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Majority prices for next week were trending higher in all areas. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Demand into retail channels was mostly light to moderate with limited feature activity. Food service was fair to fairly good, best into fast food outlets. Supplies of all sizes were in good balance to well cleared for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair to good, best where weekend needs increased. Wings were balanced to tight, and breast items were in good balance to closely cleared. Dark meat was sufficient to short with boneless cuts in the closest balance. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, but mostly desirable.

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 08-JAN-2007 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	65.00-68.00	64.00-75.00	68.13	28
New York	67.00-70.00			
Los Angeles	78.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	70.00-72.00	65.00-79.00	70.41	87

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 70.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
956	63.00-72.00	70.09
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice-packed parts:	WTD. AVG.	VOLUME
LINE RUN TENDERS	166.00	1,170
BREASTS - B/S	140.00	5,420
BREASTS - WHOLE	85.50	1,234
THIGH MEAT - B/S	96.50	1,045
LEG QUARTERS	33.00	8,358
WINGS	117.00	2,581

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

SOUTHERN BROILER Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Retail demand was light to instances moderate for active retail specials. Food service was fair to moderate, best into fast food channels with promotions. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to short of full trade needs. In the parts structure, interest was fair to good. Wings were tight and continued to move well, and dark meat was no more than adequate to well cleared. Breast items were sufficient for boneless skinless, but closer balanced for the remaining cuts. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was moderately good to good entering the week-end. Offerings were in good balance and clearing satisfactorily. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate best where feature activity was noted. Fast food interest was mostly moderate. The market tone was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, wings remained short of current needs. Bone-in breasts were tight; boneless skinless breasts were at least sufficient. The balance of items was adequate to well cleared.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The preliminary majority prices were 1 cent higher throughout the region. Limited early trading reported for next weeks' deliveries, and at generally higher prices. Buying activity was light as buyers closely watched market developments. Offerings were adequate. Retailer demand, although moderate overall, was best where features in progress. Dealers anticipated satisfactory week-end clearances.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majorities in Chicago were 3 cents higher compared to Wednesday's final majority. Whole broiler market tone was fully steady to firm. Offers on whole fryers were limited for the fair buyers needs. Retail demand light to moderate. Food service movement was mostly moderate to fairly good continuing best into fast foods. Floor stocks were adequate to balanced instances close. Sizes mostly desirable. In parts trade, wings and boneless leg items were tight, boneless skinless breasts and leg items adequate to in closely balance. The market tone on all parts items was fully steady to firm.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally moderate to good. Seller offerings were adequate to well cleared. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were very heavy and included a few plants operating on Saturday. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher at 68 to 78 cents. Trade sentiment ranged fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, wings were in short supply. Other items were adequate to closely cleared.

*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	62-82
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	01/01/07 - 01/05/07 (A)
	01/02/06 - 01/06/06 (A)
NO. OF BOXES	01/01/07 - 01/05/07 (A)
	01/02/06 - 01/06/06 (A)

(A) NOT REPORTED TO AVOID DISCLOSING INDIVIDUAL OPERATIONS

JAN 04

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

JAN 05

ITEM	POUNDS				WTD AVG	POUNDS				WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG		(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	727	119.00-191.00	-	124.09	731	119.00-191.00	-	124.20	2,223	124.38	
TENDERLOINS	215	117.00-190.00	-	127.06	305	117.00-190.00	-	128.27	728	127.40	
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				226	73.46	
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				240	63.83	
LEGS	341	41.00-49.00	42-43	43.84	300	41.00-53.00	42-43	43.73	986	43.79	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	748	30.00-36.00	32-33	32.11	710	30.00-36.00	32-33	32.11	2,226	32.09	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	884	32.00-39.00	34-35	34.70	940	32.00-39.00	34-35	34.66	2,748	34.66	
WINGS (WHOLE)	275	98.00-112.00	99-102	102.71	258	98.00-112.00	100-103	103.17	858	102.57	
WINGS (CUT)	210	120.00-133.00	123-125	126.21	165	122.00-135.00	125-127	128.24	480	125.94	
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				206	37.64	
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				88	40.14	
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				240	96.17	

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS					WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS						
TRADING FOR JAN 04, 2007 -- F.O.B. DOCK.					TRADING FOR JAN 05, 2007 -- F.O.B. DOCK.						
	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>TODAY'S AVERAGE</u>				<u>RANGE</u>	<u>TODAY'S AVERAGE</u>		<u>5-DAY AVERAGE</u>		
	46.50 - 50.50	48.22				45.50 - 51.00	48.18		48.01		

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 increased slightly and was noted as moderately good entering the weekend. Offerings of bone-in breasts about adequate to tight; boneless skinless breasts were at least adequate. Wings, thighs and boneless skinless thighs were no more than adequate to short of current trade needs. Other dark meat items were adequate to well cleared. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone was firm for wings; drums, legs and thighs were fully steady to firm.

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

JAN 04

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			VOL/LBS	CURRENT NEG			VOL/LBS	WEEKLY	
	TRADING*	AVG**	AVG**		TRADING*	AVG**	AVG**		WTD AVG	VOL
BREAST - B/S	130-135	121.10	121.10	437,618	130-135	127.09	127.09	650,398	119.38	2,720,408
TENDERLOINS	125-130	120.12	120.12	190,300	125-130	123.84	123.84	177,270	121.16	700,810
BREAST - WITH RIBS	71-72	75.59	75.59	100,560	72-73	78.25	78.25	87,360	77.19	395,320
BREAST - LINE RUN	71	74.65	74.65	82,800	72	74.50	74.50	93,600	74.32	315,000
LEGS	46-47	47.20	47.20	211,360	47-48	48.09	48.09	127,800	46.95	843,160
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	32-33	32.94	32.94	418,560	32-33	33.05	33.05	319,360	33.04	1,394,120
DRUMSTICKS	35-36	37.58	37.58	121,201	36-37	41.26	41.26	110,800	40.09	439,916
THIGHS	39-40	46.25	46.25	75,440	40-41	45.64	45.64	86,680	45.99	295,090
B/S THIGHS	100-101	93.15	93.15	99,120	100-101	100.39	100.39	67,320	95.40	348,760
WINGS (WHOLE)	112-113	112.59	112.59	211,560	114-115	112.99	112.99	200,280	112.10	798,760
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.43	11.43	25,800	10-12	11.84	11.84	29,480	11.66	108,800
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	40.00	40.00	10,760	35-40	37.45	37.45	6,640	36.75	54,000
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	54.75	54.75	24,760	45-50	54.63	54.63	31,240	52.40	130,080

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, RI, & PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG)*. NEG. 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 WT		ACTUAL		AVG WTS	
	01/05	01/04	01/03	01/02	01/03	01/02	12/29	12/27	12/29	12/27
Alabama	4,382	3,922	3,915	3,586	5.50	5.70	5,390	5.53	5.53	5.53
Arkansas	6,014	5,356	5,261	4,342	5.26	5.41	6,284	5.24	5.24	5.24
Delmarva	2,851	2,321	2,338	2,332	5.88	5.90	2,872	5.85	5.85	5.85
KY-LA-TN	2,471	2,333	2,329	2,274	5.14	5.25	3,083	5.23	5.23	5.23
Mississippi	3,244	2,973	2,651	2,459	5.86	5.89	3,656	5.77	5.77	5.77
North Carolina	3,607	2,778	2,737	2,697	6.90	7.02	3,637	7.04	7.04	7.04
Texas	2,524	2,509	2,569	2,449	5.27	5.62	2,741	5.38	5.38	5.38
Total	25,093	22,192	21,800	20,139	5.64	5.80	27,663	5.66	5.66	5.66
Mon-Fri	90,838(A)						87,300(A)			
Saturday	2,269(included in total for date shown)						3,898			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 05-Jan-07 and 06-Jan-07 is estimated to be 37,542,000 head down 9.56 percent from a week ago and down -7.89 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 41,511,000, last year 40,759,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 06-Jan-07 is estimated to be 134,788,000 head up 0.69 percent from a week ago, and down 10.16 percent from a year ago. (Last week 133,860,000, last year 150,026,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS		
		<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH FRYERS		91-100
ROASTERS 4# & UP		99-108
HENS UNDER 5#		-
HENS OVER 5#		65-74
DUCKS		-
RABBITS-WHOLE		-
RABBITS-CUTUP		-
SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DLVRD TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS		
		<u>RANGE</u>
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

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection,
Week ending 30-Dec-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	33,975	69,256	21,520	9,109	133,860
Avg Live Wgt	3.78	5.41	6.88	8.32	5.43
% of total /1	25%	52%	16%	7%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	41,757	84,148	21,521	12,123	159,549
Avg Live Wgt	3.69	5.37	6.98	8.29	5.49
% of total /1	26%	53%	13%	8%	100%
Year Ago 2/	43,842	66,571	19,639	11,962	142,014
Avg Live Wgt	3.62	5.43	6.97	8.54	5.35
% of total /1	31%	47%	14%	8%	100%
To date/2006	2,355,406	4,147,948	1,163,904	683,922	8,351,180
To date/2005	2,441,270	3,997,750	1,397,172	507,102	8,343,294

/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 30-Dec-06

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	THOUSANDS				
(Preliminary)					
Head	133,860	1,056	782	1,838	406
Avg Wt	5.43	3.21	7.85	5.18	6.85
Last week	159,549	1,147	1,531	2,678	513
Same wk yr ago	142,014	984	1,173	2,157	515
Avg Wt	5.35	3.31	7.90	5.81	6.85
To-date/2006	8,351,180	55,722	76,740	132,462	25,965
To-date/2005	8,343,294	73,492	73,316	146,808	25,957

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 149.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 135.5 million head, or 13.7 million less than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
November 25	122.0	156.7	78%	5.44
December 2	166.4	156.8	106%	5.53
9	165.3	156.6	106%	5.49
16	162.1	156.8	103%	5.31
23	161.5	153.4	105%	5.37
30	135.5	149.2	91%	5.43
Year to date	8452.5	8452.5	100%	
January 6		150.0		
13		155.4		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**Under Federal Inspection**

W/E	12/30/06	12/23/06	% CHG	12/31/05	% CHG
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Broilers	134,788	133,860*	+0.69	150,026*	-10.16
Cattle	517	523	-01	525*	-02
Hogs	1,842	1,821	+01	1,830*	+01

*ACTUAL

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRYFOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 01-JAN-2007
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	155-159	161-165
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)	60.00-68.00	67.00-68.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	67.00-86.00	72.00-76.00

SQUABS: 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 unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand was good for post holiday fill-in. Supplies were balanced to close. Schedules were full-time for next week. 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 01-JAN-2007

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

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - January 02, 2007****AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY****

Prices paid per pound, except as noted.

	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	- .50
Chukars	3.10 - 3.25 ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.80 - .90
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	1.00 - 1.10
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	1.00 - 1.05
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.70 - .80
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.60 - .70
Guinea Fowl	1.30 - 1.60 ea.
Banty Roosters	1.50 - 2.00 ea.
Banty Hens	1.00 - 3.00 ea.
Leghorn Hens	- 3.00 ea.
Geese 9-14 LBS	- .20
Pigeons	3.00 - 3.10 ea.
White Pigeons	3.25 - 3.75 ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	2.50 - 2.90
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	1.50 - 1.80
Bunnies	2.00 - 8.00 ea.
Guinea Pigs	5.00 - 9.00 ea.
Doves	3.50 - 4.00 ea.
Pekin Ducks	4.00 - 4.25 ea.
Total Coops Sold	320

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading for heavy canners were too few to report; unchanged to slightly higher on lights when compared to the previous week. Offerings of both light and heavy canners were generally sufficient for current needs with most available supplies of heavy canners being used internally. Demand was fair. Processing schedules were reduced due to the New Year's Day holiday. The undertone was steady to at least steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
18-28 MAJORITY 24-24.5	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
20-30 MAJORITY 26-27	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 HENS Removal prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to no better than fair following the holidays. Offerings were mostly adequate for current needs. Processing schedules were reduced due to the New Years Day holiday. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	5-12	7-9

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS Trading activity was too few to report. Demand was light for the fully adequate offerings. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow to fair. Disposal costs were steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS Removal prices ranged unchanged. Offerings were adequate with demand into traditional processors seasonally light after the holidays. Schedules were full-time for next week. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	4.5-9	5-7

WEST COAST LIGHT Plant schedules were holiday light. Offerings adequate.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR
SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 08-JAN-07

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading was generally light to no better than fair with sales too few to report. Demand was light for the at least adequate to fully adequate offerings from producers. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was steady at best.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Offerings were noted as seasonally light to fair for the mostly adequate to fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules for next week were noted as normal. Sales of finished product was fair to moderate. The undertone was generally 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	

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