USDA

USDA BROILER MARKET NEWS REPORT

ISSN 1522-0567

WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 05, 2008
VOL. 55 NO. 133

U.S. Department of Agriculture | Agricultural Marketing Service | Poultry Programs | Market News and Analysis Branch

NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was about steady to barely steady in the East, steady to weak in the Midwest and steady to about steady in the West. Demand was mixed, mostly no better than moderate, best into fast food and where promotions were active. Supplies were irregular, mostly adequate to satisfy current trade needs. Floor stocks were balanced to long. In the parts structure, movement was slow to fair for mid-week trading. Breast items were readily available and wings were mixed with smaller wings in the best position. Dark meat cuts were adequate to ample and often discounted to help stimulate interest. In productions areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but 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 declined .25 cents to 87.00 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 78.00 cents last year on November 07, 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	155.00
BREASTS - B/S	111.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	70.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	119.50
THIGHS	59.00
DRUMSTICKS	63.00
LEG QUARTERS	43.00
WINGS	107.00

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

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was about steady to barely steady. Demand was no better than fair with trading usually confined to regular commitments. Supplies of all sizes were at least sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was slow to fair for mid-week trading. Dark meat items were fully adequate to ample and often discounted to help move. Breast items were more than sufficient with limited interest. Wings were sufficient and moving satisfactorily. 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 light to fair at best as dealers limited orders to regular commitments. Offerings of all sizes were more than sufficient for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair. The market tone was barely steady. In the parts complex, wings were sufficient. Breast items were fully adequate to instances ample and slow to clear; tenders were at least adequate to available with light movement. Dark meat cuts were ample for the light and selective buyer interest.

MIDWEST REGION The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was steady to weak. Offerings were available on light and unaggressive trade inquiry. Retail and food service demand was slow to moderate overall with a few participants noting fairly good activity on retail features and fast food. Floor stocks were balanced to long; sizes varied, but mostly desirable. In parts trade, regular wings received most buyer attention, breast cuts were discounted to help clear and dark meat cuts were struggling to fine interest. Supplies of regular wings remained in close balance and all other parts were plentiful. The trade sentiment was steady to fully steady on regular wings, about steady to weak on the remainder of parts.

WESTERN REGION The market tone was about steady. Offerings of light weight product was tight to adequate, heavy weights were adequate to ample. Buyers' interest was generally light. Retailer demand was fairly good, with best interest where featured. Floor stocks were in fair balance with current needs. The market tone was steady to weak on parts.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States

Down 10 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 185 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 1, 2008. This was down 10 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 7 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 158 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 1, 2008. Placements were down 7 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through November 1, 2008 were 7.66 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

WEEK ENDING 11/01/08	2008	2007	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	185,344	205,754	-10
CHICKS PLACED	158,445	171,270	-07

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 13-Dec-08 is estimated at 144.1 million head. This compares to 144.9 million head the previous week and to 163.0 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 170.5 million head and the composite weighted average price was 70.40 cents per pound.

NOV 04 **SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS** **NOV 05**

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 (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	228	84.00-175.00	-	100.96	BREAST - B/S	223	85.00-175.00	-	100.35
TENDERLOINS	156	90.00-179.00	-	101.22	TENDERLOINS	154	90.00-179.00	-	101.26
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		TOO FEW TO REPORT			LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	339	35.00-45.00	38-39	39.23	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	314	35.00-45.00	37-38	38.68
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	717	38.00-47.00	40-42	41.03	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	717	36.00-47.00	39-41	39.34
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
WINGS (CUT)	140	110.00-117.00	-	114.14	WINGS (CUT)	143	110.00-117.00	-	114.20
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS	110	105.00-125.00	-	110.45	B/S THIGHS	110	105.00-123.00	-	110.09

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
49.50– 55.50	51.95	49.00 – 55.50	51.59	52.68

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 and selective during midweek trading as dealers limited orders to regular commitments. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts were available and slow to clear; bone-in breast and tenders were at least adequate to available. Most dark meats cuts were ample with light movement. Wings were sufficient for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair, best where scattered features were planned. The market tone was barely steady for breast items and tenders; generally steady for wings. Most dark meat cuts were weak and unsettled.

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

NOV 04 ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS	NOV 05 ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	105-110	97.46	533,200	BREAST - B/S	105-110	98.87	553,820
TENDERLOINS	100-105	96.63	154,920	TENDERLOINS	100-105	103.64	84,200
BREAST - WITH RIBS	63-64	68.62	168,320	BREAST - WITH RIBS	63-64	72.16	95,000
BREAST - LINE RUN	63	63.81	57,600	BREAST - LINE RUN	63	63.56	57,600
LEGS	54-55	46.28	248,240	LEGS	53-54	53.03	139,680
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	37-38	38.24	436,640	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	35-36	37.13	191,560
DRUMSTICKS	53-54	59.96	64,320	DRUMSTICKS	52-53	60.50	44,320
THIGHS	54-55	62.32	61,640	THIGHS	53-54	58.41	46,880
B/S THIGHS	107-108	115.10	46,840	B/S THIGHS	104-105	115.55	34,840
WINGS (WHOLE)	106-107	105.21	195,347	WINGS (WHOLE)	106-107	108.04	160,480
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-14	15.00	15,680	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-14	15.00	18,760
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	49.53	18,920	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	49.39	7,520
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	64.63	23,920	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	62.64	25,120

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 (1,000)		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WTS		ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS
	11/05	11/04	11/03	10/31	11/03	10/31	10/29	10/27
Alabama	4,124	4,119	3,968	3,784	5.40	5.27	3,913	5.40
Arkansas	5,108	5,097	4,615	4,297	5.63	5.57	5,056	5.64
Delmarva	2,195	2,202	2,172	2,203	6.15	6.02	2,146	6.13
KY-LA-TN	2,005	2,273	1,974	2,067	5.16	4.98	1,982	5.35
Mississippi	3,024	2,953	2,893	3,171	6.02	5.87	3,045	6.01
North Carolina	2,816	2,854	2,501	2,538	7.14	6.69	2,734	6.99
Texas	2,606	2,606	2,692	2,667	5.48	5.34	2,590	5.58
Total	21,878	22,104	20,815	20,727	5.81	5.66	21,466	5.83
Mon-Wed	65,230 (A)						64,732 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.
Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 05-Nov-08 is estimated to be 32,732,000 head up 1.61 percent from a week ago and down -3.02 percent from a year ago.
(Last week 32,212,000, last year 33,753,000)

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
FRESH FRYERS	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 08-Nov-08

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	11/08/08 (1)	11/01/08
Class	---------- Thousand head ---------	
Broiler/fryer	164,515 (2)	160,691
Light hens	1,307	1,523
Heavy hens	1,666	1,548
Total	167,488	163,762

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 08-Nov-08 is 157.0 million head compared to 172.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 164.8 million head or 7.8 million more than estimated available. For the week of 15-Nov-08 the estimated available is 154.4 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY LBS	PROCESSED POULTRY LBS
AM 11/03/08	111,299	91,669
AM 10/01/08	141,760	99,200
CHG	-30461	-7531
PCT CHG	-21%	-8%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of September 30, 2008 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on November 1, 2008 are:

Frozen Eggs	22	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
Processed Turkeys	482	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
Processed Other Poultry	703	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	11/03/08	10/27/08	11/05/07	11/03/08	10/27/08	11/05/07
PACIFIC COAST	714	727	4,178	6,960	6,479	12,033
LOS ANGELES	309	289	178	1,579	1,457	1,414

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 NOVEMBER 3, 2008

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

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES **FOR 11/04/08**

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.25	1.20	.40	HEAVY FOWL ea.	6.25	8.50	7.38
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	1.30	1.30	BANTAMS ea.	-	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.50	1.50	.98
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	3.00	5.00	3.38
ROOSTERS lb.	-	2.10	2.10	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	19.00	20.00	19.50
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	22.00	22.00
RABBITS lb.	1.80	2.50	2.16	RABBITS ea.	-	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.00	5.00	1.78
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	10.25	11.25	10.75
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	4.00	4.00	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-				
PHEASANT ea.	16.00	17.00	16.50				

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending August 22, 2008

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/Thighs	Necks,Backs & Wings	Livers Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	59.16	125.50	68.13	14.34	3.59	46.61
High	62.75	132.67	75.30	17.93	7.17	46.61
Mostly	60.96	125.50	71.71	16.14	3.59	46.61
SAN JUAN						
Low	58.09	121.91	64.54	14.34	3.59	46.61
High	61.67	132.67	71.71	17.93	7.17	46.61
Mostly	60.24	121.91	68.13	14.34	3.59	46.61
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	58.80	125.50	71.71	17.93	3.59	48.41
High	63.47	136.25	82.47	21.51	7.17	48.41
Mostly	62.39	132.67	78.88	17.93	5.38	48.41
BECERRA						
Low	59.88	129.08	75.30	17.93	3.59	50.20
High	64.54	139.84	86.05	21.51	7.17	50.20
Mostly	62.75	136.25	82.47	17.93	7.17	50.20

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was generally noted as limited with product readily available at highly competitive pricing. Live supplies were moderate; weights were reported as mostly desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 70 to 82 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak and remained unsettled. In the parts complex, breast items were slow to clear and ranged at least adequate to available. Dark meat cuts were ample for the current lackluster buying interest. Wings were sufficient.

	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
RANGE	50-88
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

USDA, AMS, POULTRY PROGRAMS,
POULTRY MARKET NEWS & ANALYSIS BRANCH OFFICES

Washington, DC	Voice	(202)720-6911	Michael Sheats
	Fax	(202)720-2403	(Chief)
Atlanta, GA	Voice	(404)562-5850	Annie Terry
	Fax	(404)562-5875	(Officer In Charge)
Jackson, MS	Voice	(601)965-4662	Gary Brown
	Fax	(601)359-1175	(Southern States Area Supervisor)
Des Moines, IA	Voice	(515)284-4471	Mary L. Adkins
	Fax	(515)284-4468	(Officer-InCharge)
	Recorded	(515)284-4545	
Long Beach, CA	Voice	(562)388-7337	Nettie Andry
	Fax	(562)432-8295	
	Recorded	(213)534-1335	