BREAST - WITH RIBS	53-54	65.35	83,480
BREAST - LINE RUN	53	54.50	72,000	BREAST - LINE RUN	53	54.22	81,000
LEGS	42-43	41.60	203,880	LEGS	42-43	42.02	208,200
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	24-25	24.81	401,385	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	23-24	25.24	271,440
DRUMSTICKS	32-33	36.76	98,860	DRUMSTICKS	32-33	37.34	92,680
THIGHS	32-33	40.03	81,900	THIGHS	32-33	41.09	54,800
B/S THIGHS	95-96	90.71	56,280	B/S THIGHS	95-96	93.47	74,182
WINGS (WHOLE)	77-78	83.10	167,618	WINGS (WHOLE)	77-78	80.78	195,600
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.06	31,760	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.24	19,640
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	50.02	19,424	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	47.33	12,700
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	74.58	21,200	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	74.36	13,160

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 WTS
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)
Alabama	12/14	12/13	12/12	12/09	12/12	12/09	12/07	12/05	
Arkansas	4,005	3,992	3,717	3,717	5.27	4.98	3,932	5.57	
Delmarva	5,371	5,215	5,164	4,877	5.33	5.22	5,094	5.28	
KY-LA-TN	2,008	2,036	2,326	2,299	5.90	5.83	2,293	5.87	
Mississippi	2,310	2,333	2,313	2,697	5.14	4.99	2,995	5.78	
North Car	2,895	2,996	2,725	3,118	5.60	5.63	2,995	5.78	
Texas	2,528	2,535	2,391	2,986	7.04	6.96	2,471	6.89	
Total	2,259	2,474	2,231	2,137	5.27	5.02	2,308	5.24	
Mon-Wed	21,376	21,581	20,867	21,831	5.59	5.49	22,088	5.64	
	64,355 (A)						64,293(A)		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 14-Dec-05 is estimated to be 31,981,000 head down 3.51 percent from a week ago and up 3.83 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 33,145,000, last year 30,802,000)

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 17-Dec-05

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	12/17/05 (1)	THOUSAND HEAD		12/10/05
Broiler/fryer	162,560 (2)			167,977
Light hens	1,462			1,392
Heavy hens	1,448			1,499
Total	165,470			170,868

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 17-Dec-05 is 157.5 million head compared to 161.2 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 162.9 million head or 5.4 million more than estimated available. For the week of 24-Dec-05 the estimated available is 158.5 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 12/12/05	29,825		76,987	
AM 12/01/05	33,192		75,095	
CHG	-3,367		1,892	
PCT CHG	-10		3	

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	12/12/05	12/05/05	12/13/04	12/12/05	12/05/05	12/13/04
PACIFIC COAST	385	2,195	4,187	4,869	4,755	7,129
LOS ANGELES	53	65	55	2,795	2,788	3,276

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 12, 2005

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

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 12/13/05

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW HIGH AVG			LOW HIGH AVG		
	HEAVY FOWL lb.	.35	2.35	.60	HEAVY FOWL ea.	2.00
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	4.00	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-
BROILERS lb.	.30	.35	.33	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.10	.25
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	1.75
ROOSTERS lb.	.70	.75	.70	ROOSTERS ea.	-	3.00
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	.45	1.00	.65	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	-	1.30	-	RABBITS ea.	4.00	7.00
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	4.00	4.25
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	4.00	6.50
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	2.00	2.75
SILKIES ea.	-	3.00	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-			
TOTAL COOPS	58					

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending December 9, 2005

	Whole		Legs W/Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
	Chickens	Breasts				
RAYON						
Low	40.54	110.95	55.47	12.80	4.27	55.47
High	57.61	115.22	64.01	17.07	4.27	55.47
Mostly	40.54	110.95	55.47	17.07	4.27	55.47
SAN JUAN						
Low	38.41	106.68	59.74	12.80	2.13	55.47
High	55.47	115.22	72.54	17.07	4.27	55.47
Mostly	38.41	106.68	64.01	12.80	2.13	55.47
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	36.27	106.68	51.21	12.80	4.27	51.21
High	57.61	115.22	64.01	17.07	4.27	51.21
Mostly	38.41	106.68	55.47	12.80	4.27	51.21
BECERRA						
Low	38.41	115.22	68.28	12.80	4.27	59.74
High	59.74	123.75	72.54	21.34	8.53	59.74
Mostly	38.41	119.48	72.54	17.07	4.27	59.74

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally fair. Offerings varied and were adequate to closely cleared on the 2.50 and 3.00 pound size; fully adequate to ample on the larger sizes. Live supplies were moderate; weights were often heavier than desired. Processor schedules were light to moderate and included some plant downtime due to an on-site structural accident in a nearby building. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 56 to 70 cents. Trade sentiment was only about steady on the heavier weights, steady to fully steady on the lighter. Thighs and wings were clearing satisfactorily at most points. Other cuts were fully adequate to ample.

*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	48-76	
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)	
NO. OF BOXES	(A)	

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