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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was steady to about steady in the East, steady elsewhere, but instances barely steady in the West. Demand was mostly slow to moderate with limited activity as interest began to focus on holiday needs. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. Floor stocks were balanced to long. In the parts structure, movement was light and unaggressive for mid-week trading. Wings were in the best position with supplies adequate to well cleared, and breast items were more than sufficient. Dark meat items were fully adequate to readily available and frequently discounted to aid movement. In production 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 86.75 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 77.75 cents last year on November 14, 2007.

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

DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	151.50
BREASTS - B/S	109.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	70.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	111.50
THIGHS	56.50
DRUMSTICKS	60.00
LEG QUARTERS	36.50
WINGS	107.50

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

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was mostly steady to about steady. Demand into all channels was light to fair with limited trading. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was light to fair for mid-week trading. Wings were sufficient and moving satisfactorily, and breast items were adequate to available. Dark meat cuts were fully adequate to ample and heavily discounted to help clear additional inventories. 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 mostly fair during midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes were sufficient for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, wings were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Breast items and tenders were at least adequate. Most dark meat cuts were readily available and slow to clear. Gizzards were seasonally active.

MIDWEST REGION The whole broiler fryer market tone was mostly steady with offers light for the limited needs. Retail and food service demand was slow to moderate at best with most interest on wings, breast strips, dark meat items, and eight piece cut-ups into fast food and catering channels. Floor stocks were balanced to long; sizes mixed. Parts supplies were adequate to ample with the exception of small wings, which were close. The trade sentiment was steady to fully steady on small wings, barely steady to weak on dark meat cuts and breast items, and generally steady on the remainder of parts.

WESTERN REGION The market tone was barely steady to mainly steady. Offerings, of light weight product, remained in fair balance with current needs; heavy weights were fully adequate overall. Retailer demand was fairly good overall. Floor stocks were mixed but overall adequate. Trade sentiment was about steady to weak, with dark meat items in the weakest position.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 11 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 193 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 8, 2008. This was down 11 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 7 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 155 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 8, 2008. Placements were down 7 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through November 8, 2008 were 7.82 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	2008	2007	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
11/08/08	193,001	217,195	-11
	155,283	167,073	-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 21-Dec-08 is estimated at 144.4 million head. This compares to 144.1 million head the previous week and to 159.6 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 176.5 million head and the composite weighted average price was 70.52 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.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	307	80.00-175.00	-	97.35
TENDERLOINS	175	90.00-172.00	-	112.23
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	411	27.00-32.00	29-30	29.51
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	562	28.00-34.00	31	31.14
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
WINGS (CUT)	100	110.00-117.00	-	114.20
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS	100	100.00-120.00	-	104.00

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR NOVEMBER 12, 2008 -- F.O.B. DOCK

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
44.50 - 50.00	47.22	48.33

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 remained generally light and unaggressive during midweek trading as dealers cautiously assessed market conditions. Offerings of breast items and tenders were more than sufficient for current needs. Most dark meat cuts were readily available at discounted levels in an attempt to stimulate interest. Wings were adequate to well cleared. Retail and distributive movement was fair at best. The market tone was generally steady for tenders, breast items and wings; barely steady to weak for most dark meat cuts.

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

NOV 11 ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS	NOV 12 ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	105-110	100.11	629,680	BREAST - B/S	105-110	101.29	443,680
TENDERLOINS	100-105	99.98	111,660	TENDERLOINS	100-105	107.88	56,280
BREAST - WITH RIBS	63-64	65.22	168,880	BREAST - WITH RIBS	63-64	73.96	74,880
BREAST - LINE RUN	63	64.56	57,600	BREAST - LINE RUN	63	64.47	64,800
LEGS	50-51	42.77	227,680	LEGS	47-48	45.96	134,840
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	29-30	29.03	344,560	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	28-29	30.32	286,000
DRUMSTICKS	52-53	58.87	102,080	DRUMSTICKS	50-51	56.44	91,120
THIGHS	53-54	57.73	87,080	THIGHS	51-52	58.63	62,000
B/S THIGHS	100-101	105.72	40,160	B/S THIGHS	97-98	107.42	36,200
WINGS (WHOLE)	106-107	108.93	177,982	WINGS (WHOLE)	106-107	112.16	158,600
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	13-15	15.00	18,640	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	13-15	15.00	12,600
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	47.05	12,320	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	49.53	7,520
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	65.04	33,360	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	65-70	66.12	15,000

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)

	ESTIMATED (1,000)		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WTS		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WTS
	11/12	11/11	11/10	11/07	11/10	11/07	11/05	11/03	
Alabama	3,969	4,084	3,967	4,224	5.46	5.37	4,045	5.40	
Arkansas	5,068	5,096	4,570	4,358	5.58	5.46	5,012	5.63	
Delmarva	2,136	1,881	2,112	2,234	6.15	6.07	2,179	6.15	
KY-LA-TN	1,952	2,248	1,912	2,137	5.18	5.02	3,007	5.16	
Mississippi	3,012	3,031	2,950	3,436	5.99	5.93	3,022	6.02	
North Carolina	2,783	2,811	2,723	2,833	7.07	6.99	2,738	7.14	
Texas	2,607	2,606	2,737	2,653	5.64	5.23	2,669	5.48	
Total	21,527	21,757	20,971	21,875	5.84	5.71	22,672	5.81	
Mon-Wed	64,496	(A)					65,347	(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 12-Nov-08 is estimated to be 32,207,000 head down 5.33 percent from a week ago and down -3.12 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 34,022,000, last year 33,245,000)

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

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

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 15-NOV-08

Class	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	11/15/08 (1)	11/08/08	11/15/08 (1)	11/08/08
	----- Thousand head -----			
Broiler/fryer	162,492(2)		164,515	
Light hens	1,371		1,307	
Heavy hens	1,693		1,666	
Total	165,556		167,488	

(1)ESTIMATED

2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 15-Nov-08 is 154.4 million head compared to 169.4 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 162.8 million head or 8.4 million more than estimated available. For the week of 22-Nov-08 the estimated available is 151.8 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 11/10/08	102,668		92,843	
AM 11/01/08	111,299		91,669	
CHG	-8,631		1,174	
PCT CHG	-8		-1	

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	11/11/08	11/03/08	11/12/07	11/11/08	11/03/08	11/12/07
PACIFIC COAST	1,566	714	3,772	7,014	6,960	10,964
LOS ANGELES	309	309	158	1,579	1,579	1,343

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 10, 2008

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

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES FOR 11/11/08

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW HIGH AVG				LOW HIGH AVG		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	1.00	1.30	1.17	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	1.30	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	10.00	-
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.	1.75	5.75	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	1.70	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	6.25	-
RABBITS lb.	1.70	2.70	2.40	RABBITS ea.	-	2.00	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	.25	1.25	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	6.50	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-				
TOTAL COOPS	37						

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending November 7, 2008

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/Thighs	Necks,Backs & Wings	Livers Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	57.28	123.75	74.25	14.14	3.54	45.96
High	61.52	134.35	84.85	17.68	7.07	45.96
Mostly	60.11	130.82	77.78	14.14	3.54	45.96
SAN JUAN						
Low	56.57	120.21	70.71	14.14	3.54	45.96
High	60.81	130.82	81.32	17.68	7.07	45.96
Mostly	60.11	127.28	74.25	14.14	3.54	45.96
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	58.34	127.28	77.78	14.14	3.54	47.73
High	62.23	137.89	88.39	17.68	7.07	47.73
Mostly	61.17	134.35	84.85	15.91	3.54	47.73
BECERRA						
Low	59.40	130.82	81.32	14.14	3.54	49.50
High	62.93	141.42	91.93	17.68	7.07	49.50
Mostly	60.11	137.89	88.39	17.68	5.30	49.50

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally light to fair as buyer interests turned to traditional holiday items. Offerings were at least adequate for present trade needs. Live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights. Processing schedules ranged light to moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 70 to 82 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady to steady. In the parts complex, breast items were adequate to available. Dark meat cuts were fully adequate to readily available and discounted. Wings were adequate and moving satisfactorily.

RANGE	Nov 12	Nov 11
	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	64-88 (A)	59-88 (A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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