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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was mostly steady to about steady. Retail demand was slow to moderate with some reports of improvements for first of the month. Food service was in a full range, but mostly moderate. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to at times ample; however, offerings of smaller sizes in parts of the Midwest were limited. In the parts structure, demand was usually light to fair for midweek trading. Livers and gizzards were well cleared and moving seasonally well, but all other parts were at least adequate to readily available with slow movement. 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 69.00 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 73.25 cents last year on November 2, 2005.

| ITEM             | DOCK PRICE<br>(CENTS PER POUND) |
|------------------|---------------------------------|
| LINE RUN TENDERS | 148.50                          |
| BREASTS - B/S    | 116.50                          |
| BREASTS - WHOLE  | 73.50                           |
| THIGH MEAT - B/S | 80.00                           |
| LEG QUARTERS     | 29.00                           |
| WINGS            | 89.00                           |

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

**SOUTHERN REGION** Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail demand was seasonally light to fair, best for active first of the month business and retail ads. Food service was light to instances moderate for fast food promotions. Supplies were usually more than sufficient, but well cleared for 3 pounds and up wogs. In the parts structure, interest was mostly fair at best. Wings were readily available, but better balanced for cut wings. Dark meat and breast items were at least adequate to ample with limited interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range, but mostly desirable.

**NORTHEAST REGION** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was seasonally light to fair during midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes remained at least adequate to instances to ample. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair. The market tone was no better than steady. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breasts were fully adequate; bone-in breasts were readily available and slow to clear. Dark meat cuts, tenders and wings were more than sufficient for current needs.

**MIDWEST REGION** Whole broiler/fryer market tone remained mostly steady with firm undertone on 2 3/4 to 3 1/2 pound birds. Offerings mixed with 2 3/4 to 3 1/2 pound birds tight, other weights fully available. Retail movement was slow to moderate, instances slightly better where features were increasing for first of month. Food service demand was in a full range, mostly moderate. Floor stocks were adequate; weights generally in a desirable range. Parts offerings varied, but adequate to at times fully adequate for trade needs; best call was on wings and breast cuts. The market tone was about steady with leg cuts noted at times barely steady to weak.

**WESTERN REGION** The market tone was steady overall. Offerings were at least adequate. Buying activity was selective as buyers try to keep purchases in line with immediate needs. Retailer demand was moderate with best interest noted where features were in progress. Floor stocks generally adequate to heavier than desired.

### BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 194 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 28, 2006. This was down 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 PLACED DOWN 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 28, 2006. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through October 28, 2006 were 7.46 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 10/28/06 | 2006    | 2005    | PERCENT CHANGE<br>PREVIOUS YEAR |
|----------------------|---------|---------|---------------------------------|
| EGGS SET             | 194,368 | 199,322 | -02                             |
| CHICKS PLACED        | 167,860 | 170,277 | -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-Dec-06 is estimated at 153.3 million head. This compares to 153.8 million head the previous week and to 158.5 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 163.9 million head and the composite weighted average price was 64.50 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        | 835               | 80.00-167.00 | -        | 93.26 | BREAST - B/S        | 830               | 80.00-159.00 | -        | 95.60 |
| TENDERLOINS         | 193               | 75.00-146.00 | -        | 88.15 | TENDERLOINS         | 253               | 75.00-146.00 | 85-90    | 83.89 |
| BREAST - LINE RUN   | TOO FEW TO REPORT |              |          |       | BREAST - LINE RUN   | 126               | 62.00-79.00  | 64-68    | 66.51 |
| FRONT HALVES        | TOO FEW TO REPORT |              |          |       | FRONT HALVES        | TOO FEW TO REPORT |              |          |       |
| LEGS                | 203               | 29.00-41.00  | 30-31    | 31.54 | LEGS                | TOO FEW TO REPORT |              |          |       |
| LEG QUARTERS (BULK) | 563               | 19.00-29.00  | 23-24    | 23.76 | LEG QUARTERS (BULK) | 676               | 19.00-29.00  | 23-24    | 23.14 |
| LEG QUARTERS (4/10) | 729               | 20.00-31.00  | 25       | 25.31 | LEG QUARTERS (4/10) | 954               | 20.00-31.00  | 25       | 25.03 |
| WINGS (WHOLE)       | 293               | 70.00-85.00  | 74-78    | 77.41 | WINGS (WHOLE)       | 293               | 70.00-88.00  | 72-75    | 75.95 |
| WINGS (CUT)         | 290               | 90.00-100.00 | 92-96    | 95.28 | WINGS (CUT)         | 310               | 89.00-100.00 | 92-97    | 95.81 |
| 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.

| RANGE       | TODAY'S AVERAGE | RANGE       | TODAY'S AVERAGE | 5-DAY AVERAGE |
|-------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 36.00-42.50 | 38.79           | 36.00-43.00 | 39.08           | 39.22         |

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 remained seasonally light to fair at best for midweek trading. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts were fully adequate to instances ample; bone-in breasts were readily available and slow to clear. Tenders and most dark meat cuts were at least adequate for current needs. Wings were generally sufficient. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair. The market tone was barely steady to weak for breast items. The balance of items were 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   | VOL/LBS |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------|---------|
|                            | TRADING*    | AVG** |         |
| BREAST - B/S               | 100-105     | 99.01 | 529,840 |
| TENDERLOINS                | 85-90       | 98.79 | 183,493 |
| BREAST - WITH RIBS         | 67-68       | 73.84 | 114,160 |
| BREAST - LINE RUN          | 67          | 66.20 | 90,000  |
| LEGS                       | 39-40       | 37.42 | 160,700 |
| LEG QUARTERS (BULK)        | 28-29       | 28.98 | 307,500 |
| DRUMSTICKS                 | 28-29       | 39.05 | 73,760  |
| THIGHS                     | 24-25       | 35.10 | 62,640  |
| B/S THIGHS                 | 80-81       | 80.05 | 67,420  |
| WINGS (WHOLE)              | 84-85       | 82.29 | 189,400 |
| BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED) | 10-12       | 11.36 | 24,600  |
| LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)      | 30-35       | 30.85 | 35,760  |
| GIZZARDS (HEARTS)          | 60-65       | 62.58 | 31,600  |

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| ITEM                       | CURRENT NEG | WTD   | VOL/LBS |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------|---------|
|                            | TRADING*    | AVG** |         |
| BREAST - B/S               | 100-105     | 97.66 | 661,422 |
| TENDERLOINS                | 85-90       | 96.72 | 130,040 |
| BREAST - WITH RIBS         | 65-66       | 77.97 | 59,000  |
| BREAST - LINE RUN          | 65          | 65.75 | 72,000  |
| LEGS                       | 39-40       | 36.47 | 181,000 |
| LEG QUARTERS (BULK)        | 28-29       | 29.18 | 251,600 |
| DRUMSTICKS                 | 28-29       | 32.28 | 97,080  |
| THIGHS                     | 24-25       | 33.71 | 56,400  |
| B/S THIGHS                 | 80-81       | 79.37 | 81,840  |
| WINGS (WHOLE)              | 84-85       | 88.08 | 224,680 |
| BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED) | 10-12       | 11.16 | 26,480  |
| LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)      | 30-35       | 33.32 | 15,320  |
| GIZZARDS (HEARTS)          | 60-65       | 61.71 | 24,400  |

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  |
|-------------|------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|---------|------|
|             | (1,000)    | (1,000) | (1,000) | (1,000) | (1,000) | (1,000) | (1,000)   | (1,000) | WTS  |
| Alabama     | 3,997      | 4,001   | 3,813   | 4,250   | 5.71    | 5.46    | 3,899     | 5.62    | 5.62 |
| Arkansas    | 5,285      | 5,355   | 5,316   | 5,069   | 5.42    | 5.30    | 5,288     | 5.43    | 5.43 |
| Delmarva    | 2,314      | 2,278   | 2,196   | 2,559   | 5.99    | 5.79    | 2,232     | 5.83    | 5.83 |
| KY-LA-TN    | 2,245      | 2,316   | 2,321   | 2,227   | 5.26    | 5.13    | 2,261     | 5.07    | 5.07 |
| Mississippi | 2,930      | 2,936   | 2,957   | 2,815   | 6.03    | 5.84    | 2,893     | 5.88    | 5.88 |
| N Carolina  | 2,687      | 2,658   | 2,652   | 2,475   | 6.93    | 6.79    | 2,673     | 7.00    | 7.00 |
| Texas       | 2,516      | 2,503   | 2,500   | 2,526   | 5.39    | 5.24    | 2,530     | 5.48    | 5.48 |
| Total       | 21,974     | 22,047  | 21,755  | 21,715  | 5.77    | 5.60    | 21,776    | 5.72    | 5.72 |
| Mon-Wed     | 66,156 (A) |         |         |         |         |         | 65,139(A) |         |      |

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 01-Nov-06 is estimated to be 32,876,000 head up 0.61 percent from a week ago and up 4.30 percent from a year ago. (Last week 32,677,000, last year 31,520,000)

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

| DELIVERED TO RETAILERS |          | RANGE   |
|------------------------|----------|---------|
| FRESH FRYERS           | ICE PACK | 93-105  |
| ROASTERS 4# & UP       | DRY PACK | 110-114 |
| HENS UNDER 5#          | ICE PACK | 98      |
| HENS OVER 5#           | DRY PACK | 111-118 |
| DUCKS                  | ICE PACK | 86-100  |
| RABBITS-WHOLE          | DRY PACK | 100-107 |
| RABBITS-CUT UP         |          | 190-195 |

## SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

| DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS |          | RANGE   |
|---|----------|---------|
| FRESH FRYERS                              | ICE PACK | 93-105  |
| ROASTERS 4# & UP                          | DRY PACK | 110-114 |
| HENS OVER 5#                              | ICE PACK | 86-100  |
| DUCKS                                     | DRY PACK | 100-107 |

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

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 04-NOV-06

| CLASS         | CURRENT WEEK |               | PREVIOUS WEEK |  |
|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|--|
|               | 11/04/06 (1) | THOUSAND HEAD | 10/28/06      |  |
| Broiler/fryer | 165,703 (2)  |               | 165,120       |  |
| Light hens    | 1,123        |               | 1,162         |  |
| Heavy hens    | 1,643        |               | 1,476         |  |
| Total         | 168,469      |               | 167,758       |  |

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 04-Nov-06 is 163.0 million head compared to 163.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 166.0 million head or 3.0 million more than estimated available. For the week of 11-Nov-06 the estimated available is 159.9 million head.

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

|             | PROCESSED TURKEY |  | PROCESSED POULTRY |  |
|-------------|------------------|--|-------------------|--|
|             | LBS              |  | LBS               |  |
| AM 10/30/06 | 91,552           |  | 63,353            |  |
| AM 10/01/06 | 103,507          |  | 66,894            |  |
| CHG         | -11,955          |  | -3,541            |  |
| PCT CHG     | -12              |  | -5                |  |

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)**

|                      | PROCESSED TURKEYS |          |          | PROCESSED POULTRY |          |          |
|----------------------|-------------------|----------|----------|-------------------|----------|----------|
|                      | 10/30/06          | 10/23/06 | 10/31/05 | 10/30/06          | 10/23/06 | 10/31/05 |
| <b>PACIFIC COAST</b> | 1,331             | 570      | 3,111    | 11,045            | 11,021   | 5,465    |
| <b>LOS ANGELES</b>   | 221               | 216      | 60       | 2,720             | 2,616    | 2,465    |

**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 30, 2006

| HENS | ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)     | RANGE |
|------|-----------------------------|-------|
|      | VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX) | 67-76 |
|      |                             | 69-80 |

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

|                  | FOR 10/31/06 |      |      | FOR 10/31/06      |      |      |
|------------------|--------------|------|------|-------------------|------|------|
|                  | LOW          | HIGH | AVG  | LOW               | HIGH | AVG  |
| HEAVY FOWL lb.   | -            | 1.00 | -    | HEAVY FOWL ea.    | 5.00 | 7.00 |
| LIGHT FOWL lb.   | -            | -    | -    | LIGHT FOWL ea.    | -    | -    |
| MIXED FOWL lb.   | -            | -    | -    | MIXED FOWL ea.    | -    | 7.50 |
| BANTAMS lb.      | -            | -    | -    | BANTAMS ea.       | -    | 5.75 |
| BROILERS lb.     | -            | -    | -    | BROILERS ea.      | -    | -    |
| ROASTERS lb.     | -            | -    | -    | ROASTERS ea.      | -    | -    |
| FRYERS lb.       | -            | -    | -    | FRYERS ea.        | -    | -    |
| CHICKS lb.       | -            | -    | -    | CHICKS ea.        | -    | .40  |
| PULLETS lb.      | -            | -    | -    | PULLETS ea.       | -    | -    |
| BUNNIES lb.      | -            | -    | -    | BUNNIES ea.       | 1.00 | 3.75 |
| ROOSTERS lb.     | -            | 1.10 | -    | ROOSTERS ea.      | -    | 5.00 |
| GEESE lb.        | -            | -    | -    | GEESE ea.         | -    | -    |
| TURKEYS lb.      | -            | -    | -    | TURKEYS ea.       | -    | -    |
| DUCKS lb.        | -            | -    | -    | DUCKS ea.         | -    | -    |
| RABBITS lb.      | .50          | 2.05 | 1.29 | RABBITS ea.       | -    | 3.00 |
| PIGEONS lb.      | -            | -    | -    | PIGEONS ea.       | 2.00 | 8.50 |
| 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      | 96           |      |      |                   |      |      |

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - MEXICO CITY**

Cents per pound for the week ending October 27, 2006

|                     | Whole Chickens | Breasts | Legs W/Thighs | Necks,Backs & Wings | Livers Gizzards | Hens  |
|---------------------|----------------|---------|---------------|---------------------|-----------------|-------|
| <b>RAYON</b>        |                |         |               |                     |                 |       |
| Low                 | 70.88          | 165.54  | 76.40         | 16.98               | 4.24            | 80.65 |
| High                | 75.13          | 169.78  | 84.89         | 21.22               | 8.49            | 80.65 |
| Mostly              | 75.13          | 165.54  | 80.65         | 21.22               | 4.24            | 80.65 |
| <b>SAN JUAN</b>     |                |         |               |                     |                 |       |
| Low                 | 71.31          | 161.29  | 76.40         | 21.22               | 4.24            | 78.52 |
| High                | 78.52          | 165.54  | 80.65         | 25.47               | 8.49            | 78.52 |
| Mostly              | 76.40          | 161.29  | 76.40         | 25.47               | 4.24            | 78.52 |
| <b>NEW SAN JUAN</b> |                |         |               |                     |                 |       |
| Low                 | 73.01          | 157.05  | 76.40         | 16.98               | 4.24            | 78.52 |
| High                | 76.40          | 165.54  | 84.89         | 21.22               | 8.49            | 78.52 |
| Mostly              | 76.40          | 165.54  | 80.65         | 21.22               | 4.24            | 78.52 |
| <b>BECERRA</b>      |                |         |               |                     |                 |       |
| Low                 | UNAVAILABLE    |         |               |                     |                 |       |
| High                | UNAVAILABLE    |         |               |                     |                 |       |
| Mostly              | UNAVAILABLE    |         |               |                     |                 |       |

**DELMARVA**

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds remained seasonally slow to fair. Seller offerings were fully adequate, instances ample. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 61 to 73 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. In the parts complex, with the exception of livers and gizzards which were generally well cleared, offerings 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            | 48-74                |
| WEIGHTED AVERAGE | (A)                  |
| NO. OF BOXES     | (A)                  |

(A)Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.



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