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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady with offerings not available as a week earlier, but still fully adequate to ample for current trade needs. Retail demand was mostly light for mid-week business with a slightly improved interest on ads and first of the month activity. Food service was in a full range of slow to moderate with best movement into fast food outlets. In the parts structure, demand was light to occasionally fair. Breast items were readily available, and dark meat was at least adequate. Wings were ample and slow to move. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy 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 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 September 28, 2005.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	156.00
BREASTS - B/S	128.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	78.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	81.00
LEG QUARTERS	30.00
WINGS	99.00

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

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Retail demand was light for midweek business. Food service interest was light to moderate, best where fast food promotions were in progress. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to fully adequate for current trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair at best. White meat items were readily available to adequate. Dark meat was at least sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy, but mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light to no better than fair during midweek trading. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items were fully adequate. Tenders and wings were readily available and competitively priced. Other items were more than sufficient.

MIDWEST REGION Whole fryer trade activity was light on a steady market tone. First of the month business was in a full range into retail establishments. Best activity noted on aggressively priced ads. Food service was mostly light, instances moderate for some fast food promotions. Floor stocks were in close balance to long; weights in a desirable range for the most part. Supplies of wings, tenderloins and dark meat items were fully available and slow to clear; boneless/skinless breast was adequate with light to moderate trade inquiry.

WESTERN REGION The market tone was about steady. Offerings were generally adequate on lightweights but ample on heavy weights. Buying activity was limited and interest fair. Buyers wait on further market developments, as needs for any product other than regular commitments very slow to develop. Retailer demand best where featured, elsewhere fair. Floor stocks adequate to ample.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 204 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 30, 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 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 30, 2006. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006 were 6.79 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	2006	2005	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
09/30/06			
EGGS SET	204,381	204,691	0
CHICKS PLACED	167,123	170,757	-02

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 11-Nov-06 is estimated at 156.4 million head. This compares to 159.5 million head the previous week and to 160.3 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 166.0 million head and the composite weighted average price was 67.50 cents per pound.

SEPTEMBER 26, 2006

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

OCTOBER 04, 2006

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	745	95.00-179.00	-	108.06	BREAST - B/S	840	86.00-175.00	-	103.07
TENDERLOINS	263	92.00-175.00	-	113.35	TENDERLOINS	138	88.00-160.00	-	100.54
BREAST - LINE RUN	139	72.00-80.00	75-76	74.96	BREAST - LINE RUN	104	72.00-82.00	-	74.46
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	203	30.00-41.00	31-32	31.81	LEGS	228	29.00-41.00	30-31	31.26
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	563	20.00-29.00	24-25	24.71	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	588	20.00-29.00	24-25	24.51
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	794	25.00-31.00	26	26.05	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	850	21.00-31.00	26	25.65
WINGS (WHOLE)	290	95.00-102.00	98-100	99.09	WINGS (WHOLE)	290	90.00-100.00	-	94.31
WINGS (CUT)	272	110.00-118.00	112-115	113.42	WINGS (CUT)	165	110.00-119.00	-	111.91
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			

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

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
36.00-43.25	39.11	36.00-43.00	39.09	39.46

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 interest was generally no better than fair and about as expected for mid week trading. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts were fully adequate to available; bone-in breasts and dark meat cuts were at least adequate. Wings and tenders were readily available and discounted where product was in excess. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair. The market tone was mostly steady to about steady for breast items and most dark meat items. Wings and tenders were weak.

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

OCTOBER 03, 2006				OCTOBER 04, 2006			
ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	115-120	111.03	677,400	BREAST - B/S	115-120	113.35	950,790
TENDERLOINS	105-110	103.56	296,948	TENDERLOINS	105	113.29	138,050
BREAST - WITH RIBS	70-71	74.75	114,760	BREAST - WITH RIBS	70-71	81.53	54,040
BREAST - LINE RUN	70	68.40	86,400	BREAST - LINE RUN	70	68.00	81,000
LEGS	39-40	38.12	162,160	LEGS	39-40	37.82	181,340
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	28-29	28.82	367,160	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	28-29	29.01	287,680
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	37.42	111,310	DRUMSTICKS	29-30	37.01	105,141
THIGHS	29-30	34.81	84,120	THIGHS	29-30	38.83	51,200
B/S THIGHS	80-81	82.72	118,200	B/S THIGHS	80-81	83.72	90,600
WINGS (WHOLE)	96-97	96.93	305,000	WINGS (WHOLE)	94-95	104.28	207,840
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.19	19,200	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.49	31,560
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	30.38	12,400	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	28.18	17,760
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	52.20	38,040	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	53.47	17,680

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)							SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY				
	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL	WTS	DELIVERED TO RETAILERS		
	(1,000)	10/03	(1,000)	10/02	10/02	09/29			(1,000)	09/27	RANGE
Alabama	4,024	3,997	3,977	4,405	5.55	5.29	3,932	5.56	FRESH FRYERS	91-100	
Arkansas	5,419	5,457	5,329	5,060	5.53	5.30	5,320	5.48	ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-108	
Delmarva	2,249	2,265	2,246	2,559	5.84	5.76	2,287	5.75	HENS UNDER 5#	-	
KY-LA-TN	2,340	2,404	2,338	2,714	5.17	4.69	2,378	5.32	HENS OVER 5#	65-74	
Mississippi	2,816	2,822	2,826	2,818	6.00	5.87	2,785	5.74	DUCKS	-	
N Carolina	2,656	2,647	2,659	2,688	6.95	6.97	2,613	6.89	RABBITS-WHOLE	-	
Texas	2,529	2,513	2,529	2,557	5.44	5.32	2,562	5.49	RABBITS-CUT UP	-	
Total	22,033	22,105	21,904	22,475	5.75	5.54	21,877	5.71	SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY		
Mon-Wed	66,209(A)						65,692(A)		DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS		
									FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	91-103
										DRY PACK	110-114
									ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	100
										DRY PACK	111-118
									HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	88-102
										DRY PACK	102-109
									DUCKS		185-190

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 04-Oct-06 is estimated to be 32,964,000 head up 0.41 percent from a week ago and up 0.05 percent from a year ago. (Last week 32,829,000, last year 32,949,000)

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 07-OCT-06

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	10/07/06 (1)	09/30/06
	THOUSAND HEAD	
Broiler/fryer	169,585 (2)	169,944
Light hens	965	1,188
Heavy hens	1,657	1,512
Total	172,207	172,644

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 07-Oct-06 is 164.2 million head compared to 168.6 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 169.9 million head or 5.7 million more than estimated available. For the week of 14-Oct-06 the estimated available is 163.3 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 10/02/06	103,507	66,894
AM 09/01/06	106,259	71,254
CHG	-2,752	-4,360
PCT CHG	-3	-6

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	10/02/06	09/25/06	10/03/05	10/02/06	09/25/06	10/03/05
PACIFIC COAST	715	584	4,935	11,347	10,535	4,734
LOS ANGELES	287	282	133	2,672	2,640	2,536

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 OCTOBER 2, 2006

HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	RANGE
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	67-76 77-80

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	FOR 10/03/06			FOR 10/03/06		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.60	1.50	1.09	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	8.50	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.40	.70
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	8.00	9.00
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	2.25
ROOSTERS lb.	1.70	1.85	1.77	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	1.20	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	1.20	2.00	1.44	RABBITS ea.	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.00	11.00
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	86					

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending September 29, 2006

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/Thighs	Necks,Backs & Wings	Livers Gizzards	Hens
	RAYON					
Low	72.37	157.15	70.30	16.54	4.14	74.44
High	75.27	161.28	78.57	20.68	8.27	74.44
Mostly	72.37	161.28	78.57	20.68	8.27	74.44
SAN JUAN						
Low	72.37	157.15	74.44	16.54	4.14	75.27
High	75.68	165.42	78.57	20.68	8.27	75.27
Mostly	72.37	161.28	74.44	20.68	4.14	75.27
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	71.96	153.01	74.44	16.54	4.14	78.57
High	76.51	165.42	78.57	20.68	8.27	78.57
Mostly	71.96	161.28	74.44	20.68	4.14	78.57
BECERRA						
Low	72.37	161.28	78.57	16.54	8.27	76.51
High	76.51	165.42	86.85	20.68	8.27	76.51
Mostly	72.37	161.28	82.71	20.68	8.27	76.51

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was mostly light to fair and typical of normal mid-week activity. Seller offerings were adequate to fully adequate. Live supplies were moderate; weights were light to heavy, mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 61 to 73 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. In the parts complex, wings and tenders were ample. Other cuts were fully 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

RANGE	WEIGHTED AVERAGE	NO. OF BOXES	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
			45-75
			(A)
			(A)

(A)Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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