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Trade sentiment was steady to about steady in the East, steady elsewhere. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate, mostly fair with trading usually limited to regular commitments. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to satisfy current trade needs. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. In the parts structure, movement was moderate to instances good for mid week trading. Breast items were adequate to closely cleared with boneless skinless in the strongest position and held with confidence. Wings, tenders and most dark meat items were balanced to tight and moving well. In productions areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, but mostly desirable.

The Composite Weighted Average price for 01/19/09 was 81.33 compared to 82.56 a week earlier, and 73.82 a year ago

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 truckload lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 77.50 cents last year on January 23, 2008.

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

DOCK PRICE

	DOCK FILICE
ITEM	(CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	177.50
BREASTS - B/S	137.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	75.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	115.00
THIGHS	53.50
DRUMSTICKS	58.50
LEG QUARTERS	34.50
WINGS	142.50

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

<u>SOUTHERN</u> <u>REGION</u> Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was fair at best with limited trading. Supplies were at least adequate to satisfy current trade needs. In the parts structure movement was moderate to fairly good for mid-week trading. Breast items were well cleared to short with boneless skinless in the best position and held with confidence. Wings, tenders and most dark meat items were in very good supply ranging close balanced to tight and moving well. 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 generally no better than fair for midweek business. Offerings of all sizes were fully sufficient for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items wings and tenders were in close balance to tight; most dark meat cuts were about adequate to adequate and clearing satisfactorily.

MIDWEST REGION Trade sentiment was mostly steady, offerings light to adequate for the limited demand. Movement into retail and food service outlets light to moderate. Interest continues best on wings and breast items. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. Sizes were mostly desirable. Supplies of wings and tenders tight, balance of parts items balanced to tight. The market tone on wings was firm, fully steady to firm on breast items, and steady to instances fully steady on leg items.

<u>WESTERN REGION</u> Trade sentiment was steady on whole broiler fryers WOGs with some increased confidence noted on WOGs. Retail demand was moderate with some increased activity noted on white items. Foodservice demand was light to moderate with inexpensive outlets holding their own while white table restaurants and amusement parks are not up to expectations. Floor stocks adequate. Weights desirable. Parts and meat demand moderate to instances good with some improvement noted on breast items. Offerings light to adequate. The market tone was steady to instances firm with some caution noted on wings for after the Super Bowl weekend.

BROILER -TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 6 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 203 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 17, 2009. This was down 6 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 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 17, 2009. Placements were down 6 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2008 through January 17, 2009 were 504 million, down 6 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

WEEK ENDING 01/17/09 2009 2008 PREVIOUS YEAR

Thousand

EGGS SET 203,245 216,467 -6
CHICKS PLACED 167,308 178,783 -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 28-Feb-09 is estimated at 154.4 million head. This compares to 155.1 million head the previous week and to 168.4 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 167.9 million head and the composite weighted average price was 80.78 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.

	POUNDS			WTD
<u>ITEM</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>	<u>AVG</u>
BREAST - B/S	350	128.00-208.00	-	133.61
TENDERLOINS	105	149.00-215.00	-	166.62
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	447	32.00-35.00	34	34.09
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	647	33.00-39.00	35.5-37	36.27
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS	110	108.00-125.00	-	114.14

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR F.O.B. DOCK

 RANGE
 TODAY'S AVERAGE
 5-DAY AVERAGE

 49.50 - 54.00
 51.90
 51.50

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.

<u>NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS</u> - Trucklot buying activity was moderate to at least moderate during midweek trading. Offerings of breast items, tenders and wings were well cleared to tight; dark meat cuts were in good balance to adequate. Movement through retail channels was fair to moderate, distributive movement was no better than fair. The market tone was fully steady to firm for breast items, tenders and wings; other items were steady to fully steady.

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

	CURRENT NEG	WTD	
<u>ITEM</u>	TRADING*	<u>AVG</u>	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	140	128.69	246,880
TENDERLOINS	155	153.96	63,840
BREAST - WITH RIBS	73-74	81.27	81,960
BREAST - LINE RUN	73	76.84	55,800
LEGS	56-57	55.14	203,800
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	35-36	36.82	212,760
DRUMSTICKS	58-59	62.60	54,640
THIGHS	53-54	61.17	58,920
B/S THIGHS	112-113	115.26	27,120
WINGS (WHOLE)	141-142	147.48	115,880
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	13-15	15.00	11,120
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	48.16	2,720
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	73.12	20,080

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)									
	ESTI	MATED	<u>ACTUAL</u>		AVG WTS		ACTUAL	WTS	
	(1,000)		(1,000)				(1,000)		
	01/21	01/20	01/19	01/16	01/19	01/16	01/14	01/12	
Alabama	3,600	4,070	2,608	3,852	5.01	5.21	3,515	5.31	
Arkansas	4,822	5,055	4,613	4,341	5.47	5.47	4,836	5.52	
Delmarva	2,120	2,189	(A)	2,352	(A)	5.74	2,099	5.98	
KY-LA-TN	2,223	2,264	1,679	2,357	4.90	4.70	2,240	5.14	
Mississippi	2,906	2,970	(A)	3,119	(A)	5.49	2,907	5.75	
North Carolina	2,800	2,800	2,700	3,500	7.00	6.90	2,751	7.00	
Texas	2,550	2,621	2,160	2,500	5.68	5.60	2,360	5.33	
Total	21,021	21,969	15,717	22,021	5.61	5.62	20,708	5.69	
Mon-Wed	58,833	(B)					63,376 (l	B)	
(A) Not publish	ed to avo	oid disclo	sing indiv	ridual opei	rations				
(B) Weekly cur	nulative f	for states	listed ab	ove.					
Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 21-Jan-09 is estimated to be									
31,450,000 head up 1.21 percent from a week ago and down 7.32 percent from a									
year ago.									
(Last week 31,	074,000,	last year	33,933,0)00)					

SOUTHERN CALIFO	
PROCESSED POULT	RY, DLVRD TO RETAILERS
	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH FRYERS	109-122
ROASTERS 4# & UP	125-135
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	
SAN FRANCISCO PR	ROCESSED POULTRY
DLVRD TO RESTAU	RANTS AND INSTITUTIONS
	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 159

		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	159
	DRY PACK	136
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	
	DRY PACK	117
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	114
	DRY PACK	112
DUCKS		235-252

Class

Total

Broiler/fryer

Heavy hens

CHUKARS ea.

TOTAL COOPS 10

Light hens

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER
UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING
CLIDDENT WEEK DDEVIC

INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 24-JAN-09 CURRENT WEEK PREVIOUS WEEK

01/24/09 (1) 01/17/09 ------- Thousand head ------152,125(2) 165,189 1,495 1,516 1,410 1,926 155,030 168,667

(1)ESTIMATED 2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 24-Jan-09 is 157.2 million head compared to 161.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 152.4 million head or 4.8 million less than estimated available. For the week of 31-Jan-09 the estimated available is 158.2 million head.

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

`	ROCESSED TURKEY LBS	PROCESSED POULTRY LBS
AM 01/19/09	86,980	87,849
AM 01/01/09	80,044	87,169
CHG	6,936	680
PCT CHG	9	1

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

PROCESSED TURKEYS

	01/20/09 01/	12/09 01	1/21/08	01/20/09	01/12/09	01/21/08
PACIFIC	;					
COAST	540	561	3,011	7,334	7,313	8,155
LOS						
ANGELE	ES 235	251	123	962	1.009	1.551

PROCESSED POULTRY

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 19, 2009

HENS ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX) 75-86 VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX) 75-94

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES FOR 01/20/09 AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

ALL ALL LING IN LOC	O \ L	, , , ,	,	TEL COL OI CITTLE		_ , , , ,	
	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW I	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.80	.90	.86	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	6.50	-
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.	1.50	1.65	1.58	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	1.95	3.25	2.28	RABBITS ea.	-	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA FOWL I)	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS	ea -	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea		-	-	TURKEY POULTS	ea	-	-

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending January 16, 2009

Who Chic			0	cks,Backs Wings	Livers Gizzards	Hens
RAYON Low	67.12	117.30	81.46	13.03	3.26	47.25
High	69.08	130.34	91.24	19.55	9.78	47.25
Mostly	68.43	123.82	87.98	16.29	6.52	47.25
SAN JUA	١N					
Low	66.47	120.56	81.46	13.03	3.26	45.62
High	68.43	133.59	94.49	16.29	6.52	45.62
Mostly	68.43	127.08	91.24	16.29	6.52	45.62
NEW SA	N JUAN					
Low	67.77	127.08	84.72	16.29	6.52	48.88
High	69.73	136.85	94.49	19.55	9.78	48.88
Mostly	69.08	133.59	91.24	17.92	6.52	48.88
BECERR	A					
Low	67.45	127.08	87.98	16.29	3.26	48.88
High	70.38	140.11	97.75	19.55	9.78	48.88
Mostly	68.43	136.85	94.49	19.55	6.52	48.88

<u>DELMARVA</u> Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was mostly fair. Offerings were fully adequate to readily available for current trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but mostly desirable. Processing schedules were mostly moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 80 to 91 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items were adequate to closely cleared and moving satisfactorily. Wings and most dark meat cuts were in good balanced to tight.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	65-92
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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