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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE Trade sentiment was irregular, ranging steady to fully steady in the West, at least steady in the East, but steady to weak in the Midwest. Retail and food service demand was slow to moderate, at times fairly good for retail ads and into some sports bars.

Midwest. Retail and food service demand was slow to moderate, at times fairly good for retail ads and into some sports bars. Supplies of all sizes were mixed, but overall sufficient and obtainable for trade needs. Floor stocks were adequate. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate for mid-week trading. Tenders and wings were in the strongest position with supplies well cleared to tight and held with confidence. Breast items were at least adequate or available, and dark meat items were balanced to well cleared and moving satisfactorily. 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 87.25 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 77.25 cents last year on January 9, 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	167.50
BREASTS - B/S	123.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	73.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	109.50
THIGHS	51.50
DRUMSTICKS	55.00
LEG QUARTERS	33.00
WINGS	130.50

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

<u>SOUTHERN REGION</u> Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand into all channels was light to instances moderate, best for active ads and promotions. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate for mid-week trading. Tenders and wings were in good balance to short of full trade needs, and continued to move well. Breast items were at least adequate to readily available, but dark meat cuts were sufficient to well cleared and clearing 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 mostly moderate during midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes were sufficient and clearing satisfactorily. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair. The market tone was at least steady. In the parts complex, wings and tenders were in close balance and moving well; most dark meat cuts were adequate to well cleared. Breast items were adequate and noted as in better balance than earlier in the week.

MIDWEST REGION The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was steady to weak. Offerings were fully sufficient for the lackluster trade inquiry. Retail and distributive demand was slow to fairly good and centered on retail ads and sports bars. Floor stocks were adequate; weights desirable to heavy. In parts trade, wings and tenders were scarce and wanted as further processors gear up for super bowl and immediate call into sports bars; all other parts were available with boneless/skinless breast in the longest position. Trade sentiment was firm on wings and tenderloins, steady on dark meat lines and steady to barely steady on breast cuts.

WESTERN REGION The market tone was steady to fully steady. Offerings were generally adequate. Buying activity was fair. Retailer demand was moderate to good, with best interest where features were in progress. Floor stocks were adequate. The market tone was steady to firm on parts, with dark meat items in the steadiest position.

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 January 3, 2009. 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 5 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 3, 2009. Placements were down 5 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through January 3, 2009 were 9.12 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 01/03/0		2008	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
	Tho	usand	
EGGS SET	202,569	217,209	-7
CHICKS PLACED Source: NASS, USDA	168,662	177,800	-5

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 14-Feb-09 is estimated at 153.9 million head. This compares to 153.7 million head the previous week and to 167.0 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 165.7 million head and the composite weighted average price was 78.30 cents per pound.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 07, 2009

JAN 06

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

JAN 07

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				POUNDS				WTD	
<u>ITEM</u>	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	<u>AVG</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	<u>AVG</u>
BREAST - B/S	437	105.00-188.00	-	119.83	BREAST - B/S	325	108.00-189.00	-	120.80
TENDERLOINS	180	110.00-201.00	127-129	137.03	TENDERLOINS	195	110.00-205.00	131-134	134.64
BREAST - LINE RUN	T	OO FEW TO REF	PORT		BREAST - LINE RUN	Т	OO FEW TO R	EPORT	
FRONT HALVES	T	OO FEW TO REF	PORT		FRONT HALVES	Т	OO FEW TO R	EPORT	
LEGS	T	OO FEW TO REF	PORT		LEGS	Т	OO FEW TO R	EPORT	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	427	31.00-35.00	33	33.20	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	506	31.00-35.00	32-33	32.90
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	719	33.00-37.00	34-35	34.71	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	817	33.00-37.00	35-36	35.46
WINGS (WHOLE)	T	OO FEW TO REF	PORT		WINGS (WHOLE)	Т	OO FEW TO R	EPORT	
WINGS (CUT)	T	OO FEW TO REF	PORT		WINGS (CUT)	Т	OO FEW TO R	EPORT	
DRUMSTICKS	T	OO FEW TO REF	PORT		DRUMSTICKS	Т	OO FEW TO R	EPORT	
THIGHS	T	OO FEW TO REF	PORT		THIGHS	Т	OO FEW TO R	EPORT	
B/S THIGHS	107	105.00-121.00	-	107.48	B/S THIGHS	Т	OO 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 – 53.50
 50.78
 47.00 – 53.50
 51.17
 50.42

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 remained fair to mostly moderate during midweek trading. Offerings of breast items were in better balance and were generally sufficient for current needs. Tenders and wings were well cleared and held with confidence. Drums and legs were in good balance and moving well. Retail and distributive movement was fair. The market tone was fully steady to firm for tenders and wings; steady for breast items and at least steady to fully steady for dark meat cuts.

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

	CURRENT NEG	WTD		JAN 07	CURRENT NEG	WTD	
<u>ITEM</u>	TRADING*	<u>AVG</u>	VOL/LBS	<u>ITEM</u>	TRADING*	<u>AVG</u>	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	125-130	120.53	343,243	BREAST - B/S	125-130	113.95	452,155
TENDERLOINS	135-140	128.19	78,200	TENDERLOINS	135-140	131.75	85,320
BREAST - WITH RIBS	68-69	70.55	196,800	BREAST - WITH RIBS	68-69	76.27	105,120
BREAST - LINE RUN	68	69.13	55,800	BREAST - LINE RUN	68	69.21	52,200
LEGS	51-52	53.51	96,480	LEGS	52-53	50.47	178,560
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	32-33	33.25	270,840	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	32-33	33.62	323,360
DRUMSTICKS	49-50	56.71	110,922	DRUMSTICKS	50-51	56.03	91,520
THIGHS	50-51	57.77	86,560	THIGHS	50-51	57.80	68,120
B/S THIGHS	107-108	110.91	20,280	B/S THIGHS	107-108	110.26	63,700
WINGS (WHOLE)	129-130	136.06	97,510	WINGS (WHOLE)	131-132	135.67	162,760
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIF	PPED) 13-15	15.00	13,400	BACKS AND NECKS (STR	(IPPED) 13-15	15.00	17,040
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	48.14	3,880	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	48.58	12,720
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	74.42	12,040	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	74.82	19,000

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.

AVC

								AVG
	ESTIMATED		<u>ACTUAL</u>		AVG WTS		ACTUAL	WTS
	(1,000)		(1,000)				(1,000)	
	01/07	01/06	01/05	01/02	01/05	01/02	12/31	12/29
Alabama	3,626	4,063	3,756	4,375	5.33	5.29	3,898	5.40
Arkansas	5,047	5,009	4,948	4,077	5.74	5.33	4,219	5.71
Delmarva	2,136	2,181	2,162	3,694	6.06	5.95	1,778	6.04
KY-LA-TN	2,249	2,227	2,297	2,293	5.27	5.42	1,928	5.20
Mississippi	2,848	2,825	2,985	2,898	5.92	6.02	2,648	5.91
North Carolina	2,846	2,814	2,737	3,371	7.04	6.76	2,598	6.92
Texas	2,607	2,583	2,592	2,593	5.39	6.01	2,572	5.36
Total	21,359	21,702	21,477	23,301	5.80	5.80	19,641	5.76
Mon-Wed	64.2450	A)					62,665 (4	()

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 07-Jan-09 is estimated to be 31,955,000 head up 8.42 percent from a week ago and down -3.19 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 29,473,000, last year 33,009,000)

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
ICE PACK	159
DRY PACK	123
ICE PACK	-
DRY PACK	117
ICE PACK	114
DRY PACK	112
	235-252
	DRY PACK ICE PACK DRY PACK ICE PACK

Class

Total

Broiler/fryer

Light hens

Heavy hens

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY	Y SLAUGHTEF
UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR	WEEK ENDING
CURRENT WEF	K PRFVIC

LINSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 10-JAN-09 CURRENT WEEK PREVIOUS WEEK

(1)ESTIMATED 2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 10-Jan-09 is 147.1 million head compared to 170.2 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 163.3 million head or 16.2 million more than estimated available. For the week of 17-Jan-09 the estimated available is 153.2 million head.

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

`	CESSED TURKEY LBS	PROCESSED POULTRY LBS
AM 01/05/09	82,097	87,627
AM 12/01/08	73,775	90,520
CHG PCT CHG	8,322 11	-2,893 -3

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCES	SED TUR	KEYS	PROCESSED POULTRY		
	01/05/09	12/29/08	01/07/08	01/05/09	12/29/08	01/07/08
PACIFIC	;					
COAST	546	504	1,499	7,207	6,858	5,293
LOS						
ANGELI	FS 27'	1 27	5 127	1 092	1 083	1 615

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 JANUARY 5, 2008

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

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES FOR 01/06/08

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY							
	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW H	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL I)	-	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL Ib		-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	Dittoile Litto ou.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.		-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	3.00	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	2.50	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	2.20	2.50	2.41	RABBITS ea.	-	4.50	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.50	4.00	-
GUINEA FOWL	lb	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea		-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS	ea -	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-

- TURKEY POULTS ea. -

.75

GUINEA PIGS ea.

TOTAL COOPS 25

CHUKARS ea.

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending January 2, 2009

Who Chic			_	cks,Backs Wings	Livers Gizzards	Hens
RAYON Low High Mostly	65.90 69.19 68.20	125.20 131.79 128.50	79.07 88.96 82.37	13.18 16.47 13.18	6.59 9.88 6.59	46.13 46.13 46.13
SAN JUA Low High Mostly		121.91 128.50 125.20	79.07 85.66 82.37	13.18 16.47 13.18	6.59 9.88 6.59	46.13 46.13 46.13
NEW SAI Low High Mostly	N JUAN 66.88 69.85 69.19	125.20 135.09 128.50	82.37 92.25 85.66	13.18 16.47 14.83	6.59 9.88 6.59	47.77 47.77 47.77
BECERR Low High Mostly	A 67.54 70.51 69.19	128.50 138.38 131.79	85.66 95.55 88.96	16.47 19.77 16.47	9.88 13.18 9.88	49.42 49.42 49.42

<u>DELMARVA</u> Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds ranged fair to moderate and continued to keep offerings in good balance to well cleared. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but reported as mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 82 to 93 cents. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, wings and tenders remained closely balanced to tight. Breast items were noted as at least adequate. Dark meat cuts were adequate to well cleared with drums and legs in the best position.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE 80-98 WEIGHTED AVERAGE (A) NO. OF BOXES (A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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