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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was mixed, but overall at least steady to firm. Retail demand was light to instances moderate as the holiday nears, and interest began to focus on more traditional items. Food service was light to moderate, but good for fast food and catering services due to holiday shopping and parties. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient, but clearing satisfactorily. In the parts structure, demand was moderate to good. Gizzards were slow to clear, but all other parts were in good balance to tight and held with high levels of confidence. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at 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 advanced .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 71.00 cents last year on December 14, 2005.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	156.00
BREASTS - B/S	127.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	80.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	90.50
LEG QUARTERS	32.00
WINGS	100.50

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

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was mixed, but at least steady. Retail demand was light to moderate, best where featured. Food service was fair to fairly good, strongest into fast food outlets and catering operations. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to well cleared for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was moderate to very good with availability of all items well balanced to tight and held with confidence. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair to fairly good for midweek trading. Offerings were adequate to at least adequate for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was fully steady. In the parts complex, most items remained in good balance to well cleared with the exception of gizzards which were slow to clear.

MIDWEST REGION Whole broiler/fryer market tone continued steady to fully steady, instances firm. Offers were light on limited trade need. Retail movement noted as slowing and turning to more traditional holiday fare. Foodservice channel demand was light to moderate; catering and fast food demand was good. Floor stocks were adequate; weights desirable. Parts trade was good on wings; dark boneless call was moderate to good, and a moderate call on breast cuts and dark bone-in parts. Supplies of all parts were in close balance to adequate and held with confidence. The market tone was steady to firm on all parts.

WESTERN REGION The market tone was generally steady. Offerings were adequate overall, for immediate needs. Retailer demand was moderate to good where features in progress. Floor stocks adequate. The market tone was steady to firm on parts with boneless and white meat items in the strongest position.

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

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 208 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 9, 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 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 9, 2006. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through December 9, 2006 were 8.44 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 12/02/06	2006	2005	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	207,710	213,249	-03
CHICKS PLACED	172,052	173,392	-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 20-Jan-07 is estimated at 156.7 million head. This compares to 152.0 million head the previous week and to 162.4 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 156.4 million head and the composite weighted average price was 63.21 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.

POUNDS				WTD	POUNDS				WTD	
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG	ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG	
BREAST - B/S	700	114.00-189.00	-	125.14	BREAST - B/S	685	114.00-189.00	-	125.61	
TENDERLOINS	184	102.00-177.00	103-107	107.38	TENDERLOINS	194	102.00-177.00	104-108	108.44	
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	130	34.00-48.00	35-36	36.42	LEGS	136	34.00-48.00	36-37	37.09	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	719	23.00-31.00	25-26	25.82	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	721	23.00-32.00	25-26	26.38	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	810	24.00-34.00	27-28	28.33	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	890	24.00-34.00	27-28	28.66	
WINGS (WHOLE)	395	88.00-98.00	92-95	95.54	WINGS (WHOLE)	400	89.00-98.00	92-95	95.66	
WINGS (CUT)	285	106.00-115.00	110-113	112.44	WINGS (CUT)	300	108.00-116.00	111-114	113.50	
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
42.00-47.50		44.02			42.00-48.00		44.34			43.21

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 noted as moderately good to good during midweek trading. Offerings of breast items, wings, thighs and boneless skinless thighs were in close balance to well cleared. Other dark meat cuts were no better than adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone was barely steady to weak for gizzards; at least steady to firm for the balance of items.

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

DECEMBER 12, 2006				DECEMBER 13, 2006			
ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	130	113.59	658,530	BREAST - B/S	130	114.37	713,729
TENDERLOINS	110	105.67	246,073	TENDERLOINS	110	111.31	203,549
BREAST - WITH RIBS	69-70	73.04	120,520	BREAST - WITH RIBS	70-71	76.03	90,680
BREAST - LINE RUN	69	72.89	81,000	BREAST - LINE RUN	70	73.27	88,200
LEGS	44-45	42.23	235,920	LEGS	45-46	42.60	226,280
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	31-32	31.77	293,960	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	31-32	32.09	240,000
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	36.02	176,910	DRUMSTICKS	30-31	35.47	126,600
THIGHS	33-34	40.19	115,270	THIGHS	34-35	42.16	52,600
B/S THIGHS	95-96	86.19	116,770	B/S THIGHS	96-97	88.21	97,520
WINGS (WHOLE)	95-96	97.75	232,320	WINGS (WHOLE)	96-97	100.48	197,720
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.17	21,280	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.18	35,520
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	37.11	12,080	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	30.70	17,040
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	61.51	19,920	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	57.43	15,400

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)

AVG	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL WTS	
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	
	12/13	12/12	12/11	12/08	12/11	12/08	12/06	12/04
Alabama	3,826	3,901	3,914	3,845	5.56	5.44	3,784	5.62
Arkansas	5,058	4,843	4,958	5,442	5.28	5.16	5,248	5.33
Delmarva	2,284	2,268	2,261	2,559	5.72	5.95	2,296	5.84
KY-LA-TN	2,367	2,372	2,295	2,298	5.13	4.98	2,360	5.20
Mississippi	2,828	2,397	2,885	2,728	5.89	5.69	2,866	5.78
NCarolina	2,713	2,726	2,677	2,876	6.89	6.75	2,717	6.99
Texas	2,551	2,547	2,534	2,533	5.34	5.21	2,536	5.38
Total	21,627	21,054	21,524	22,485	5.65	5.56	21,807	5.69
Mon-Wed	64,148 (A)						65,318 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 13-Dec-06 is estimated to be 32,356,000 head down 1.12 percent from a week ago and up 0.43 percent from a year ago. (Last week 32,724,000, last year 32,218,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTR

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

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 16-DEC-06

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	12/16/06 (1)	12/09/06
	THOUSAND HEAD	
Broiler/fryer	163,751 (2)	163,726
Light hens	1,232	1,224
Heavy hens	1,519	1,516
Total	166,502	166,466

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 16-Dec-06 is 156.8 million head compared to 166.3 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 164.1 million head or 7.3 million more than estimated available. For the week of 23-Dec-06 the estimated available is 153.4 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 12/11/06	37,117	63,315
AM 11/01/06	38,753	65,295
CHG	-1,636	1,980
PCT CHG	-4	-3

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	12/11/06	12/04/06	12/12/05	12/11/06	12/04/06	12/12/05
PACIFIC COAST	1,563	1,555	385	8,018	8,909	4,869
LOS ANGELES	207	224	53	2,410	2,387	2,795

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 DECEMBER 11, 2006

HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	RANGE
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	67-76
		69-85

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 12/12/06
AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW HIGH AVG			LOW HIGH AVG		
	HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	.60	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	1.60	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	1.40	1.65	1.56	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	1.00	1.50
ROOSTERS lb.	-	1.40	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	1.10	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	1.30	1.40	1.33	RABBITS ea.	3.50	4.00
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.75	4.00
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	8.25	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-			
TOTAL COOPS	80					

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending December 8, 2006

	Whole	Legs	Necks,Backs	Livers
	Chickens	Breasts	W/Thighs	& Wings Gizzards Hens
RAYON				
Low	71.15	154.86	92.08	20.93 12.56 79.52
High	75.34	163.23	104.64	29.30 16.74 79.52
Mostly	71.15	159.05	100.45	20.93 12.56 79.52
SAN JUAN				
Low	70.32	154.86	96.27	20.93 12.56 81.62
High	76.18	167.42	104.64	25.11 16.74 81.62
Mostly	70.32	163.23	104.64	25.11 12.56 81.62
NEW SAN JUAN				
Low	71.99	159.05	100.45	25.11 12.56 81.62
High	76.18	163.23	108.82	33.48 20.93 81.62
Mostly	71.99	163.23	104.64	29.30 16.74 81.62
BECERRA				
Low	71.99	159.05	96.27	29.30 12.56 83.71
High	76.59	167.42	108.82	33.48 20.93 83.71
Mostly	71.99	163.23	104.64	29.30 16.74 83.71

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds remained seasonally fair. Seller offerings varied from fully adequate to well cleared. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 63 to 73 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, breast items were adequate to short. Leg cuts and wings were adequate to closely cleared. Gizzards were available.

*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	57-74
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A)Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.



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