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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm in the East, steady to fully steady elsewhere. Retail demand was light to fairly good, mostly fair to moderate, best where features were active. Food service demand was light to moderate at best. Supplies of all sizes were balanced to closely cleared of full trade needs. Plant schedules are part-time with many plants down Thursday for New Year's Day, however, some locations will run tomorrow and Saturday. Floor stocks covered the full range. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate for mid-week trading. Breast items were adequate to barely adequate with wings and tenders in a slightly better position. Most dark meat items were close balanced to short and moving satisfactorily. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .25 cents at 87.25 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 January 2, 2008.

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 164.50 **BREASTS - B/S** 122.00 **BREASTS - WHOLE** 73.50 THIGH MEAT - B/S 108.50 **THIGHS** 51.50 **DRUMSTICKS** 55.00 LEG QUARTERS 32.00 WINGS 126.50

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

<u>SOUTHERN REGION</u> Trade sentiment was fully steady. Demand approaching the holiday was seasonally fair to moderate, best where ads were active. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to instances tight to satisfy trade needs. Processing schedules are part-time with many plants down Thursday for New Year's Day. In the parts structure, movement was fair to fairly good for mid week trading. Breast items were in good supply and moving well. Wings were tight, tenders were well cleared and most dark meat items were no more than adequate to short 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 moderate to fairly good for midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes were in close balance and clearing under normal premiums. Movement through retail and distributive channels was seasonally fair to moderate. The market tone was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, wings and tenders were in close balance to tight and most dark meat cuts were adequate to well cleared. Boneless skinless breast were about adequate and clearing satisfactorily; bone-in breasts were at least sufficient for current trade needs.

MIDWEST REGION Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady to fully steady. Retail and distributive demand was light to moderate at best. Offers were light in all areas, trade was seasonal slow as New Years Day holiday demand centering on party items. Floor stocks were in a full range; weights desirable. Offerings of parts were generally light. The trade sentiment was steady to firm on all parts with wings and tenders very tight.

<u>WESTERN REGION</u> The market tone was fully steady. Offerings were generally adequate. Retailer demand was fairly good, best to cover promotions. Floor stocks were generally adequate.

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 27, 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 166 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 27, 2008. Placements were down 6 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through December 27, 2008 were 8.96 billion, down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

PERCENT CHANGE

WEEK ENDING 12/27/08 2008 2007 PREVIOUS YEAR

Thousand

EGGS SET 202,701 218,815 -7 CHICKS PLACED 165,637 175,417 -6

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 07-Feb-09 is estimated at 153.7 million head. This compares to 154.8 million head the previous week and to 147.4 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 167.5 million head and the composite weighted average price was 76.12 cents per pound.

DEC 30

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

DEC 31

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 WTD				Р	OUNDS			WTD	
<u>ITEM</u>	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	<u>AVG</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	<u>AVG</u>
BREAST - B/S	214	102.00-190.00	-	116.68	BREAST - B/S	159 1	02.00-190.00	-	116.79
TENDERLOINS	184	110.00-198.00	-	127.50	TENDERLOINS	155 1	11.00-198.00	-	129.23
BREAST - LINE RUN	T	OO FEW TO REF	PORT		BREAST - LINE RUN	TC	O FEW TO R	EPORT	
FRONT HALVES	T	OO FEW TO REF	PORT		FRONT HALVES	TC	O FEW TO R	EPORT	
LEGS	T	OO FEW TO REF	PORT		LEGS	TC	O FEW TO R	EPORT	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	304	30.00-34.00	31-32	31.22	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	229	30.00-35.00	31-32	31.47
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	780	31.00-36.00	33-34	33.03	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	720	31.00-36.00	33-34	33.24
WINGS (WHOLE)	120	111.00-122.00	-	118.00	WINGS (WHOLE)	TC	O FEW TO R	EPORT	
WINGS (CUT)	123	118.00-123.00	-	121.93	WINGS (CUT)	100 1	18.00-124.00	-	122.74
DRUMSTICKS	T	OO FEW TO REF	PORT		DRUMSTICKS	TC	O FEW TO R	EPORT	
THIGHS	T	OO FEW TO REF	PORT		THIGHS	TC	O FEW TO R	EPORT	
B/S THIGHS	T	OO FEW TO REF	PORT		B/S THIGHS	TC	O FEW TO R	EPORT	

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

 47.00 – 53.00
 49.39
 47.00 – 53.50
 49.52
 49.54

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 at least moderate as dealers attempted to enter the holiday with closely cleared floor stocks. Offerings of wings and tenders were in close balance to tight. Boneless skinless breasts were adequate to balanced and bone-in breasts were at least sufficient for current needs. Dark meat cuts were clearing satisfactorily. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was firm for tenders and wings; at least steady to instances fully steady for the balance of items.

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

DEC 30 ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS	DEC 31	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	125-130	115.37	158.720	BREAST - B/S	125-130	108.85	405,466
TENDERLOINS	135	127.37	65,680	TENDERLOINS	135	127.74	93,440
BREAST - WITH RIBS	68-69	71.21	106,440	BREAST - WITH RIBS	68-69	70.74	141,160
BREAST - LINE RUN	68	70.27	59,400	BREAST - LINE RUN	68	69.67	59,400
LEGS	50-51	47.51	155,680	LEGS	50-51	50.55	179,800
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	31-32	31.99	280,120	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	31-32	31.43	284,440
DRUMSTICKS	47-48	52.94	66,600	DRUMSTICKS	48-49	51.93	144,120
THIGHS	50-51	54.86	58,480	THIGHS	50-51	56.40	67,880
B/S THIGHS	106-107	109.66	16,120	B/S THIGHS	107-108	106.19	30,800
WINGS (WHOLE)	125-126	128.16	72,440	WINGS (WHOLE)	126-127	127.91	134,352
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIF	PPED) 13-15	15.00	5,760	BACKS AND NECKS (STR	(IPPED) 13-15	15.00	12,000
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	46.25	2,400	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	48.58	11,520
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	74.66	10,600	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	75.93	16,880

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.

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ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS

								AVG
	ESTII	MATED	<u>ACTUAL</u>		AVG WTS		ACTUAL	WTS
	(1,000)		(1,000)				(1,000)	
	12/31	12/30	12/29	12/26	12/29	12/26	12/24	12/22
Alabama	3,225	3,993	3,817	3,391	5.40	5.38	1,790	5.34
Arkansas	4,392	5,043	4,940	3,455	5.71	5.05	1,999	5.59
Delmarva	1,638	2,175	2,209	3,422	6.04	6.14	1,042	6.06
KY-LA-TN	1,948	2,250	2,227	2,132	5.20	5.15	1,315	5.25
Mississippi	2,673	2,804	3,000	2,430	5.91	5.50	1,665	5.50
North Carolina	2,466	2,824	2,501	4,057	6.92	6.92	1,151	6.92
Texas	2,569	2,050	2,670	1,679	5.36	4.94	1,235	5.75
Total	18,911	21,139	21,364	20,566	5.76	5.71	10,197	5.75
Mon-Wed	60.680	(A)					52.317 (/	4)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 31-Dec-08 is estimated to be 28,293,000 head up 84.90 percent from a week ago and down -14.73 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 15,302,000, last year 33,179,000)

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

	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

Class Broiler/fryer Light hens Heavy hens Total

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 03-JAN-09

AL INSI LOTION FOR WELL	C LINDING 03-3/NIN-03
CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
01/02/00 (1)	12/27/09

01/03/09 (1)	12/27/08
Thou	sand head
131,016(2)	122,413
1,102	1,052
899	730
133,017	124,195

(1)ESTIMATED 2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 03-Dec-09 is 145.5 million head compared to 137.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 131.3 million head or 14.2 million less than estimated available. For the week of 10-Jan-09 the estimated available is 147.1 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS

PROCES	SED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 12/29/08	78,676	86,864
AM 12/01/08	73,775	90,520
CHG	4,901	-3,656
PCT CHG	7	-4

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

P	ROCESSE) TURKE	PROCESSED POULTRY			
1:	2/29/08 12/2	22/08 12	2/31/07	12/29/08	12/22/08	12/31/07
PACIFIC						
COAST	504	650	3,096	6,858	6,311	7,031
LOS						
ANGELES	3 275	260	133	1,083	1,006	905

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 29, 2008

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

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES FOR 12/30/08 AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

ALLALENS VEGO	ハトトレ	103		ALL OUT OF STATE	FOUL	- 1 17 1	
L	-OW H	HIGH	AVG		LOW F	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	1.45	1.85	1.72	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	6.00	7.00	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.		-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-		PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-		BUNNIES ea.	2.75	3.50	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-		ROOSTERS ea.	-	8.00	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	2.00	3.00	2.31	RABBITS ea.	12.00	14.00	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.00	3.50) -
GUINEA FOWL Ib		-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea	ı	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS 6	ea -	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.		-	-	TURKEY POULTS	ea	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-				

TOTAL COOPS 30

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending December 26, 2008

Who Chic			0	ecks,Backs & Wings	Livers Gizzards	Hens		
RAYON	00.70	440.40	04.00	40.00	0.04	47.05		
Low	69.78	119.13	81.69	13.62	6.81	47.65		
High	72.16	129.35	91.90	17.02	10.21	47.65		
Mostly	72.16	122.54	85.10	15.32	6.81	47.65		
SAN JUAN								
Low	67.06	119.13	81.69	13.62	6.81	47.65		
					10.21			
High	70.80	125.94	88.50	17.02		47.65		
Mostly	69.44	122.54	85.10	13.62	6.81	47.65		
NEW SAN JUAN								
Low	69.78	122.54	85.10	17.02	6.81	49.36		
High	72.16	129.35	95.31	20.42	10.21	49.36		
Mostly	72.16	125.94	88.50	17.02	10.21	49.36		
Wicotry	72.10	120.01	00.00	17.02	10.21	10.00		
BECERRA								
Low	68.76	125.94	88.50	17.02	10.21	51.06		
High	73.18	132.75	98.71	20.42	13.62	51.06		
Mostly	72.16	129.35	91.90	17.02	10.21	51.06		
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<u>DELMARVA</u> Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally fair to moderate. Seller offerings were in good balance to well cleared. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but mostly desirable. Processing schedules were sharply reduced in advance of the holiday and were very light. Plants were scheduled to close Thursday and several scheduled to operate on Saturday. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher at 81 to 92 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady. In the parts complex, breast items were about adequate to adequate. Wings and tenders were well cleared to tight. Dark meat cuts were no more than adequate and clearing satisfactorily.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	75-93
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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