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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was about steady in the West, barely steady to weak elsewhere. Retail and food service demand was slow to moderate, slightly better where product was featured. Supplies were adequate to ample for the light and selective interest. Floor stocks were balanced to long. In the parts structure, movement was light to fair for mid-week trading. Breast items were mixed, but at least adequate with limited interest. Wings were close balanced to tight and continued to move well. Dark meat items were mostly sufficient. In productions areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights varied, but were mostly desirable.



GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading declined .25 cents to 88.00 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 81.00 cents last year on September 26, 2007.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading: **DOCK PRICE**

ITEM	(CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	173.00
BREASTS - B/S	138.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	81.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	132.00
THIGHS	63.00
DRUMSTICKS	71.50
LEG QUARTERS	56.00
WINGS	99.00

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

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Demand was slow to fair, slightly better where features were active. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to ample for light trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was light to fair for mid-week trading. Breast items were at least adequate. Wings remained well cleared to tight and held with confidence and dark meat items were sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light and unaggressive as dealers limited orders to most immediate needs. Offerings of all sizes were readily available and often discounted to help clear additional product. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light. The market tone was weak. In the parts complex, wings were in good balance to well cleared and moving satisfactorily. Breast items were at least adequate with mixed interest, and dark meat cuts were sufficient.

MIDWEST REGION Whole broiler/fryer market tone was barely steady to weak. Producer offerings were plentiful on hand to mouth buyer call. Retail and food service movement was slow to moderate for the most part. Some Ohio area operators in retail and food service continued to see good demand for restocking. Floor stocks were adequate to ample; weights desirable to instances heavy. Parts trade interest remained centered on wings, which were short to close; and in some locales boneless/skinless breast was clearing well, and the balance of parts were available. Trade sentiment was steady to firm on wings, steady to barely steady on breast cuts and steady to weak on dark meat.

WESTERN REGION The market tone was about steady. Offerings, although in better balance, was generally adequate. Buying activity was fair, and buyers' waiting for further market developments. Retailer demand was fairly good with best interest noted where product is featured. Floor stocks were adequate. Parts were about steady to fully steady, with wings noted in the strongest position.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States

Down 8 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 195 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 20, 2008. This was down 8 percent 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 4 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 20, 2008. Placements were down 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through September 20, 2008 were 6.70 billion, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

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

WEEK ENDING			PERCENT CHANGE
	2008	2007	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	195,072	212,015	-08
CHICKS PLACED	168,054	175,642	-04

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 01-Nov-08 is estimated at 155.9 million head. This compares to 156.6 million head the previous week and to 166.2 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 171.0 million head and the composite weighted average price was 70.75 cents per pound.

SEPT 23

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

SEPT 24

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.

POUNDS					POUNDS				
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG	ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	347	105.00-191.00	-	120.52	BREAST - B/S	483	100.00-186.00	-	121.03
TENDERLOINS	197	105.00-189.00	-	111.18	TENDERLOINS	178	105.00-189.00	-	112.43
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	173	62.00-70.00	65-68	66.68	LEGS	223	64.00-70.00	67-69	67.62
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	401	50.00-56.00	-	53.94	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	427	50.00-56.00	-	53.20
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,002	52.00-57.00	54-56	54.84	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	817	52.00-58.00	54-56	54.92
WINGS (WHOLE)	TOO FEW TO REPORT				WINGS (WHOLE)	130	72.00-91.00	-	83.04
WINGS (CUT)	TOO FEW TO REPORT				WINGS (CUT)	105	92.00-102.00	-	98.19
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	5-DAY AVERAGE
57.00-62.00	60.08	56.00-61.25	58.42	58.18

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 activity was light to fair for mid-week business. Breast items were mixed, but at least adequate with limited interest, and dark meat cuts were sufficient. Wings were in good balance to well cleared and continued to move satisfactorily. Retail and distributive movement was light. The market tone was fully steady to firm for wings, and steady at best for the remaining items.

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

SEPT 23	CURRENT NEG	WTD		SEPT 24	CURRENT NEG	WTD	
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG	VOL/LBS	ITEM	TRADING*	AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	120-125	117.50	620,523	BREAST - B/S	120-125	114.24	478,360
TENDERLOINS	120-125	122.64	121,820	TENDERLOINS	120-125	128.76	101,400
BREAST - WITH RIBS	62-63	68.05	145,400	BREAST - WITH RIBS	62-63	71.61	86,360
BREAST - LINE RUN	62	64.94	55,800	BREAST - LINE RUN	62	65.30	54,000
LEGS	71-72	75.58	67,720	LEGS	71-72	73.82	140,320
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	54-55	53.24	415,120	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	54-55	54.72	231,440
DRUMSTICKS	65-66	75.59	60,680	DRUMSTICKS	65-66	78.06	44,760
THIGHS	60-61	73.81	47,640	THIGHS	60-61	71.53	55,360
B/S THIGHS	128-129	130.76	90,140	B/S THIGHS	128-129	131.19	76,600
WINGS (WHOLE)	95-96	100.42	129,160	WINGS (WHOLE)	96-97	99.32	157,280
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-14	15.00	16,480	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-14	15.00	13,520
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	40-45	41.41	21,920	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	40-45	43.35	6,200
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	53.93	25,160	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	55.53	22,120

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

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL		AVG WTS
	(1,000)		(1,000)				(1,000)		
	09/24	09/23	09/22	09/19	09/22	09/19	09/17	09/15	
Alabama	4,166	4,186	4,233	4,133	5.55	5.31	4,134	5.51	
Arkansas	5,264	5,159	4,728	4,283	5.72	5.62	5,330	5.57	
Delmarva	2,228	2,174	2,227	2,362	6.15	5.96	2,204	6.02	
KY-LA-TN	2,049	2,327	2,321	2,136	5.25	4.84	2,281	5.33	
Mississippi	3,087	3,116	2,953	3,200	5.93	5.57	3,096	5.95	
North Carolina	2,873	2,843	2,467	2,801	7.16	6.79	2,744	6.93	
Texas	2,570	2,566	2,655	3,478	5.48	5.40	2,680	5.42	
Total	22,237	22,371	21,584	22,393	5.84	5.63	22,469	5.79	
Mon-Wed	66,354 (A)						66,229 (A)		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 24-Sep-08 is estimated to be 33,269,000 head down 1.33 percent from a week ago and down -3.98 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 33,717,000, last year 34,648,000)

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

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	109-119
ROASTERS 4# & UP	125-135
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DLVRD TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
BROILER 2# & OVER	ICE PACK 159
	DRY PACK 123
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK -
	DRY PACK 117
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 114
	DRY PACK 112
DUCKS	235-252

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 27-SEP-08

Class	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	09/27/08 (1)	Thousand head	09/20/08	Thousand head
Broiler/fryer	167,323(2)		170,276	
Light hens	1,353		1,291	
Heavy hens	1,798		1,834	
Total	170,474		173,401	

(1)ESTIMATED

2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 27-Sep-08 is 163.0 million head compared to 176.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 167.7 million head or 4.7 million more than estimated available. For the week of 04-Oct-08 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 09/22/08	141,765		58,251	
AM 09/01/08	142,893		88,896	
CHG	-1,128		-30,645	
PCT CHG	-1		-34	

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	09/22/08	09/15/08	09/24/07	09/22/08	09/15/08	09/24/07
PACIFIC COAST	575	800	3,700	6,791	7,556	9,653
LOS ANGELES	277	288	217	1,513	1,883	903

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S.GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE,5LBS AND UP, FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2008

HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	RANGE	
		73-81	71-94
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)		

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

	FOR 09/23/08			FOR 09/23/08		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG
AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY						
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.30	1.05	.58	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.	8.00	10.00
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	1.00	2.50
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	1.25	1.90	1.73	RABBITS ea.	1.00	9.50
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	.50	3.00
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	3.00	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	.50	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-			
TOTAL COOPS	43					

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending September 19, 2008

	Whole Chickens		Legs	Necks,Backs & Wings	Livers Gizzards	Hens
	Breasts	W/Thighs				
RAYON						
Low	59.93	132.71	81.34	17.12	4.28	55.65
High	64.21	141.27	94.18	21.40	8.56	55.65
Mostly	59.93	136.99	89.90	21.40	6.42	55.65
SAN JUAN						
Low	57.79	128.43	77.06	17.12	4.28	55.65
High	62.93	141.27	89.90	21.40	8.56	55.65
Mostly	59.93	132.71	85.62	19.26	4.28	55.65
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	60.79	132.71	85.62	21.40	4.28	57.79
High	65.07	145.55	98.46	25.69	8.56	57.79
Mostly	60.79	141.27	94.18	21.40	4.28	57.79
BECERRA						
Low	61.65	136.99	89.90	21.40	4.28	59.93
High	66.35	149.83	102.74	25.69	8.56	59.93
Mostly	61.65	145.55	98.46	21.40	8.56	59.93

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light and selective for midweek trading. Seller offerings were fully adequate to available with the 3.00 and 3.50 pound sizes in the longest position. Live supplies were moderate; weights were usually desirable to at times heavy. Processing schedules ranged moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were one cent lower at 67 to 81 cents. Trade sentiment was weak. In the parts complex, breast items were reported as at least adequate. Wings were well cleared to tight. Dark meat cuts were sufficient and moving satisfactorily

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
56-86
RANGE
WEIGHTED AVERAGE
NO. OF BOXES
(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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