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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was mixed, but overall no better than steady and cautious. Retail demand was fair at best, hampered by continuous hot weather, and first of the month business slow. Food service was slow to moderate, often good for fast food, delis, and restaurants. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, demand was light to fair, and markets being closely watched to determine how hot temperatures and humidity affected markets. Dark meat was in balance to close, and breast items were adequate to ample. Wings were available with smaller cuts in the shortest position. In production areas, live supplies were moderate to light as mortality rates increase due to heat. Weights were desirable to light.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 70.00 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 August 03, 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	157.50
BREASTS - B/S	141.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	76.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	86.00
LEG QUARTERS	39.50
WINGS	86.00

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

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was mixed, but overall steady at best. Demand was slow to fair with light trading, usually limited to much needed product. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to handle trade needs. Lingering heat and humidity continued to affect bird weights, buying interest, and mortality rates. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate with supplies of all items at least adequate or available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range, but mostly desirable to light.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light and unaggressive during midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes were adequate to fully adequate for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair. The market tone was no better than steady and cautious. In the parts complex, dark meat cuts and wings were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Breast items were at least adequate. Thighs and boneless skinless thigh meat were well cleared.

MIDWEST REGION The market tone on whole broiler/fryers remains steady to barely steady. Offerings were more than fully adequate with little interest noted. Demand into all channels was mixed, mostly slow to moderate. Some fast food, delicatessens and restaurants received best interest as high heat and humidity continue to have an impact in the Midwest. Floor stocks were adequate to ample; weights mixed, desirable to light. Supplies of boneless/skinless breasts were fully adequate, wings mixed and dark meat cuts in close balance to tight. The market tone was mostly steady on all parts with boneless/skinless breasts barely steady and dark cuts sometimes fully steady to firm.

WESTERN REGION The market tone was about steady. Offerings were adequate to ample. Buying activity was fair. Retailer demand was fair to instances good where promoted. Floor stocks generally adequate to cover current needs. Parts were generally steady.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 29, 2006. This was down slightly 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 PLACED DOWN 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 29, 2006. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through July 29, 2006 were 5.23 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

WEEK ENDING 07/29/06	2006	2005	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	213,278	214,171	0
CHICKS PLACED	173,155	175,277	-01

Source: NASS, USDA

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 09-Sep-06 is estimated at 158.5 million head. This compares to 159.0 million head the previous week and to 163.1 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 152.5 million head and the composite weighted average price was 73.09 cents per pound.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 05-Aug-06

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	08/05/06 (1)	07/29/06
	THOUSAND HEAD	
Broiler/fryer	162,054 (2)	165,519
Light hens	1,103	1,080
Heavy hens	1,590	1,507
Total	164,747	168,106

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 29-Jul-06 is 163.8 million head compared to 171.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 162.4 million head or 1.4 million less than estimated available. For the week of 12-Aug-06 the estimated available is 164.2 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 07/31/06	112,571	59,928
AM 07/01/06	105,590	67,467
CHG	6,981	-7,539
PCT CHG	7	-11

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	07/31/06	07/24/06	08/01/05	07/31/06	07/24/06	08/01/05
PACIFIC COAST	555	544	4,098	9,065	8,332	5,466
LOS ANGELES	221	198	62	2,746	2,781	2,995

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 AUGUST 31, 2006

HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	RANGE
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	67-76
		68-79

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	FOR 08/01/06		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	.75	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	1.50
ROOSTERS lb.	-	2.30	-
GEESE lb.	-	.50	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	.50	-
RABBITS lb.	-	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	2.00 4.00
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-
TOTAL COOPS	19		

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending July 28, 2006

	Whole	Legs	Necks, Backs	Livers/
	Chickens	Breasts	W/Thighs & Wings	Gizzards Hens
RAYON				
Low	56.26	141.69	79.18	16.67 8.33 70.84
High	59.59	150.02	87.51	20.84 12.50 70.84
Mostly	58.34	141.69	83.35	16.67 8.33 70.84
SAN JUAN				
Low	56.26	141.69	75.01	16.67 6.25 72.93
High	59.59	154.19	83.35	20.84 8.33 72.93
Mostly	58.34	150.02	79.18	16.67 6.25 72.93
NEW SAN JUAN				
Low	54.17	145.86	75.01	16.67 8.33 70.84
High	59.18	154.19	87.51	20.84 8.33 70.84
Mostly	59.18	145.86	79.18	16.67 8.33 70.84
BECERRA				
Low	56.26	150.02	87.51	20.84 8.33 72.93
High	59.18	162.52	95.85	25.00 12.50 72.93
Mostly	58.34	154.19	91.68	20.84 8.33 72.93

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was slow. Seller offerings were adequate to fully adequate and generally slow to clear. Live supplies were moderate; weights continued to trend lighter as a primary result of the ongoing hot and humid conditions throughout the area and were mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderate, instances moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 64 to 77 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady and cautious. In the parts complex, offerings were generally noted as at least adequate on all but bone-in and boneless/skinless thighs which were often no more than adequate.

*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	58-78
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A)Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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