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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was about steady in the West, but steady elsewhere. Retail demand was slow to fair with few features present. Food service was fair to fairly good with best movement into fast food outlets and sports bars. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate for trade needs. In the parts structure, demand was usually no better than fair. Wings were adequate to fully adequate, livers and gizzards were moving seasonally well. Breast items and dark meat cuts were more than sufficient to ample with limited interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights in a full range.

**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 69.25 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 October 26, 2005.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	149.50
BREASTS - B/S	118.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	74.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	79.50
LEG QUARTERS	29.00
WINGS	90.00

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

**SOUTHERN REGION** Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand into all channels was light to fair with trading usually limited to regular commitments. Supplies of all sizes were readily available to easily handle trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was generally fair at best. Wings were better balanced to sufficient. Breast items and dark meat cuts were at least adequate with mixed interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed but mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST REGION** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly light to fair. Offerings were generally sufficient for current needs and clearing satisfactorily. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone remained steady. In the parts complex, breast items, tenders and most dark meat cuts were at least adequate. Wings were more than sufficient for current needs. Livers and gizzards were well cleared.

**MIDWEST REGION** Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady. Offerings moderate to heavy on light weight birds and light to moderate on 3 pound sizes and up. Fill-in trade noted into the St. Louis area on 2 3/4 wogs at 54 cents. Retail activity mostly slow overall, with moderate to fairly good rotisserie bird demand. Food service demand continued irregular, light to fairly good; best into sports bars, and into downtown restaurants in Detroit and St. Louis. Floor stocks in balance to plentiful; weights desirable to light. Supplies of tenderloins were ample, breast cuts adequate to burdensome; wings somewhat more in balance, but available and clearing well in the World Series markets of Detroit and St. Louis; dark meat cuts were adequate. Parts trade was slow to light. The market tone was about steady on all parts.

**WESTERN REGION** Trade sentiment was about steady. Offerings were adequate to ample. Buying activity was light. Retailer demand was best were features in progress otherwise only fair. Floor stocks were adequate to occasionally heavier than desired. The market tone was generally steady on parts.

### BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 3 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 197 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 21, 2006. This was down 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 PLACED DOWN 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 165 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 21, 2006. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through October 21, 2006 were 7.29 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 10/21/06	2006	2005	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	196,936	202,413	-03
CHICKS PLACED	165,218	166,512	-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 02-Dec-06 is estimated at 153.8 million head. This compares to 153.8 million head the previous week and to 157.5 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 166.5 million head and the composite weighted average price was 66.03 cents per pound.

OCT 24 **SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS** OCT 25  
 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 AVG	ITEM	POUNDS			WTD AVG
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY			(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	
BREAST - B/S	810	80.00-165.00	-	93.36	BREAST - B/S	TOO FEW	TO REPORT	-	
TENDERLOINS	178	88.00-151.00	-	92.40	TENDERLOINS	168	80.00-146.00	-	90.29
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT				BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	200	29.00-41.00	30-31	31.10	LEGS	196	29.00-41.00	30	30.99
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	603	19.00-29.00	23-24	23.25	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	563	19.00-29.00	23-24	23.76
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	674	21.00-31.00	25	24.98	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	689	20.00-31.00	25	25.10
WINGS (WHOLE)	293	72.00-93.00	75-79	79.23	WINGS (WHOLE)	333	62.00-85.00	70-75	73.75
WINGS (CUT)	345	85.00-100.00	94-98	94.61	WINGS (CUT)	315	78.00-100.00	-	92.54
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					WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR				
OCT 24, 2006 -- FOB DOCK					OCT 25, 2006 -- FOB DOCK				
	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE			RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE		5-DAY AVERAGE	
	35.00 - 41.50	38.13			36.00 - 43.00	39.49		37.59	

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 for midweek trading. Offerings of breast items, tenders and most dark meat cuts were at least adequate for current needs. Wings were fully sufficient. Livers and gizzards were receiving an active seasonally call. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone was about steady for breast items and tenders; fully steady for livers and gizzards. The balance of items were mostly steady.

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

OCT 24 ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	OCT 25
TENDERLOINS	85-90	93.40	248,110	TENDERLOINS	85-90	96.01	186,440	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	69-70	74.42	96,880	BREAST - WITH RIBS	69-70	79.03	58,960	
BREAST - LINE RUN	69	69.30	90,000	BREAST - LINE RUN	69	68.89	81,000	
LEGS	39-40	37.30	156,400	LEGS	39-40	34.96	308,400	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	28-29	28.84	319,225	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	28-29	29.31	236,640	
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	34.64	116,280	DRUMSTICKS	29-30	34.35	90,480	
THIGHS	25-26	37.25	77,200	THIGHS	25-26	36.26	54,400	
B/S THIGHS	80-81	78.48	102,790	B/S THIGHS	80-81	78.77	88,820	
WINGS (WHOLE)	84-85	89.34	186,840	WINGS (WHOLE)	84-85	92.70	255,240	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.83	20,120	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.39	18,380	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	29.60	17,320	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	33.24	4,960	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	59.28	50,410	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	59.22	23,560	

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METRO AREA, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, RI, AND 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)	10/23	10/20	(1,000)	10/18	10/16	WTS
Alabama	3,929	3,958	3,898	4,439	5.62	5.27	3,855	5.54		
Arkansas	5,330	5,356	5,251	5,175	5.43	5.49	5,197	5.44		
Delmarva	2,236	2,272	1,978	2,559	5.83	5.71	2,325	5.78		
KY-LA-TN	2,328	2,347	2,314	2,291	5.07	4.97	2,309	5.34		
Mississippi	2,867	2,920	2,932	3,733	5.88	5.67	2,870	6.05		
North Carolina	2,655	2,704	2,634	2,636	7.00	6.90	2,645	4.02		
Texas	2,511	2,502	2,430	2,378	5.48	5.19	2,219	5.49		
Total	21,856	22,059	21,437	22,848	5.72	5.58	21,420	5.40		
Mon-Wed	65,143(A)				64,941(A)					

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 25-Oct-06 is estimated to be 32,699,000 head up 1.73 percent from a week ago and up 1.71 percent from a year ago. (Last week 32,143,000, last year 32,149,000)

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED PLTRY.**

	RANGE
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	
FRESH FRYERS	91-100
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-108
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	65-74
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	
<b>SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED PLTRY</b>	
<b>DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS</b>	
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 93-105
	DRY PACK 110-114
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 98
	DRY PACK 111-118
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 86-100
	DRY PACK 100-107
DUCKS	190-195

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 28-OCT-06

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	10/28/06 (1)	THOUSAND HEAD	10/21/06	
Broiler/fryer	166,570 (2)		165,120	
Light hens	1,081		1,162	
Heavy hens	1,650		1,476	
Total	169,301		167,758	

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 28-Oct-06 is 163.3 million head compared to 166.6 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 166.9 million head or 3.6 million more than estimated available. For the week of 04-Nov-06 the estimated available is 163.0 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 10/23/06	88,310		64,083	
AM 10/01/06	103,507		66,894	
CHG	-15,197		-2,811	
PCT CHG	-15		-4	

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)**

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	10/23/06	10/10/06	10/24/05	10/23/06	10/10/06	10/24/05
<b>PACIFIC COAST</b>	570	637	3,930	11,021	10,571	5,113
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>	216	262	95	2,616	2,562	2,387

**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 23, 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 10/24/06			FOR 10/24/06		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	2.40	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	1.00	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	2.00	3.50
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.05	.20
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	1.50
ROOSTERS lb.	1.20	1.65	1.34	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	1.20	1.60	1.40	RABBITS ea.	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.00	3.00
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	1.00	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-			
TOTAL COOPS	50					

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - MEXICO CITY**

Cents per pound for the week ending October 20, 2006

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/Thighs	Necks,Backs & Wings	Livers Gizzards	Hens
<b>RAYON</b>						
Low	76.84	159.57	79.78	21.00	4.20	83.98
High	81.88	167.96	83.98	25.19	8.40	83.98
Mostly	79.78	163.77	79.78	25.19	8.40	83.98
<b>SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	75.58	155.37	75.58	16.80	4.20	79.78
High	83.14	163.77	83.98	21.00	4.20	79.78
Mostly	79.78	159.57	79.78	21.00	4.20	79.78
<b>NEW SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	77.68	159.57	79.78	16.80	4.20	79.78
High	82.30	172.16	88.18	21.00	8.40	79.78
Mostly	81.04	163.77	83.98	21.00	4.20	79.78
<b>BECERRA</b>						
Low	78.52	159.57	79.78	21.00	8.40	83.98
High	83.98	167.96	88.18	29.39	8.40	83.98
Mostly	81.04	167.96	83.98	25.19	8.40	83.98

**DELMARVA**

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was again seasonally light to fair, and was generally noted as sufficient in keeping seller offerings in manageable balance. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate, instances moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 61 to 73 cents. Trade sentiment held steady. In the parts complex, giblets were in seasonal demand and clearing well. Breast cuts were adequate to fully adequate. Leg cuts and wings 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	54-74
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A)Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.



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