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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices for next week were trending unchanged in all areas. Trade sentiment was steady to about steady. Retail demand was light to moderate at best with few features present. Food service was fair to fairly good, best for active fast food promotions. Supplies of all sizes were irregular, but overall available for trade needs. In the parts structure, demand was seasonally light to fair with trading usually limited to regular commitments. Supplies of all items were mixed, but ranged at least adequate or available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights in a full range. According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), for the week ending 04-Nov-06, broiler egg sets were down 3% and chick placements were up slightly when compared to a year ago. Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 16-Dec-06 is estimated at 153.4 million head compared to 153.3 million head last year.

**Preliminary report** Prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 13-NOV-2006 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A (Including branded product)		WTD		
AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	57.00-60.00	52.00-67.00	59.94	26
New York	60.00-63.00			
Los Angeles	76.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	65.00-67.00	48.00-71.00	67.56	86

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 69.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
970	63.00-70.00	68.68

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice-packed parts:

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	148.00	1,129
BREASTS - B/S	115.00	5,257
BREASTS - WHOLE	73.50	1,150
THIGH MEAT - B/S	78.50	987
LEG QUARTERS	28.50	7,957
WINGS	88.00	2,561

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

**SOUTHERN** Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was seasonally light to fair with interest geared towards more traditional holiday meat items. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to handle limited trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was usually no better than fair. Supplies of all items were at least adequate to readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was seasonally light to fair at best approaching the weekend. Offerings of all sizes ranged at adequate to instances ample for current needs, with the heavier sizes in the longest position. Retail and distributive movement was mostly light. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items were at least adequate to readily available. Wings were at least adequate and thighs were clearing satisfactorily. Other items were at least adequate to

**WESTERN REGION** The preliminary majority prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment generally steady. Light trading reported for next week's delivery and at mainly unchanged prices. Offerings were fully adequate to cover an only fair buyer's interest. Retailer demand was moderate at best. Dealers anticipated adequate to instances ample weekend carryovers. The market tone was mainly steady on parts.

**MIDWEST REGION** Preliminary delivered majority prices into the Chicago area for next week were unchanged. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was mostly steady. Fill-in trade reported into the Ohio area on 3 pound wogs at 60 cents. Offers were in close balance on mid-weight birds and fully sufficient on other sizes. Movement into all channels was mixed, light to fairly good; best for aggressive retail features and food service convenience items. Floor stocks were adequate to long; weights mixed. Parts trade was limited to as need basis with offering fully sufficient for current draw. The market tone on all parts was mostly steady, instances weak on dark meat cuts.

**DELMARVA** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally slow. Offerings were adequate to closely cleared on the smaller sizes; fully adequate to ample on the larger. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were reduced a bit and were moderate in total. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 61 to 73 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady. In the parts complex, supplies were adequate and building, particularly on the breast cuts which were often difficult to place.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY IINCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	47-78
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.	

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

ITEM	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD	POUNDS	WEEKLY
	(000)	RANGE		AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	723	80.00-165.00	-	96.15	2,847	93.83
TENDERLOINS	168	78.00-146.00	-	88.62	671	90.57
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT			320	71.16
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT			225	55.04
LEGS	243	29.00-46.00	-	31.12	932	31.17
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	590	20.00-29.00	23-24	23.64	4,875	23.76
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	844	21.00-31.00	25	25.29	6,644	25.08
WINGS (WHOLE)	295	72.00-85.00	74-78	77.36	1,180	77.47
WINGS (CUT)	245	92.00-100.00	94-98	95.84	845	95.78
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			279	27.67
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			145	27.16
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			267	78.05

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 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR NOVEMBER 10, 2006— F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
36.50 - 43.50	39.57	39.27

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 seasonally light to fair as dealers saw no need to extend floorstocks beyond regular commitments. Offerings of breast items were at least adequate to readily available. Dark meat cuts were at least adequate to fully adequate with the exception of thighs which were well cleared. Wings were generally sufficient for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair. The market tone was barely steady to weak for breast items; thighs, livers and gizzards were fully steady to instances firm. The balance of items were no better than steady.

PRICES PAID PER LB, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BRO/FRY PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES.

NOV 09 ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	CURRENT NEG			WEEKLY	
				TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	100-105	95.58	901,760	UNAVAILABLE DUE TO VETERAN'S DAY HOLIDAY			95.38	3,782,779
TENDERLOINS	85-90	93.84	213,400		92.53	787,540		
BREAST - WITH RIBS	62-63	68.95	84,160		70.93	357,680		
BREAST - LINE RUN	62	62.55	68,400		63.13	355,640		
LEGS	39-40	37.16	174,720		37.53	855,180		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	28-29	29.15	310,360		29.09	1,350,748		
DRUMSTICKS	26-27	32.32	157,440		32.13	556,110		
THIGHS	25-26	34.93	65,360		34.68	314,940		
B/S THIGHS	80-81	80.58	94,760		79.70	524,470		
WINGS (WHOLE)	84-85	88.49	253,800		85.85	1,085,720		
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.53	23,800		11.54	100,540		
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	39.03	12,680	36.75	64,200			
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	65-70	64.08	18,840	64.30	134,240			

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). \* TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.  
 \*\* WTD AVG 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 WT		ACTUAL		AVG
	11/10	11/09	11/08	11/07	11/08	11/07	11/03	11/01	WTS
Alabama	4,914	4,030	3,787	3,985	5.57	5.58	5,024	5.57	
Arkansas	4,740	5,306	5,091	5,308	5.28	5.31	5,266	5.30	
Delmarva	2,222	2,271	2,229	2,559	5.91	5.81	2,119	5.85	
KY-LA-TN	2,302	2,260	2,274	2,302	5.11	5.06	2,437	5.10	
Mississippi	3,752	2,964	2,953	2,903	5.94	5.98	3,500	6.07	
North Carolina	2,814	2,686	2,672	2,668	6.94	6.92	3,006	6.93	
Texas	2,560	2,556	2,568	2,560	5.31	5.40	2,554	5.22	
Total	23,304	22,073	21,574	22,048	5.68	5.68	23,906	5.67	
Mon-Fri	111,329(A)						111,034(A)		
Saturday	1,652(included in total for date shown)						2,422		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 10-Nov-06 and 11-Nov-06 is estimated to be 34,865,000 head down 2.81 percent from a week ago and up 0.28 percent from a year ago. (Last week 35,873,000, last year 34,768,000)  
 Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 11-Nov-06 is estimated to be 166,093,000 head up 1.22 percent from a week ago, and up 1.28 percent from a year ago. (Last week 164,098,000, last year 163,999,000)

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	91-100
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-108
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	65-74
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	ICE PACK	DRY PACK	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS			93-105
ROASTERS 4# & UP			110-114
HENS OVER 5#			98
DUCKS			111-118
			86-100
			100-107
			190-195

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED** Under federal inspection,  
Week ending 04-Nov-06

	(A) 4.25 lbs & down	(B) 4.26- 6.26 lbs	(C) 6.26- 7.75 lbs	(D) 7.76 lbs & up	Total
	Thousands				
(Preliminary)					
Head	53,797	71,156	21,432	17,713	164,098
Avg Live Wgt	3.40	5.47	7.02	8.22	5.29
% of total /1	33%	43%	13%	11%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	42,249	84,038	21,580	16,377	164,244
Avg Live Wgt	3.66	5.46	6.98	8.18	5.47
% of total /1	26%	51%	13%	10%	100%
Year Ago 2/	42,933	81,752	22,686	14,611	161,982
Avg Live Wgt	3.86	5.43	6.88	8.21	5.47
% of total /1	27%	50%	14%	9%	100%

To date/2006 2,031,990 3,520,157 989,951 580,505 7,122,603  
To date/2005 2,071,014 3,465,379 1,167,568 400,822 7,104,783

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

Weight Class Description:

(A) This size product is normally marketed bone-in into fast food and food service sectors and may include Cornish hens.

(B) This size product is normally marketed into the retail grocery sector in tray pack or bagged forms.

(C) This size product is normally marketed either into the retail grocery sector in tray pack and IQF form or is further processed and marketed into various sectors.

(D) This size product is normally marketed deboned or as roasters or roasting chicken.

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION** W/E 04-Nov-06

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	THOUSANDS				
(Preliminary)					
Head	164,098	975	1,562	2,537	470
Avg Wt	5.29	3.39	8.13	6.31	6.06
Last week	164,244	991	1,604	2,595	494
Same wk yr ago	161,982	1,233	1,470	2,703	564
Avg Wt	5.47	3.28	9.60	6.72	6.29
To-date/2006	7,122,603	47,785	65,582	113,367	22,003
To-date/2005	7,104,783	63,539	62,565	126,104	21,949

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 163.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 166.1 million head, or 3.1 million more than estimated available.

**ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
September 30	166.7	164.5	101%	5.49
October 7	171.8	164.2	105%	5.57
14	163.7	163.3	100%	5.61
21	167.6	162.9	103%	5.47
28	166.2	163.3	102%	5.47
November 3	166.1	163.0	102%	5.29
Year to date	7209.0	7206.8	100%	
November 10		159.9		
17		156.3		

**BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**

	Under Federal Inspection				
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	11/11/06	11/04/06	% CHG	11/12/05	% CHG
Broilers	166,093	164,098*	+1.22	163,999*	+1.28
Cattle	642	650	-01	600*	+07
Hogs	2,150	2,181	-01	2,107*	+02

\*ACTUAL

**EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 06-NOV-2006

**DUCKLINGS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND MOSTLY	151-155	157-161

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST MOSTLY	136-146	138-148

**ROASTERS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED. CENTS PER POUND

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	55.00-65.00	61.00-65.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	71.00-86.00	72.00-75.00
<b>SQUABS:</b> NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES		
12 OZ.	62.64 - 85.05	
14 OZ.	69.12 - 96.39	
16 OZ.	74.88 - 106.73	

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA RI, SC, VA, VT & WV

**CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS** Prices remained unchanged.

Trade sentiment was steady to at times fully steady. Demand was fairly good to good. Supplies were balanced to adequate for current trade needs. Schedules full time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.50-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.45-2.40, gizzards at \$1.20-1.40, wings at \$.65-.70, livers at \$.95-1.70, and feet at \$.65-1.00.

DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 06-NOV-2006

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	122-146	130-148

**GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION** - November 07, 2006

\*\*AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY\*\*

Prices paid per pound, except as noted.

	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.40 - .50
Doves	3.00 - 3.75 ea.
Pekin Ducks	- 2.00 ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.02 - .05
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.02 - .05
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.02 - .05
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.35 - .50
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.35 - .40
Guinea Fowl	1.30 - 1.40 ea.
Banty Hens	.25 - .50 ea.
Banty Roosters	1.00 - 1.25 ea.
Leghorn Hens	- .02 ea.
Silkie	3.00 - 3.25 ea.
Geese	.10 - .20
Pigeons	2.00 - 2.25 ea.
White Pigeons	3.25 - 3.50 ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.40 - 1.70
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	1.10 - 1.20
Bunnies	1.00 - 5.00 ea.
Guinea Pigs	1.50 - 3.00 ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.40 - .50

Total Coops Sold 410

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Trading on heavy cannery was too few to report; unchanged on lights when compared to the previous week. Offerings of both light and heavy cannery were adequate to at least adequate for current needs with most available supplies of heavy cannery being used internally. Demand was fair to mostly moderate. Processing schedules were noted as normal to less than normal. The undertone was steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b> (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) 18-28 MAJORITY 23.5-24	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b> (WITHOUT NECKS) TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT
CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED	
<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b> (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) 20-29 MAJORITY 25-26	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b> (WITHOUT NECKS) TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

#### LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

**EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices remained unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to moderate. Offerings were mostly adequate to about adequate for current needs. Processing schedules varied from plant to plant. Trade sentiment was steady.

**RANGE MAJORITY**

REMOVAL COST 6-12 9-11

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Salvage values were TFEWR. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair. Costs of disposal were expected to remain constant.

**RANGE MAJORITY**

REMOVAL COST TOO FEW TO REPORT

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Removal prices ranged unchanged to slightly lower. Offerings were usually adequate to instances tight with demand mostly moderate. Schedules varied. Trade sentiment steady.

**RANGE MAJORITY**

REMOVAL COST 4.5-11 6-9

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plants worked desired schedules. Offerings were adequate overall.

#### HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 09-NOVEMBER-06

**SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS** Sales were too few to report. Demand was about moderate for the mostly adequate to at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules for next week were noted as mostly normal to instances less than normal. Sales of finished product was fair. The undertone was steady.

**RANGE MAJORITY**

AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS** Trading was TFEWR. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent fowl. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

**RANGE MAJORITY**

AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT
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\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

#### NEW YORK CITY SEASONAL POULTRY

FOR DELIVERY THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 6, 2006.

##### CAPONS:

Prices were unchanged. Supplies of frozen USDA Grade A capons remained in close balance and clearing satisfactorily. Deliveries for the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday period were in progress. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

##### DOLLARS PER POUND DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS:

6-9 LBS. 1.70-1.84 MOSTLY 1.70-1.75

##### GEESE:

Prices were unchanged. Supplies of frozen USDA Grade A geese are in close balance to well cleared. Buyer inquiries have increased. Processing schedules were full. Trade sentiment was steady.

##### DOLLARS PER POUND DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS:

8-16 LBS. 2.26-2.45 MOSTLY 2.35-2.40

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