



USDA BROILER MARKET NEWS REPORT

WEDNESDAY
JANUARY 10, 2006
VOL. 54 NO. 04

ISSN 1522-0567

U.S. Department of Agriculture Agricultural Marketing Service Poultry Programs Poultry Market News and Analysis Branch

NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was mixed, but overall at least steady. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate, better for features and into fast food channels. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to well cleared for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was at least moderate. Wings were tight and clearing well. Tenders were close balanced to short, boneless skinless breasts were adequate, and all other breast cuts were balanced to well cleared. Dark meat was usually adequate to barely adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, but mostly desirable.

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 71.00 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 70.00 cents last year on January 11, 2006.

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	168.00
BREASTS - B/S	141.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	86.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	97.50
LEG QUARTERS	34.00
WINGS	122.00

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

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was mostly steady to fully steady. Retail demand was light to fair, best for ads. Food service was fair to moderate with best interest for fast food promotions. Supplies of all sizes were in good supply to well cleared for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair to fairly good. Wings remained in the tightest position and continued to move well. Breast items were sufficient to close balanced, and dark meat was adequate to short. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was at least moderate during midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes were generally sufficient for current needs with the smaller sizes in the better balance. Retail and distributive movement was fair. The market tone was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts, wings and tenders were tight. Leg quarters were well cleared. Other items were about adequate to adequate and clearing satisfactorily.

MIDWEST REGION Whole broiler market tone was mostly steady to occasionally firm. Offers were adequate and slightly more available than prior trade period. Trade inquiry was noted as light. Fill-in trade was noted into the Chicago area on 3 up wogs at 68 cents and into the Ohio area at 68 and 73 cents. Retail and food service trade activity was light to moderate overall; at times fairly good for retail features and fast food. Floor stocks were adequate to ample; weights desirable to heavy. In the parts complex, wings and tenderloins remained wanted and limited in supply; leg items, boneless and bone-in supplies were in close balance and clearing well while breast items were available. The market tone was firm on wings and steady to fully steady on all other parts.

WESTERN REGION The market tone was steady to fully steady. Offerings were generally adequate to cover immediate needs. Retailer demand was fairly good overall best where featured. Floor stocks were adequate. The market tone was fully steady to firm on parts.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 211 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 6, 2007. This was down 1 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 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 6, 2007. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED TOTAL 19 SELECTED STATES

WEEK ENDING	01/06/07	2007	2006	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	211,155	213,256		-01
CHICKS PLACED	173,479	175,059		-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 17-Feb-07 is estimated at 157.3 million head. This compares to 156.7 million head the previous week and to 164.0 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 164.3 million head and the composite weighted average price was 62.87 cents per pound.

JANUARY 9, 2007

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

JANUARY 10, 2007

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	634	114.00-190.00	-	126.14
TENDERLOINS	173	118.00-192.00	-	129.07
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	201	41.00-53.00	43-45	44.34
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	560	30.00-36.00	32-33	32.38
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	594	32.00-39.00	34-35	34.57
WINGS (WHOLE)	300	98.00-120.00	101-104	105.77
WINGS (CUT)	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
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	714	114.00-191.00	-	127.29
TENDERLOINS	319	125.00-197.00	-	131.66
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	199	41.00-53.00	43-44	44.26
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	765	30.00-35.00	32-33	32.03
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	825	32.00-38.00	34-35	34.87
WINGS (WHOLE)	269	98.00-120.00	105-109	109.28
WINGS (CUT)	245	126.00-140.00	-	136.37
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR	F.O.B. DOCK.	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
		48.00-52.50	48.12	47.00-51.50
				49.13
				48.84

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 at least moderate during midweek trading. Offerings of bone-in breasts were in good balance to well cleared; boneless skinless breasts were adequate to about adequate for current trade needs. Wings and tenders remained in close balance to short. Other dark meat items were adequate to well cleared. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone was fully steady to firm for wings, drums and tenders. The balance of items was steady to at least steady.

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

JANUARY 09, 2007

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	130-135	124.43	977,140
TENDERLOINS	130	123.59	403,512
BREAST - WITH RIBS	74-75	76.19	141,960
BREAST - LINE RUN	74	75.82	88,200
LEGS	47-48	46.67	391,200
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	32-33	32.96	375,560
DRUMSTICKS	37-38	42.06	211,968
THIGHS	40-41	46.44	116,940
B/S THIGHS	100-101	95.43	149,590
WINGS (WHOLE)	118-119	115.68	292,160
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.17	23,010
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	38.50	15,320
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	55.31	35,400

JANUARY 10, 2007

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	130-135	125.15	759,878
TENDERLOINS	130	125.70	213,760
BREAST - WITH RIBS	75-76	83.92	62,720
BREAST - LINE RUN	75	77.40	81,800
LEGS	47-48	47.38	265,360
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	32-33	33.63	205,720
DRUMSTICKS	38-39	41.05	135,720
THIGHS	40-41	46.61	78,800
B/S THIGHS	100-101	96.07	115,180
WINGS (WHOLE)	120-121	117.43	264,040
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.40	35,640
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	39.15	7,680
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	54.97	26,480

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	WTD WTS
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)		
	01/10	01/09	01/08	01/05	01/08	01/05	01/03	01/01
Alabama	3,452	3,923	3,859	4,598	5.52	5.41	3,915	Holiday
Arkansas	5,302	5,270	5,102	5,568	5.36	5.09	5,261	Holiday
Delmarva	2,282	2,298	2,234	2,785	5.90	6.23	2,338	Holiday
KY-LA-TN	2,146	2,309	2,323	2,524	5.28	4.92	2,329	(A)
Mississippi	2,388	2,866	2,865	3,214	5.61	5.61	2,651	(A)
North Carolina	2,732	2,683	2,689	3,735	7.02	6.77	2,737	(A)
Texas	2,518	2,516	2,495	2,500	5.50	5.28	2,569	Holiday
Total	20,820	21,865	21,567	24,924	5.69	5.60	21,800	5.60
Mon-Wed	64,660(B)						42,613(B)	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 10-Jan-07 is estimated to be 31,149,000 head down 4.78 percent from a week ago and down -2.78 percent from a year ago. (Last week 32,713,000, last year 32,039,000)

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		
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 13-JAN-07

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	01/13/07 (1)		01/06/07	
	THOUSAND HEAD			
Broiler/fryer	158,682	(2)	136,307	
Light hens	1,221		863	
Heavy hens	1,333		1,246	
Total	161,236		138,406	

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 13-Jan-07 is 155.4 million head compared to 169.3 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 159.0 million head or 3.6 million more than estimated available. For the week of 20-Jan-07 the estimated available is 159.8 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 01/08/07	39,318		59,581	
AM 01/01/07	36,813		60,489	
CHG	2,505		-908	
PCT CHG	7		-2	

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	01/08/07	01/02/07	01/09/06	01/08/07	01/02/07	01/09/06
PACIFIC						
COAST	1,666	1,683	457	8,761	8,659	5,575
LOS ANGELES	173	180	54	2,325	2,278	3,113

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 JANUARY 8, 2007

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

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

	FOR 01/09/07		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	2.25	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	1.55	-
RABBITS lb.	1.20	2.20	1.83
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-
TOTAL COOPS	35		

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending January 5, 2007

	Whole Chickens		Legs W/Thighs	Necks,Backs & Wings	Livers Gizzards	Hens
	RAYON					
Low	71.21	157.32	91.08	20.70	8.28	80.32
High	74.52	161.46	107.64	28.98	12.42	80.32
Mostly	74.52	161.46	99.36	28.98	8.28	80.32
SAN JUAN						
Low	72.04	153.18	95.22	20.70	8.28	82.80
High	74.52	157.32	107.64	28.98	12.42	82.80
Mostly	74.52	157.32	103.50	24.84	8.28	82.80
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	71.21	153.18	91.08	20.70	8.28	82.80
High	75.35	161.46	107.64	28.98	12.42	82.80
Mostly	75.35	161.46	103.50	28.98	12.42	82.80
BECERRA						
Low	72.45	153.18	95.22	24.84	8.28	82.80
High	75.35	161.46	107.64	28.98	12.42	82.80
Mostly	75.35	161.46	103.50	28.98	12.42	82.80

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was moderate to good. Seller offerings were adequate to well cleared. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 69 to 79 cents. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, wings were in the tightest position. Other items were in close balance.

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

RANGE	WEIGHTED AVERAGE	NO. OF BOXES	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
			66-84
			(A)
			(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

USDA, AMS, POULTRY PROGRAMS, POULTRY MARKET NEWS & ANALYSIS BRANCH OFFICES

Washington, DC	Voice	(202)720-6911	Mike Sheats
	Fax	(202)720-2403	(Chief)
Atlanta, GA	Voice	(404)562-5850	Johnny Freeman
	Fax	(404)562-5875	(Officer-In-Charge)
Jackson, MS	Voice	(601)965-4662	Gary Brown
	Fax	(601)359-1175	(Southern States Area Supervisor)
Des Moines, IA	Voice	(515)284-4471	Mary L. Adkins
	Fax	(515)284-4468	(Officer-In-Charge)
	Recorded	(515)284-4545	
Long Beach, CA	Voice	(562)388-7337	Jim Derby
	Fax	(562)432-8295	(Officer-In-Charge)
	Recorded	(213)534-1335	