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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was steady to about steady in the West, steady to fully steady in the East, and steady in the Midwest. Retail and food service demand was slow to moderate with major focus on holiday items. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. Floor stocks were in a full range. Winter storm conditions overnight affected transportation in parts of upper Midwest. Processing schedules for next week will be light due to upcoming holiday. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate for mid week trading. Breast items were sufficient, but wings, tenders, and bone-in breast were in good supply and moving well. Dark meat items were close balanced to tight with legs, leg quarters and drums in the best position. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.



GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 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 76.75 cents last year on December 19, 2007.

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	159.50
BREASTS - B/S	117.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	72.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	103.50
THIGHS	51.00
DRUMSTICKS	54.00
LEG QUARTERS	30.00
WINGS	119.00

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

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand was fair to moderate as industry prepared for the holiday, and orders were limited to regular commitments. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. Processing schedules for next week will be light due to upcoming holiday. In the parts structure, movement was mostly fair for mid week trading. Breast items were sufficient, but bone-in breast, wings and tenders were in good supply and moving well. Dark meat items were adequate to well cleared with legs, leg quarters, and drums in the best position and held with confidence. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was seasonally light for midweek trading as dealers kept inventories in close balance with immediate needs. Offerings of all sizes were at least sufficient for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light as interest centered on other holiday items. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts, wings and most dark meat cuts was well cleared and held with confidence; boneless skinless breasts were at least sufficient for current needs.

MIDWEST REGION Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady. Offerings were adequate on limited fill-in trade; 2 1/4 to 2 1/2 wogs noted at 83 cents delivered. Retail and distributive demand was slow to moderate with holiday proteins the major focus. Winter storm conditions overnight affected transportation in parts of upper Midwest and from Southern producers. Floor stocks were in a full range; weights desirable to heavy. Supplies of wings and dark meat lines continue snug and wanted, breast cuts varied but were sufficient for current trade needs. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm on wings, steady to firm on bone-in dark meat and generally steady on all other parts.

WESTERN REGION Trade sentiments were generally steady. Offerings of lighter weight whole body were in closer position and heavy weights generally adequate. Retailer demand was light to moderate. Floor stocks were adequate overall. The market tone was steady to firm on parts.

BROILER -TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 7 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 203 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 13, 2008. This was down 7 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 6 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 13, 2008. Placements were down 6 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through December 13, 2008 were 8.62 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 12/13/08	2008	2007	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
	<i>Thousand</i>		
EGGS SET	202,822	217,613	-7
CHICKS PLACED	168,010	178,626	-6

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 24-Jan-09 is estimated at 153.8 million head. This compares to 149.5 million head the previous week and to 151.9 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 161.9 million head and the composite weighted average price was 73.82 cents per pound.

DEC 16

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

DEC 17

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	ITEM	POUNDS			WTD
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG		(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG
BREAST - B/S	288	104.00-188.00	-	112.97	BREAST - B/S	308	104.00-188.00	-	113.13
TENDERLOINS	187	104.00-184.00	-	114.37	TENDERLOINS	192	105.00-184.00	-	115.60
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)	402	27.00-31.00	28-29	28.63	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	407	28.00-32.00	28-29	28.71
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,016	28.00-34.00	30-31	30.19	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	929	29.00-34.00	30-31	30.36
WINGS (WHOLE)	148	102.00-115.00	-	109.02	WINGS (WHOLE)	189	102.00-115.00	-	109.18
WINGS (CUT)	143	116.00-122.00	-	119.59	WINGS (CUT)	158	116.00-122.00	-	120.18
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
45.50-50.50	47.82	46.00-51.50	48.11	48.27

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 mostly moderate for midweek trading. Offerings of bone-in breasts, wings and most dark meat cuts were in good balance to well cleared; boneless skinless breasts were generally sufficient for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair at best as interest shifted to other holiday items. The market tone was fully steady to firm for wings, bone-in breast and most dark meat cuts. The balance of items were generally steady to at least steady.

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

DEC 16	CURRENT NEG	WTD	VOL/LBS	DEC 17	CURRENT NEG	WTD	VOL/LBS
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG		ITEM	TRADING*	AVG	
BREAST - B/S	115-120	111.27	568,234	BREAST - B/S	115-120	104.81	526,080
TENDERLOINS	120	114.67	129,860	TENDERLOINS	120	116.43	90,560
BREAST - WITH RIBS	65-66	67.37	161,080	BREAST - WITH RIBS	66-67	75.36	76,040
BREAST - LINE RUN	65	66.64	59,400	BREAST - LINE RUN	66	68.90	55,800
LEGS	47-48	43.04	231,080	LEGS	48-49	45.27	225,520
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	29-30	27.16	416,240	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	30-31	30.21	210,960
DRUMSTICKS	43-44	48.13	106,120	DRUMSTICKS	43-44	52.05	77,160
THIGHS	49-50	53.10	79,320	THIGHS	49-50	56.28	75,080
B/S THIGHS	98-99	99.87	65,480	B/S THIGHS	99-100	98.77	42,980
WINGS (WHOLE)	116-117	119.62	141,000	WINGS (WHOLE)	118-119	122.29	136,400
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	13-15	15.00	20,880	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	13-15	15.00	18,000
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	47.73	22,880	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	48.83	7,840
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	72.31	39,040	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	75.21	21,680

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
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	WTS	
	12/17	12/16	12/15	12/12	12/15	12/12	12/10	12/08	
Alabama	3,547	4,109	3,768	3,757	5.26	5.09	3,643	5.29	
Arkansas	5,055	5,026	5,000	4,147	5.57	5.27	4,957	5.61	
Delmarva	1,837	2,118	2,107	2,221	6.12	5.87	2,134	6.12	
KY-LA-TN	2,243	2,279	2,111	1,870	5.21	4.74	2,284	5.28	
Mississippi	2,963	3,004	2,809	3,270	5.88	5.80	3,035	5.94	
North Carolina	2,271	2,765	2,690	2,788	7.06	6.79	2,574	7.09	
Texas	2,661	2,688	2,660	2,648	5.29	5.12	2,676	5.34	
Total	20,577	21,989	21,145	20,701	5.73	5.52	21,303	5.78	
Mon-Wed	64,189 (A)				63,437 (A)				

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 17-Dec-08 is estimated to be 30,785,000 head down 3.70 percent from a week ago and down -7.50 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,967,000, last year 33,280,000)

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 20-Dec-08

Class	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	12/20/08 (1)	12/13/08
Broiler/fryer	158,193 (2)	160,436
Light hens	1,513	1,508
Heavy hens	1,305	1,442
Total	161,011	163,386

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 20-Dec-08 is 147.8 million head compared to 176.5 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 158.5 million head or 10.7 million more than estimated available. For the week of 27-Dec-08 the estimated available is 146.6 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

		PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
		LBS	LBS
AM	12/15/08	72,162	88,405
AM	12/01/08	73,775	90,520
CHG		-1,613	-2,115
PCT CHG		-2%	-2%

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	12/15/08	12/08/08	12/17/07	12/15/08	12/08/08	12/17/07
PACIFIC COAST	701	716	3,158	6,197	5,753	8,032
LOS ANGELES	260	252	104	915	915	1,476

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 DECEMBER 15, 2008

	RANGE
HENS ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	73-84
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	74-94

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	FOR 12/16/08			LOW	HIGH	AVG
	LOW	HIGH	AVG			
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.50	.65	.56	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	3.50
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	2.00
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	1.20	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	.30	.55	.44	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	1.75	2.15	1.90	RABBITS ea.	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	.50	2.25
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	9.00
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	.50	1.25	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-			

TOTAL COOPS 36

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending December 12, 2008

	Whole	Legs	Necks,Backs	Livers
	Chickens	Breasts W/Thighs	& Wings	Gizzards Hens
RAYON				
Low	66.50	117.54	83.96	16.79 6.72 48.70
High	72.21	130.98	97.39	20.15 10.08 48.70
Mostly	70.53	127.62	94.03	20.15 10.08 48.70
SAN JUAN				
Low	65.49	120.90	80.60	16.79 6.72 47.02
High	71.20	130.98	94.03	20.15 10.08 47.02
Mostly	71.20	124.26	90.68	16.79 6.72 47.02
NEW SAN JUAN				
Low	67.17	117.54	87.32	16.79 10.08 50.38
High	72.88	130.98	97.39	23.51 13.43 50.38
Mostly	71.20	127.62	94.03	23.51 10.08 50.38
BECERRA				
Low	68.85	120.90	90.68	20.15 10.08 52.05
High	73.88	134.34	100.75	26.87 13.43 52.05
Mostly	70.53	130.98	97.39	23.51 10.08 52.05

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds had slowed and was seasonally light. Seller offerings were at least sufficient for trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processing schedules were light as a few plants were down today. Others curtailed operations in line with seasonally reduced needs. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 78 to 90 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, breast items were generally adequate. Tenders and wings were well cleared to tight. Dark meat cuts were balanced to well cleared with leg quarters, drums, and thighs in the best position.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	WEIGHTED AVERAGE	NO. OF BOXES
69-92	(A)	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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