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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm in the West, but mostly steady elsewhere. Retail demand was light to instances fairly good aided by first of the month business, ads, and upcoming super bowl interests. Food service was light to moderate, best into fast food. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was mostly fair to moderate for mid-week trading. Tenders were tight, bone-in breasts were close balanced, and the remaining breast cuts were mostly sufficient. Wings were mixed, but available. Dark meat was adequate to close balanced, but drums were fully sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy 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 72.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 69.25 cents last year on FEBRUARY 01, 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	175.50
BREASTS - B/S	146.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	93.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	98.50
LEG QUARTERS	36.00
WINGS	134.50

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

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was generally steady. Retail demand was light to instances moderate where active ads and first of the month activity aided interest. Food service was fair to moderate, best into fast food outlets. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate. Breast items were in good balance to well cleared with bone-in and fronts in the tightest positions. Wings were mixed, but available and moving. Dark meat was adequate to short, but more available for drums. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly fair for midweek activity. Offerings were at least sufficient for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, breast items and tenders were in good balance to tight. The balance of items was about adequate to adequate and clearing satisfactorily.

MIDWEST REGION Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady. Offerings were fully sufficient for trade call; fill-in trade noted into Ohio area at 76 cents on mixed wogs. Retail activity was slightly increased, light to moderate as retailers take possession of first of month and super bowl. Food service was irregular, light to fairly good, best for wings and eight-piece cut-up. Floor stocks were desirable to ample; weights desirable to heavy. Parts placements were limited and selective; best for wings and tenderloins. Supplies were in balance to occasionally short on tenderloins and boneless dark meat, drums were long and remaining parts available. The market tone was steady to fully steady for the most part, instances barely steady on boneless/skinless breasts and wings.

WESTERN REGION The market tone was firm. Offerings easily adequate. Buying activity was moderate overall. Retailer demand was moderate to good, best for promotional activities. Floor stocks in fairly good balance with needs. The market tone was steady to firm on parts with white meat items in the strongest position.

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

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 209 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 27, 2007. 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 January 27, 2007. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2006 through January 27, 2007 were 690 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 01/27/07	2007	2006	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	209,404	214,147	-02
CHICKS PLACED	171,973	174,755	-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 10-Mar-07 is estimated at 158.7 million head. This compares to 158.4 million head the previous week and to 164.2 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 162.6 million head and the composite weighted average price was 62.55 cents per pound.

JANUARY 30, 2007

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

JANUARY 31, 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				WTD AVG	ITEM	POUNDS				WTD AVG	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY				(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY			
BREAST - B/S	623	121.00-200.00	-		138.89	BREAST - B/S	620	125.00-200.00	-		139.39	
TENDERLOINS	133	145.00-202.00	-		148.43	TENDERLOINS	236	142.00-202.00	-		149.06	
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	203	45.00-55.00	49		49.04	LEGS	200	45.00-55.00	49		49.16	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	670	31.00-37.00	34-35		34.67	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	660	31.00-37.00	34-35		34.64	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	714	33.00-39.00	36-37		36.76	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	768	32.00-39.00	36-37		36.58	
WINGS (WHOLE)	297	120.00-135.00	121-124		125.49	WINGS (WHOLE)	293	120.00-135.00	121-124		125.46	
WINGS (CUT)	285	136.00-149.00	142-146		143.37	WINGS (CUT)	437	136.00-149.00	142-146		143.08	
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	5-DAY
											AVERAGE	AVERAGE
RANGE					TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE					TODAY'S	5-DAY
54.50 - 58.50					57.06	54.00 - 60.50					57.42	56.39

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 remained fair to mostly moderate during midweek trading. Offerings of bone-in breasts and tenders were in good balance to tight. Wings were generally sufficient for current needs. Leg cuts were about adequate to adequate and clearings satisfactory. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate, best where feature activity was noted. The market tone was firm for bone-in breasts and tenders; steady to fully steady on the balance of items with the exception of gizzards which were noted as readily available.

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

JANUARY 30, 2007				JANUARY 31, 2007			
ITEM	CURRENT NEG	WTD		ITEM	CURRENT NEG	WTD	
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	145	134.38	894,905	BREAST - B/S	145	135.36	876,549
TENDERLOINS	145-150	137.32	260,916	TENDERLOINS	150	140.18	140,040
BREAST - WITH RIBS	87-88	90.23	162,240	BREAST - WITH RIBS	88-89	94.26	71,840
BREAST - LINE RUN	87	89.22	81,000	BREAST - LINE RUN	88	90.50	72,000
LEGS	49-50	49.76	204,960	LEGS	49-50	49.97	130,040
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	35-36	35.45	361,440	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	35-36	35.37	352,040
DRUMSTICKS	42-43	41.92	215,700	DRUMSTICKS	42-43	41.28	195,390
THIGHS	43-44	46.76	62,690	THIGHS	43-44	47.23	87,200
B/S THIGHS	100-101	91.03	145,460	B/S THIGHS	100-101	90.96	121,520
WINGS (WHOLE)	129-130	126.29	275,480	WINGS (WHOLE)	129-130	128.14	254,800
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.16	18,480	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	10.81	22,440
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	38.25	18,240	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	38.72	7,840
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	39.30	44,000	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	45.35	23,760

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		SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY		
	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	WTS		DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE			
	(1,000)	(1,000)		(1,000)							
	01/31	01/30	01/29	01/26	01/26	01/24	FRESH FRYERS	91-100			
Alabama	3,563	3,650	3,526	3,753	5.33	5.47	ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-108			
Arkansas	5,190	4,916	5,057	4,620	5.20	4.94	HENS UNDER 5#	-			
Delmarva	2,202	2,184	2,251	2,492	5.76	5.91	HENS OVER 5#	65-74			
KY-LA-TN	1,984	2,274	2,204	2,299	5.18	4.93	DUCKS	-			
Mississippi	2,897	2,966	2,869	2,938	5.81	5.66	RABBITS-WHOLE	-			
N Carolina	2,716	2,698	2,600	2,742	6.99	6.81	RABBITS-CUT UP	-			
Texas	2,506	2,500	2,430	2,099	5.27	4.92	SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY				
Total	21,058	21,188	20,937	20,943	5.59	5.49	DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS				
Mon-Wed	63,792(A)						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		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 31-Jan-07 is estimated to be 31,505,000 head up 0.27 percent from a week ago and down -2.45 percent from a year ago. (Last week 31,420,000, last year 32,297,000)

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 03-Feb-07

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	02/03/07 (1)	01/27/07
	THOUSAND HEAD	
Broiler/fryer	160,374 (2)	160,454
Light hens	1,300	1,093
Heavy hens	1,333	1,497
Total	163,007	163,044

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 03-Feb-07 is 162.8 million head compared to 165.3 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 160.7 million head or 2.1 million less than estimated available. For the week of 10-Feb-07 the estimated available is 160.9 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 01/29/07	52,092	57,659
AM 01/01/07	36,813	60,489
CHG	15,279	-2,830
PCT CHG	42	-5

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	01/29/07	01/22/07	01/30/06	01/29/07	01/22/07	01/30/06
PACIFIC COAST	1,761	1,668	2,203	9,025	9,156	5,865
LOS ANGELES	183	183	43	2,697	2,519	3,049

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 29, 2007

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

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 01/30/07
AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW HIGH AVG			LOW HIGH AVG		
	HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	1.45	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	.90	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	2.00	5.25
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	1.75	2.20	1.93	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	.40	.50	.43	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	1.40	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	1.10	2.05	1.73	RABBITS ea.	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.75	4.25
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	30					

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending January 26, 2007

	Whole	Legs	Necks,Backs	Livers
	Chickens	Breasts	W/Thighs	& Wings Gizzards Hens
RAYON				
Low	65.80	139.83	74.03	16.45 8.23 71.15
High	72.80	148.06	82.26	20.56 12.34 71.15
Mostly	69.92	143.95	74.03	16.45 8.23 71.15
SAN JUAN				
Low	66.63	143.95	78.14	16.45 4.11 74.03
High	74.03	152.17	82.26	20.56 8.23 74.03
Mostly	69.92	143.95	78.14	16.45 8.23 74.03
NEW SAN JUAN				
Low	67.45	148.06	74.03	16.45 8.23 71.97
High	74.03	156.29	86.37	20.56 12.34 71.97
Mostly	70.74	148.06	78.14	20.56 8.23 71.97
BECERRA				
Low	67.86	143.95	78.14	16.45 8.23 69.92
High	74.85	156.29	86.37	24.68 12.34 69.92
Mostly	71.15	148.06	78.14	20.56 12.34 69.92

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to mostly moderate as buyers looked to stock in preparation of increased consumer interest for first of the month, super bowl, and retail promotional activity. Seller offerings were in close balance to short. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 69 to 79 cents. Trade sentiment ranged steady to fully steady on most parts, but noted as barely steady on gizzards. In the parts complex, wings were generally sufficient. Breast and tenders continued in a strong position and dark meat was adequate to close.

*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	56-80
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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