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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Demand into all channels was slow to fair, instances moderate. Supplies of all sizes were at least sufficient for limited trade needs. Floor stocks were fully adequate. In the parts structure, trading was light and unaggressive. Wings were adequate and moving satisfactorily. Breast items were readily available with boneless skinless in the longest position. Dark meat items were fully adequate to ample and frequently discounted to help clear. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were 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 declined .25 cents to 88.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 88.75 cents last year on July 23, 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	178.50
BREASTS - B/S	156.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	97.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	122.50
THIGHS	62.50
DRUMSTICKS	64.00
LEG QUARTERS	47.50
WINGS	137.50

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

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was about steady to barely steady. Demand was light to fair with limited trading. Supplies of all sizes were fully sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was slow to fair for mid-week trading. Wings were in good balance and moving satisfactorily. Dark meat items were fully adequate to ample with slow movement and some discounting, and breast items were at least sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light and generally unaggressive for midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate to available for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light. The market tone was barely steady. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breasts and most dark meat cuts were available and slow to clear. Bone-in breasts wings and tenders were mostly adequate.

MIDWEST REGION The market tone on whole broiler/fryers continued barely steady to weak. Trade activity into retail and food service centers remained slow to moderate at best. Many in trade noted the unsettled environment lending to a cautious and very light trade participation along with lighter than expected consumer traffic. Floor stocks remained manageable on continued hand to mouth buyer patterns. Weights were generally in desirable range. Supplies of wings were in balance, and remainder of parts were available with dark meat lines in longest position. The trade sentiment was steady on wings, and barely steady to weak on balance of parts.

WESTERN REGION The market tone on whole broiler/fryers are steady to barely steady, WOGs steady to weak. Demand slow to moderate. Weights desirable. Floors stocks adequate. Parts demand light to moderate with an isolated improvement noted where boneless skinless breasts and drums featured. Offerings of wings adequate, balance of items adequate to ample.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES

DOWN 4 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 204 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 18, 2009. This was down 4 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 3 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 18, 2009. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2008 through July 18, 2009 were 4.88 billion, down 6 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

WEEK ENDING 07/18/09	2009	2008	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
	Thousand		
EGGS SET	203,675	211,369	-4
CHICKS PLACED	167,814	172,780	-3

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 29-Aug-09 is estimated at 155.1 million head. This compares to 156.0 million head the previous week and to 163.7 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 170.7 million head and the composite weighted average price was 79.06 cents per pound.

JULY 21 **SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS** **JULY 22**

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	ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	477	128.00-192.00	-	136.95	BREAST - B/S	487	121.00-188.00	-	132.41
TENDERLOINS	195	139.00-198.00	-	146.67	TENDERLOINS	185	135.00-191.00	-	145.05
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)	381	33.00-44.00	-	40.80	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	450	32.00-43.00	-	40.87
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	662	35.00-46.00	-	42.00	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	882	36.00-45.00	-	42.05
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
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
56.00 – 64.00	61.15	55.50 – 62.50	60.85	61.81

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 light and unaggressive with most dealers reporting business as slow. Offerings of breast items ranged adequate to available with boneless skinless breast in the longest position; tenders and wings were at least sufficient for current needs. Legs and leg quarters were readily available and discounted where product was in excess. Retail and distributive movement was limited. The market tone was barely steady to weak for boneless skinless breasts, leg quarters and legs. The balance of items were no better than steady.

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

JULY 21 ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS	JULY 22 ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	150-155	135.32	231,980	BREAST - B/S	145-150	130.53	423,167
TENDERLOINS	150-155	143.34	144,377	TENDERLOINS	150-155	146.31	37,640
BREAST - WITH RIBS	94-95	103.89	35,840	BREAST - WITH RIBS	94-95	104.81	70,440
BREAST - LINE RUN	94	95.78	149,560	BREAST - LINE RUN	94	96.42	76,080
LEGS	61-62	50.08	378,920	LEGS	60-61	47.66	387,480
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	44-45	37.28	255,600	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	43-44	41.82	153,017
DRUMSTICKS	57-58	61.31	75,720	DRUMSTICKS	57-58	60.5	78,160
THIGHS	58-59	66.99	61,960	THIGHS	58-59	66.64	45,640
B/S THIGHS	114-115	112.78	36,800	B/S THIGHS	111-112	118.13	45,400
WINGS (WHOLE)	134-135	137.88	90,680	WINGS (WHOLE)	134-135	142.03	170,920
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	13-15	15	9,640	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	13-15	15	19,160
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	46.49	6,920	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	47.67	4,080
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	65-70	66	11,8800	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	65-70	68.3	20,000

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

	ESTIMATED (1,000)		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WTS		ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS
	07/22	07/21	07/20	07/17	07/20	07/17	07/15	07/13
Alabama	4,151	4,150	3,974	4,125	5.51	5.28	3,961	5.38
Arkansas	5,205	5,300	5,145	3,900	5.29	4.87	5,051	5.24
Delmarva	2,264	2,298	2,223	2,898	6.00	5.92	2,028	5.96
KY-LA-TN	2,237	2,241	2,292	2,788	5.15	4.90	2,097	4.69
Mississippi	2,686	2,700	2,898	2,848	5.75	5.60	2,783	5.71
North Carolina	2,716	2,761	2,602	2,965	7.07	6.88	2,690	7.14
Texas	2,703	2,682	2,705	2,562	5.38	5.88	2,713	5.42
Total	21,962	22,132	21,839	22,086	5.67	5.57	21,323	5.62
Mon-Wed	66,249	(A)					64,881	(A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 22-Jul-09 is estimated to be 32,858,000 head up 2.69 percent from a week ago and up 2.34 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,997,000, last year 32,108,000)

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

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	109-122
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	121-159
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	175
	DRY PACK	127
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	125
	DRY PACK	128
DUCKS		259-262

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER
UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 25-Jul-09

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	07/25/09 (1)	07/18/09
Class	---------- Thousand head ---------	
Broiler/fryer	166,232(2)	163,254
Light hens	1,080	1,479
Heavy hens	1,553	1,598
Total	168,865	166,331

(1)ESTIMATED
2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 25-Jul-09 is 159.9 million head compared to 165.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 166.6 million head or 6.7 million more than estimated available. For the week of 01-Aug-09 the estimated available is 160.4 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY LBS	PROCESSED POULTRY LBS
AM 07/20/09	170,659	64,981
AM 07/01/09	161,911	63,442
CHG	8,748	1,539
PCT CHG	5	2

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	07/20/09	07/13/09	07/21/08	07/20/09	07/13/09	07/21/08
PACIFIC COAST	2,417	2,809	682	7,667	8,771	6,577
LOS ANGELES	200	208	256	1,023	839	1,509

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES FOR 07/21/09

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.50	.75	.58	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	1.75	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.70	1.10	.91
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	1.75	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	1.50	2.40	2.01	RABBITS ea.	3.50	5.00	4.00
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.00	3.00	2.51
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	7.50	8.75	8.13
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	1.50	3.00	2.25
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	6.00	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-	PEACOCKS ea.	-	-	-
PARTRIDGES ea.	-	-	-	COCKATIELS ea.	-	-	-
DOVES ea.	6.25	15.00	9.75	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-

TOTAL COOPS 43

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY
Cents per pound for the week ending July 17, 2009

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/Thighs	Necks,Backs & Wings	Livers Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	56.98	124.01	70.38	16.76	6.70	63.68
High	62.67	130.71	80.44	20.11	10.05	63.68
Mostly	61.00	124.01	77.09	16.76	6.70	63.68
SAN JUAN						
Low	55.30	120.66	70.38	13.41	3.35	63.68
High	62.00	127.36	77.09	16.76	6.70	63.68
Mostly	60.33	120.66	77.09	15.08	6.70	63.68
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	57.65	127.36	73.73	16.76	6.70	67.03
High	64.35	130.71	83.79	20.11	10.05	67.03
Mostly	60.33	127.36	80.44	18.43	10.05	67.03
BECERRA						
Low	58.65	127.36	77.09	16.76	10.05	70.38
High	65.02	130.71	83.79	23.46	13.41	70.38
Mostly	61.67	127.36	80.44	20.11	10.05	70.38

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 JULY 20, 2009

		RANGE
HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	75-86
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	75-95

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light and spotty at best for mid-week business. Seller offerings were more than sufficient for the unaggressive buying demand. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but noted as desirable. Processor schedules ranged moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices remained unchanged at 81 to 92 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady to barely steady. In the parts complex, breast items were adequate to readily available with b/s in the weakest position. Wings were reported as adequate and moving satisfactorily. Dark meat cuts were adequate to available with legs and leg quarters in longest position.

	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
RANGE	77-97
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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