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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was mixed, ranging about steady to barely steady. Retail and food service demand was mostly light to moderate, best into fast food and for retail ads. Supplies of all sizes were usually more than sufficient to satisfy trade needs. Floor stocks were balanced, and purchasing was limited to most immediate needs. In the parts structure, movement was generally fair for midweek trading. Wings were fully adequate and slow to move, breast items were at least adequate, and dark meat was readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy weights. The Composite Weighted Average price for 10/08/2007 was 70.36 compared to 70.66 a week earlier, and 65.23 a year ago.

GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading declined .50 cents to **80.00** cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 69.75 cents last year on October 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	178.00
BREASTS - B/S	149.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	92.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	112.00
LEG QUARTERS	45.00
WINGS	120.50

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

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was mostly about steady. Retail and food service demand was light to fair, at times moderate into fast food outlets and for features. Supplies of all sizes were usually more than sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was mostly fair at best. Wings were at least sufficient and slow to move, and the remaining items were adequate to readily available with mixed interest. 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 fair for midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes were fully sufficient for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items and tenders were in better balance but were still at least adequate to fully adequate. Wings were at least adequate to readily available and dark meat cuts were at fully sufficient for current needs.

MIDWEST REGION The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was mostly steady. Offerings limited for with trade activity hand to mouth. Retail and food service movement was in a full range, frequently noted as moderate; best activity into retail ads and fast food promotions. Floor stocks were adequate; weights desirable to heavy. Parts offerings were moderate to heavy with small wings and whole breast ample. Trade inquiry was limited to as needed basis. Parts trade sentiment was steady to weak on wings and breast cuts; steady on dark meat lines.

WESTERN REGION Whole fryer trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Offerings were adequate for light needs. Retail and distributive demand was light to moderate. Floor stocks were generally balanced; sizes desirable to heavy. Supplies were adequate to available. The market tone was steady to barely steady on most parts with the exception of wings, which were barely steady to weak.

BROILER -TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 4 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 6, 2007. This was up 4 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 UP 3 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 6, 2007. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2006 through October 6, 2007 were 7.06 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

	TOTAL 19 SELECTED STATES		PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
WEEK ENDING 10/06/07	2007	2006	
EGGS SET	213,011	205,727	+04
CHICKS PLACED	169,161	164,849	+03

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-Nov-07 is estimated at 157.1 million head. This compares to 160.4 million head the previous week and to 156.3 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 162.4 million head and the composite weighted average price was 65.99 cents per pound.

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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.

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>POUNDS (000)</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>	<u>WTD AVG</u>
BREAST - B/S	635	105.00-185.00	-	123.60
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	166	49.00-61.00	52-54	52.81
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	540	35.00-43.00	39-40	39.62
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	844	38.00-46.00	41-42	41.21
WINGS (WHOLE)	250	89.00-125.00	-	99.57
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
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 OCTOBER 10, 2007 -- F.O.B. DOCK

<u>RANGE</u>	<u>TODAY'S AVERAGE</u>	<u>5-DAY AVERAGE</u>
43.50 – 49.50	46.48	47.07

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 generally fair for midweek trading. Supplies of breast items and tenders were more than sufficient for current needs. Wings were fully adequate to readily available and dark meat cuts were at least sufficient for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair. The market tone was barely steady to weak for wings; steady to barely steady for the balance of items.

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

<u>OCT 09 ITEM</u>	<u>CURRENT NEG TRADING*</u>	<u>WTD AVG</u>	<u>VOL/LBS</u>	<u>OCT 10 ITEM</u>	<u>CURRENT NEG TRADING*</u>	<u>WTD AVG</u>	<u>VOL/LBS</u>
BREAST - B/S	130	129.58	369,820	BREAST - B/S	130	127.28	384,169
TENDERLOINS	120	124.58	102,880	TENDERLOINS	120	122.69	122,040
BREAST - WITH RIBS	73-74	84.25	49,840	BREAST - WITH RIBS	73-74	79.08	40,840
BREAST - LINE RUN	72	73.11	102,840	BREAST - LINE RUN	72	72.44	113,400
LEGS	59-60	62.46	93,160	LEGS	59-60	63.15	119,160
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	43-44	45.96	144,960	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	43-44	45.59	247,680
DRUMSTICKS	58-59	65.39	58,885	DRUMSTICKS	58-59	66.87	63,200
THIGHS	49-50	57.53	41,320	THIGHS	49-50	58.77	61,440
B/S THIGHS	110-111	112.75	49,740	B/S THIGHS	110-111	114.86	55,000
WINGS (WHOLE)	114-115	118.84	130,260	WINGS (WHOLE)	112-113	117.92	120,960
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.73	6,760	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.10	31,360
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	36.79	3,120	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	36.55	7,480
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	75.35	12,680	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	72.84	24,520

INCLUDES NY CITY METRO. AREA, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, RI, & PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S 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)

	<u>ESTIMATED</u>		<u>ACTUAL</u>		<u>AVG WTS</u>		<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>AVG WTS</u>
	(1,000)	10/09	(1,000)	10/05	10/08	10/05	(1,000)	10/01
Alabama	4,117	4,192	4,101	4,764	5.55	5.42	4,146	5.67
Arkansas	5,470	5,441	5,206	5,163	5.56	5.29	5,336	5.55
Delmarva	2,240	2,240	2,269	2,265	5.90	5.73	2,245	5.91
KY-LA-TN	2,467	2,477	2,279	2,468	5.12	5.11	2,409	5.23
Mississippi	2,675	2,629	2,614	3,577	5.67	5.61	2,974	5.64
North Carolina	2,950	2,940	2,747	2,898	6.98	6.92	2,806	7.03
Texas	2,511	2,503	2,554	2,517	5.44	5.31	2,483	5.49
Total	22,430	22,422	21,770	23,652	5.73	5.57	22,399	5.77
Mon-Wed	67,108 (A)						67,547 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 10-Oct-07 is estimated to be 33,558,000 head down 0.16 percent from a week ago and up 4.08 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 33,612,000, last year 32,244,000)

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)
PROCESSED POULTRY, DLVRD TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH FRYERS	94-100
ROASTERS 4# & UP	109-118
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	70-79
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY
DLVRD TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 126
	DRY PACK 110
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 140
	DRY PACK 108
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 109
	DRY PACK 105
DUCKS	199-204

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 13-Oct-07

Class	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	10/13/07 (1)	10/06/07	10/13/07 (1)	10/06/07
	----- Thousand head -----			
Broiler/fryer	170,628 (2)		171,787	
Light hens	1,045		1,107	
Heavy hens	1,594		1,539	
Total	173,267		174,433	

(1)ESTIMATED

2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 13-Oct-07 is 167.0 million head compared to 163.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 171.0 million head or 4.0 million more than estimated available. For the week of 20-Oct-07 the estimated available is 166.7 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 10/08/07	103,756		74,264	
AM 10/01/07	107,745		66,944	
CHG	-3,989		7,320	
PCT CHG	-4		11	

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	10/08/07	10/01/07	10/09/06	10/08/07	10/01/07	10/09/06
PACIFIC COAST	3,710	3,662	637	10,286	5,604	10,571
LOS ANGELES	198	202	262	1,083	935	2,562

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS,U.S.GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5LBSAND UP, FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 8, 2007

HENS	RANGE	
	ICE PACKED(12 PER BOX)	VACUUM PACKED(6-9 PER BOX)
	73-81	75-93

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES FOR 10/09/07

	LOW HIGH AVG			LOW HIGH AVG		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.50	1.55	.77	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	1.75
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	90
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	5.00	6.00
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	1.00	1.25
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	1.45	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	1.00	DUCKS ea.	3.00	5.00
RABBITS lb.	1.00	1.50	1.11	RABBITS ea.	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.00	3.25
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	6.00	7.50
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	3.25	4.50	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-			
TOTAL COOPS	256					

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending October 5,2007

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/Thighs	Necks,Backs & Wings	Livers Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	65.71	154.86	79.52	16.74	8.37	66.97
High	76.59	163.23	83.71	20.93	12.56	66.97
Mostly	76.59	159.05	79.52	16.74	12.56	66.97
SAN JUAN						
Low	64.46	163.23	75.34	16.74	8.37	69.06
High	75.34	167.42	83.71	20.93	12.56	69.06
Mostly	75.34	163.23	83.71	20.93	12.56	69.06
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	66.97	163.23	79.52	16.74	8.37	71.15
High	77.85	167.42	87.90	20.93	12.56	71.15
Mostly	77.85	167.42	87.90	20.93	12.56	71.15
BECERRA						
Low	69.06	167.42	83.71	25.11	8.37	75.34
High	79.52	175.79	100.45	29.30	16.74	75.34
Mostly	77.01	171.60	92.08	25.11	12.56	75.34

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was mostly fair for midweek trading. Seller offerings ranged fully adequate to available for current trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were reported as mostly desirable, but trending heavier. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 68 to 82 cents. Trade sentiment was noted as steady to barely steady. In the parts complex, wings were fully adequate to readily available and slow to clear. The balance of parts were fully adequate for trade requirements.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	WEIGHTED AVERAGE	NO. OF BOXES
	53-84	(A)
	(A)	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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