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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was mixed, but mostly steady. Retail and food service demand was slow to moderate, best for active fast food promotions and retail ads. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was generally fair to moderate for mid-week trading. Availability of all items was no more than adequate to tight and moving satisfactorily. 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 to 72.00 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 69.50 cents last year on January 25, 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	174.00
BREASTS - B/S	148.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	92.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	98.00
LEG QUARTERS	36.00
WINGS	132.50

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

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand into retail channels was light to moderate, best where features were active. Food service was fair to moderate with improved interest into fast food outlets. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient and clearing satisfactorily. In the parts structure, movement was in a range of fair to good. Breast items were in good balance to limited with tenders in the closest position. Wings were slightly more available, but still adequate to close balanced and moving. Dark meat was mostly adequate to well cleared. 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 instances moderate for midweek trading. Offerings were generally sufficient for current needs with heavier sizes noted as slightly more available. Retail and distributive movement was fair. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts and tenders were in good balance to well cleared. The balance of items was adequate and clearing satisfactorily.

MIDWEST REGION Whole broiler market tone was mostly steady. Offerings were light on like trade inquiry as current commitments suffice. Retail and food service movement was slow to moderate; at times better into fast food promotions and a few retail features. Floor stocks were adequate; weights desirable. Parts trade activity was light and selective. Supplies of all items were closely balanced to tight, especially wings and tenderloins. The market tone was steady to firm on all parts.

WESTERN REGION Trade sentiments were steady overall. Offerings were easily adequate to cover current immediate needs. Buying interest was fair at best. Retailer demand was moderate to good with best interest where promotional activities in progress. Floor stocks were generally adequate. The market tone was about steady on parts.

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

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 209 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 20, 2007. 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 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 20, 2007. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2006 through January 20, 2007 were 517 million, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

WEEK ENDING	01/20/07	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	PERCENT CHANGE <u>PREVIOUS YEAR</u>
EGGS SET	209,001	172,852		-03
CHICKS PLACED	215,404	174,210		-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 03-Mar-07 is estimated at 158.4 million head. This compares to 158.7 million head the previous week and to 163.4 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 160.3 million head and the composite weighted average price was 62.94 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			WTD
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG
BREAST - B/S	660	131.00-205.00	-	142.15
TENDERLOINS	238	138.00-202.00	-	152.61
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	188	47.00-56.00	49-50	49.40
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	584	31.00-37.00	35	34.89
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	800	33.00-39.00	36-37	36.42
WINGS (WHOLE)	300	120.00-136.00	-	126.13
WINGS (CUT)	275	136.00-149.00	-	144.15
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

ITEM	POUNDS			WTD
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG
BREAST - B/S	760	125.00-201.00	-	138.06
TENDERLOINS	210	135.00-192.00	-	144.40
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	189	47.00-56.00	49-50	49.39
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	600	31.00-37.00	34-35	34.22
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	691	33.00-39.00	36	36.04
WINGS (WHOLE)	390	120.00-157.00	-	134.51
WINGS (CUT)	275	136.00-149.00	141-144	143.42
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		RANGE		TODAY'S AVERAGE	
53.75 - 57.50		56.07		52.50 - 57.00		54.52	
				5-DAY AVERAGE		54.55	

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 fair to moderate during midweek trading. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts, wings and most dark meat cuts were generally adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Tenders and bone-in breasts were in close balance to short of current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone was fully steady to firm for bone-in breasts and tenderloins; steady to fully steady on the balance of items.

*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	WTD	VOL/LBS
	TRADING*	AVG**	
BREAST - B/S	145	130.44	580,528
TENDERLOINS	145	129.06	260,137
BREAST - WITH RIBS	84-85	88.73	138,000
BREAST - LINE RUN	84	86.73	73,800
LEGS	49-50	49.70	268,000
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	35-36	35.60	304,480
DRUMSTICKS	42-43	41.23	123,712
THIGHS	42-43	49.42	83,080
B/S THIGHS	100-101	95.60	98,760
WINGS (WHOLE)	129-130	127.73	211,420
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.29	23,600
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	38.73	20,000
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	47.48	37,720

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG	WTD	VOL/LBS
	TRADING*	AVG**	
BREAST - B/S	145	134.72	650,366
TENDERLOINS	145-150	129.44	149,420
BREAST - WITH RIBS	85-86	93.36	47,080
BREAST - LINE RUN	85	86.74	75,600
LEGS	49-50	51.22	118,560
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	35-36	35.92	284,440
DRUMSTICKS	42-43	43.22	120,858
THIGHS	42-43	48.27	44,040
B/S THIGHS	100-101	96.90	94,300
WINGS (WHOLE)	129-130	126.88	246,600
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.02	22,720
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	37.34	7,800
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	46.62	27,280

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)	(1,000)	(1,000)		
Alabama	3,510	3,934	3,864	3,679	5.55	5.37	3,438	4.70			
Arkansas	5,248	5,283	5,023	5,670	5.27	5.03	4,937	5.40			
Delmarva	2,254	2,184	2,169	2,242	5.83	5.74	2,255	6.68			
KY-LA-TN	2,268	2,292	2,273	2,330	5.26	4.96	2,297	5.02			
Mississippi	2,718	2,718	2,917	2,940	5.58	5.82	2,863	4.98			
N Carolina	2,686	2,742	2,676	3,076	6.89	6.87	2,664	6.94			
Texas	2,510	2,506	2,657	2,433	5.53	5.16	2,443	5.45			
Total	21,194	21,659	21,579	22,370	5.65	5.52	20,897	5.52			
Mon-Wed	64,520 (A)						56,778 (A)				

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 24-Jan-07 is estimated to be 31,709,000 head up 1.12 percent from a week ago and down -1.00 percent from a year ago. (Last week 31,358,000, last year 32,028,000)

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	93-100
	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 27-JAN-07

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	01/27/07 (1)	01/20/07
	THOUSAND HEAD	
Broiler/fryer	160,454 (2)	155,555
Light hens	1,093	1,121
Heavy hens	1,497	1,263
Total	163,044	157,939

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 27-Jan-07 is 159.8 million head compared to 164.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 160.8 million head or 1.0 million more than estimated available. For the week of 03-Feb-07 the estimated available is 161.9 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 01/22/07	46,832	58,965
AM 01/01/07	36,813	60,489
CHG	10,019	-1,524
PCT CHG	27	-3

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	01/22/07	01/15/07	01/23/06	01/22/07	01/15/07	01/23/06
PACIFIC COAST	1,668	1,719	2,324	9,156	9,244	4,863
LOS ANGELES	183	201	52	2,519	2,560	3,056

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 22, 2007

HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	RANGE
		69-76
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	70-85

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	FOR 01/23/07			FOR 01/23/07		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.50	.85	.53	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	4.25
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	1.10	1.30	1.24	RABBITS ea.	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	3.00	5.25
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	2.75	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-			
TOTAL COOPS	51					

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending January 19, 2007

	Whole Chickens	Legs Breasts	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers Gizzards
	W/Thighs	Hens		
RAYON				
Low	68.42	137.67	70.92	12.52 8.34 68.84
High	74.26	154.36	79.27	20.86 12.52 68.84
Mostly	70.09	141.84	75.09	16.69 8.34 68.84
SAN JUAN				
Low	66.75	141.84	66.75	12.52 4.17 66.75
High	73.84	146.01	79.27	16.69 8.34 66.75
Mostly	70.92	141.84	70.92	12.52 8.34 66.75
NEW SAN JUAN				
Low	69.67	141.84	79.27	16.69 8.34 70.92
High	75.09	158.53	87.61	20.86 12.52 70.92
Mostly	70.92	150.19	83.44	16.69 8.34 70.92
BECERRA				
Low	70.92	141.84	83.44	16.69 12.52 75.09
High	75.93	154.36	87.61	20.86 16.69 75.09
Mostly	70.92	150.19	87.61	20.86 12.52 75.09

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to moderate for midweek activity. Offerings were generally noted as adequate to clearing satisfactorily and were more readily available on the heavier sizes. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processing schedules ranged moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices remained unchanged at 69 to 79 cents. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, offerings were in close balance to tight.

*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	67-84
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.



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