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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was mostly steady to fully steady. Retail demand was typically light to fair prior to the holiday with interest more focused on other meat items. Food service was fair to good, best for fast food and catering businesses. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to well cleared. Planned processing schedules for next week will be part time with plants down Monday in observance of Christmas Day. In the parts structure, movement was moderate to good. Wings were in good balance to tight, breast items were sufficient to close for tenders, and dark meat was adequate to barely adequate. 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 .50 cents to 69.75 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 70.75 cents last year on December 21, 2005.

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

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	161.00
BREASTS - B/S	132.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	81.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	94.00
LEG QUARTERS	32.00
WINGS	106.00

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

**SOUTHERN REGION** Trade sentiment was mixed, but generally at least steady. Retail demand was light to fair, best for more traditional meat items as the holiday nears. Food service was moderate to good, best into fast food where holiday shopping was active, and caterers for holiday festivities. Supplies of all sizes were sufficient to well cleared for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was moderate to good. Wings were close balanced to tight and continued to move strong. The remaining items were no more than adequate with dark meat in the closest position. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST REGION** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was seasonally fair to instances good during midweek trading. Offerings were adequate to closely cleared. Retail and distributive movement was fair. The market tone was generally steady. In the parts complex, wings, drums and thighs were in close balance to well cleared. Bone-in breasts were noted as slightly more available than earlier in the week. The balance of items was generally sufficient for current needs.

**MIDWEST REGION** The whole broiler/fryer market tone ranged steady to fully steady. Offerings and trade inquiry were light. Retail demand centered on traditional holiday proteins with consumer traffic noted as very limited or slow with expectation for good interest by weekend. Food service trade continued fairly good for the most part, especially into catering and some fast food outlets. Floor stocks were adequate to instances short; weights were in a desirable range. Parts trade was subdued as several industry products needs have cleared or are in the pipeline for the upcoming holiday period, allowing several sales participants the opportunity to be on leave for the holiday. Supplies were in balance overall with a few more offerings of boneless/skinless breasts and wings noted. The market tone was steady to full steady on all items.

**WESTERN REGION** The market tone was fully steady overall. Offerings were generally adequate. Buying activity was fair. Retailer demand was moderate, good where features in progress. Floor stocks adequate. The market tone was firm on drums and wings, about steady on balance of parts.

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

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 211 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 16, 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 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 16, 2006. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through December 16, 2006 were 8.61 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

### BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED

WEEK ENDING 12/16/06	TOTAL 19 SELECTED STATES		PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
	2006	2005	
EGGS SET	211,479	215,686	-02
CHICKS PLACED	171,980	175,810	-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 27-Jan-07 is estimated at 158.4 million head. This compares to 156.7 million head the previous week and to 164.5 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 164.9 million head and the composite weighted average price was 62.40 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 (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	775	114.00-189.00	-	124.19
TENDERLOINS	248	110.00-177.00	-	114.16
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	189	40.00-48.00	41-42	42.14
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	638	26.00-32.00	28-29	28.68
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	724	29.00-34.00	31-32	31.15
WINGS (WHOLE)	325	91.00-101.00	96-98	97.46
WINGS (CUT)	240	111.00-120.00	113-116	115.19
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	747	114.00-188.00	-	125.69
TENDERLOINS	168	112.00-177.00	114-118	116.76
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	198	40.00-48.00	41-42	42.04
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	613	27.00-32.00	28-29	28.94
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	699	29.00-34.00	31-32	31.52
WINGS (WHOLE)	325	90.00-101.00	97-99	97.35
WINGS (CUT)	290	110.00-121.00	116-119	116.00
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
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  
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RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
43.50-47.00	45.18	44.00 - 47.50	45.47	44.85

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 moderate to at least moderate for midweek trading as dealers began to look at other holiday meat items. Offerings of wings, tenders and thigh meat were in good balance and held with confidence. Other items were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone was firm for wings; fully steady to firm for tenders and boneless skinless thigh meat. The balance of items were generally 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 TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	130-135	119.90	775,902
TENDERLOINS	115-120	113.48	242,654
BREAST - WITH RIBS	70-71	74.81	121,560
BREAST - LINE RUN	70	73.35	77,400
LEGS	46-47	45.80	227,130
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	32-33	32.64	432,480
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	36.46	116,330
THIGHS	37-38	43.80	61,750
B/S THIGHS	98-99	90.52	86,280
WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101	102.35	284,560
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.92	29,120
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	36.20	21,800
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	49.92	39,800

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	130-135	120.25	715,355
TENDERLOINS	115-120	103.10	163,740
BREAST - WITH RIBS	70-71	78.41	61,680
BREAST - LINE RUN	70	72.93	82,800
LEGS	46-47	45.13	222,360
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	32-33	32.19	237,080
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	37.34	103,160
THIGHS	37-38	45.66	55,840
B/S THIGHS	98-99	93.57	102,980
WINGS (WHOLE)	101-102	104.93	189,120
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.38	32,520
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	35.22	13,360
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	51.56	22,600

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 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 (1,000)		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WTS		ACTUAL AVG WTS	
	12/20	12/19	12/18	12/15	12/18	12/15	12/13	12/11
Alabama	3,922	3,993	3,977	4,120	5.52	5.34	3,819	5.56
Arkansas	5,251	5,292	5,326	4,548	5.35	5.06	4,959	5.28
Delmarva	2,320	2,274	1,980	2,559	5.88	5.55	2,292	5.72
KY-LA-TN	2,226	2,368	2,287	2,298	5.16	4.77	2,313	5.13
Mississippi	2,176	2,910	2,935	2,885	5.68	5.52	2,823	5.89
North Carolina	2,700	2,256	2,667	2,636	6.92	6.89	2,720	6.89
Texas	2,545	2,505	2,510	2,431	5.25	5.28	2,512	5.34
Total	21,140	21,598	21,682	21,066	5.64	5.45	21,438	5.65
Mon-Wed	64,586(A)						64,181(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 20-Dec-06 is estimated to be 31,628,000 head down 1.68 percent from a week ago and down -0.68 percent from a year ago.  
 (Last week 32,170,000, last year 31,844,000)

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

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

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

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 23-DEC-06

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	12/23/06 (1)		12/16/06	
	THOUSAND HEAD			
Broiler/fryer	162,044	(2)	163,751	
Light hens	1,165		1,232	
Heavy hens	1,513		1,519	
Total	164,722		166,502	

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 23-Dec-06 is 153.4 million head compared to 153.5 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 162.4 million head or 9.0 million more than estimated available. For the week of 30-Dec-06 the estimated available is 149.2 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 12/18/06	33,924		62,250	
AM 12/01/06	38,753		65,295	
CHG	-4,829		-3,045	
PCT CHG	-12		-5	

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)**

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	12/18/06	12/11/06	12/19/05	12/18/06	12/11/06	12/19/05
<b>PACIFIC COAST</b>	1,586	1,563	349	8,727	8,018	5,350
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>	207	207	45	2,433	2,410	3,047

**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 18, 2006

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

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY FOR 12/19/06

	LOW HIGH AVG				LOW HIGH AVG		
	HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	-		-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	4.50	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	2.50	5.00	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	2.50	4.00	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	.50	-
ROOSTERS lb.	1.30	1.55	1.37	ROOSTERS ea.	5.00	8.50	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	9.50	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	1.20	1.65	1.44	DUCKS ea.	4.00	7.25	-
RABBITS lb.	.80	1.40	1.23	RABBITS ea.	-	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	250	7.00	-
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	77						

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City**

Cents per pound for the week ending November 10, 2006

	Whole		Legs	Necks, Backs	Livers/
	Chickens	Breasts	W/ Thighs	& Wings	Gizzards
					Hens
<b>RAYON</b>					
Low	72.54	156.04	92.78	21.09	12.65 82.24
High	77.60	164.47	101.22	29.52	16.87 82.24
Mostly	77.60	160.26	97.00	25.30	14.76 82.24
<b>SAN JUAN</b>					
Low	75.49	160.26	97.00	25.30	12.65 84.35
High	78.02	164.47	109.65	33.74	16.87 84.35
Mostly	78.02	164.47	101.22	29.52	14.76 84.35
<b>NEW SAN JUAN</b>					
Low	73.38	156.04	97.00	21.09	12.65 75.91
High	78.44	168.69	105.43	29.52	14.76 75.91
Mostly	76.75	160.26	101.22	25.30	12.65 75.91
<b>BECERRA</b>					
Low	76.75	160.26	97.00	21.09	12.65 80.13
High	79.71	168.69	105.43	29.52	18.98 80.13
Mostly	76.75	164.47	105.43	25.30	16.87 80.13

**DELMARVA**

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally good and was sufficient in keeping the bulk of seller offerings in manageable balance to closely cleared. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 64 to 74 cents. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, wings were well cleared. Drums and thighs were in close balance. Most other items were in balance to fully adequate with bone-in breasts often noted as readily available and slow to clear.

\*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	57-75
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A)Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.



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