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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate, best for ads, fast food, and restaurants for Valentine's Day. Also, severe winter weather in parts of the Midwest and Northeast hindered processing schedules and plant deliveries. Supplies of all sizes were in balance to short of full trade needs. In the parts structure, demand was moderate to good. Wings were at least adequate and becoming more available. Breast items and dark meat cuts were well cleared to tight and moving well, often at premium levels. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights in a full range.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced 1.00 cents to 74.25 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 15, 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	183.50
BREASTS - B/S	152.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	97.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	103.00
LEG QUARTERS	40.00
WINGS	135.00

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

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Demand into all channels was light to moderate, best for active fast food promotions. Supplies of all sizes were close balanced to tight and held with confidence. In the parts structure, movement was moderate to very good. Wings were mixed, but at least adequate with limited interest. Breast items and dark meat cuts were close balanced to tight and moving well at or above market levels. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed but mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was noted as mostly good to very good for midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes were in good balance to tight. Retail and distributive movement at least moderate as winter storms hampered much of the Northeast. The market tone was firm. In the parts complex, breast items, tenders and most dark meat cuts were well cleared to tight. Wings were at least adequate for current needs.

MIDWEST REGION Whole broiler/fryer market tone was fully steady to firm. Offerings of whole birds were limited for the mixed interest. Retail and distributive movement was light to moderate with many anticipating increased consumer activity into restaurants in light of the Valentine's Day holiday throughout the week and weekend barring weather conditions. Fast food was fair to fairly good. Winter storms wreaked different degrees of havoc throughout the Midwest disrupting plant schedules and trucking deliveries. Floor stocks were balanced to close. Weights were in full range. Parts supplies continued in close balance to tight with the exception of wings, which were more available. Trade call on parts was light and selective as many buyers purchased hand to mouth. The trade sentiment was fully steady to firm on dark meat cuts and breast items, and steady to barely steady on wings.

WESTERN REGION The market tone was firm. Offerings were generally adequate to satisfy immediate demand. Buying activity was fair. Retailer demand was fairly good with best interest where features in progress. Floor stocks were adequate. 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 SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 212 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 10, 2007. This was down slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN 3 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 171 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 10, 2007. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2006 through February 10, 2007 were 1.03 billion, down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

WEEK ENDING 02/10/07	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>PERCENT CHANGE</u> <u>PREVIOUS YEAR</u>
EGGS SET	212,395	212,616	0
CHICKS PLACED	171,000	176,021	-03

Source: USDA, NASS

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 24-Mar-07 is estimated at 157.6 million head. This compares to 158.2 million head the previous week and to 164.9 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 164.1 million head and the composite weighted average price was 60.89 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 AVG	ITEM	POUNDS				WTD AVG
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY				(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY		
BREAST - B/S	525	135.00-217.00	-		149.61	BREAST - B/S	590	138.00-215.00	-		153.03
TENDERLOINS	168	162.00-219.00	-		171.67	TENDERLOINS	215	163.00-217.00	-		176.58
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	213	48.00-60.00	52-53		52.39	LEGS	203	52.00-60.00	53-54		53.79
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	508	35.00-40.00	38-39		38.03	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	718	36.00-42.00	38-39		38.94
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	782	37.00-42.00	40-41		39.66	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	712	38.00-43.00	40-41		40.41
WINGS (WHOLE)	288	118.00-134.00	122-127		125.50	WINGS (WHOLE)	295	120.00-135.00	121-126		125.76
WINGS (CUT)	280	136.00-149.00	140-144		142.95	WINGS (CUT)	320	132.00-149.00	136-141		140.97
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				

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR				F.O.B. DOCK.			
RANGE		TODAY'S AVERAGE		RANGE		TODAY'S AVERAGE	
62.00 - 66.50		64.06		63.00 - 67.50		64.54	
						5-DAY AVERAGE	
						63.50	

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 mostly good for midweek trading as adverse weather conditions hampered much of the Northeast. Offerings of breast items, tenders and most dark meat cuts were well cleared to short. Wings were at least sufficient for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was moderate to good. The market tone was about steady to steady for wings; fully steady to firm for tenders, breast items and dark meat cuts.

*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	155-160	141.16	672,200
TENDERLOINS	165-170	158.04	151,720
BREAST - WITH RIBS	95-96	99.15	104,400
BREAST - LINE RUN	95	96.96	82,800
LEGS	53-54	53.51	184,240
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	41-42	38.99	344,160
DRUMSTICKS	45-46	47.53	166,202
THIGHS	50-51	53.71	93,030
B/S THIGHS	105-106	98.62	112,720
WINGS (WHOLE)	129-130	130.93	191,040
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.48	13,400
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	36.51	12,400
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	46.69	28,600

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	160	143.45	625,606
TENDERLOINS	170	161.65	119,500
BREAST - WITH RIBS	96-97	102.10	57,600
BREAST - LINE RUN	96	97.78	81,000
LEGS	54-55	52.99	164,480
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	41-42	39.02	388,480
DRUMSTICKS	47-48	47.67	92,945
THIGHS	51-52	53.08	88,600
B/S THIGHS	107-108	98.54	96,540
WINGS (WHOLE)	129-130	131.09	157,280
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	10.99	28,640
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	38.00	9,760
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	47.64	22,120

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		AVG WTS
	(1,000)		(1,000)				(1,000)		
	02/14	02/13	02/12	02/09	02/12	02/09	02/07	02/05	
Alabama	3,748	4,034	3,959	4,136	5.54	5.54	3,354	5.50	
Arkansas	5,082	5,050	5,126	4,573	5.31	4.85	4,880	5.26	
Delmarva	2,005	2,196	2,195	2,203	5.73	5.55	2,149	5.55	
KY-LA-TN	2,311	2,323	2,251	2,431	5.17	5.05	2,304	5.18	
Mississippi	2,801	2,916	2,943	3,036	5.64	5.60	2,453	5.93	
N Carolina	2,689	2,700	2,505	2,547	6.87	6.68	2,731	6.92	
Texas	2,467	2,455	2,434	2,108	5.33	5.02	2,270	5.28	
Total	21,103	21,674	21,413	21,034	5.61	5.43	20,141	5.62	
Mon-Wed	64,542(A)						62,302(A)		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 14-Feb-07 is estimated to be 31,572,000 head up 4.46 percent from a week ago and down -2.50 percent from a year ago. (Last week 30,224,000, last year 32,380,000)

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 17-Feb-07

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	02/17/07 (1)	THOUSAND HEAD	02/10/07	THOUSAND HEAD
Broiler/fryer	159,796 (2)		158,030	
Light hens	1,221		1,144	
Heavy hens	1,332		1,413	
Total	162,349		160,587	

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 17-Feb-07 is 160.7 million head compared to 164.3 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 160.1 million head or 0.6 million less than estimated available. For the week of 24-Feb-07 the estimated available is 162.0 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 02/12/07	58,554		55,229	
AM 02/01/07	53,819		56,977	
CHG	4,735		-1,748	
PCT CHG	9		-3	

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	02/12/07	02/05/07	02/13/06	02/12/07	02/05/07	02/13/06
PACIFIC COAST	1,756	1,797	2,215	8,525	8,671	6,169
LOS ANGELES	172	197	51	2,293	2,373	3,317

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 FEBRUARY 12, 2007

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

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES FOR 02/13/07

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW HIGH AVG			LOW HIGH AVG		
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	-	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	5.00
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.	1.50	9.00
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	1.50	2.05	1.74	RABBITS ea.	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	-	6.75
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	14					

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending February 9, 2007

	Whole Chickens		Legs	Necks,Backs & Wings	Livers	
	Breasts	W/Thighs	Gizzards	Hens		
RAYON						
Low	66.85	152.68	82.53	16.51	8.25	70.97
High	73.45	156.80	94.91	20.63	12.38	70.97
Mostly	73.45	152.68	90.78	16.51	8.25	70.97
SAN JUAN						
Low	66.02	148.55	82.53	12.38	4.13	72.21
High	72.21	152.68	94.91	16.51	8.25	72.21
Mostly	72.21	152.68	90.78	16.51	4.13	72.21
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	66.85	148.55	90.78	20.63	8.25	71.80
High	74.28	156.80	99.03	24.76	12.38	71.80
Mostly	74.28	152.68	90.78	20.63	8.25	71.80
BECERRA						
Low	67.67	152.68	90.78	16.51	8.25	72.21
High	74.28	160.93	99.03	20.63	12.38	72.21
Mostly	74.28	156.80	94.91	16.51	12.38	72.21

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was moderate to mostly good for midweek business. Offerings were in close balance to tight for trade requirements. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processing schedules remained moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher at 76 to 86 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, wings were at least adequate. Breast and tenders were strong and dark meat items were closely balanced to very 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

RANGE	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
	WEIGHTED AVERAGE	NO. OF BOXES
69-86	(A)	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.



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