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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



The market tone was steady in all areas. Retail and food service demand was light to instances good. The majority of the Chicago area was unaffected by the hazardous weather conditions. Supplies of all sizes were sufficient to satisfy current trade needs. Floor stocks were well cleared to adequate. In the parts structure, movement was light to moderate for mid week business. Wings were light and clearing well. Supplies of breast items and most dark meat items were light to moderate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but noted as desirable.

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 82.00 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 87.00 cents last year on December 10, 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	171.00
BREASTS - B/S	135.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	76.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	96.50
THIGHS	49.00
DRUMSTICKS	59.00
LEG QUARTERS	37.00
WINGS	161.00

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

**SOUTHERN REGION** The market tone was steady. Demand was fair to moderate with trading usually limited to regular commitments. Supplies of all sizes were sufficient to satisfy current trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was light to moderate for mid week trading. Supplies of dark meat items and breast items were light to moderate with bone-in breast in the best position. Wings were light with good movement. In production areas live supplies were moderate at desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST REGION** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light to fair at best during midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes were at least sufficient for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, Offerings of breast items and tenders were noted as slightly more available and was moderate to instances heavy. Wings were adequate to tight and clearing satisfactorily. Dark meat cuts were generally sufficient for current needs.

**MIDWEST REGION** Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady. Offers were light to moderate and buyer interest remained generally nonaggressive. Retail and food service demand had tapered, and noted as light to moderate. Floor stocks were well cleared to adequate; weights desirable. Supplies of wings were balanced to short with mixed interest. The upper Midwest was mostly unaffected by the major snowstorm that is hampering most of the area. Breast cuts increased in offerings over prior trade period and leg quarters were limited. The market tone was steady to firm on wings, mixed on breast items and steady to fully steady on leg quarters.

**WESTERN REGION** The market tone was mostly steady on whole body fryers. Offers of additional whole fryers were adequate. Retail and food service demand ranged light to moderate. Floor stocks were adequate; sizes desirable. Offers of wings were tight, bone-in breast were available, boneless skinless breasts and dark meat items adequate. The market tone on wings was fully steady to firm, white items mostly steady, dark items steady to fully steady.

## BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES

### DOWN SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 200 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 5, 2009. This was down slightly 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

### UP SLIGHTLY

Broiler Chicks Placed Up Slightly Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 166 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 5, 2009. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2008 through December 5, 2009 were 8.12 billion, down 4 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

WEEK ENDING 12/05/09	PERCENT CHANGE		PREVIOUS YEAR
	2009	2008	
	<i>Thousand</i>		
EGGS SET	200,209	200,741	0
CHICKS PLACED	166,275	166,189	0

## WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 16-Jan-10 is estimated at 149.5 million head. This compares to 142.4 million head the previous week and to 153.2 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 162.0 million head and the composite weighted average price was 82.56 cents per pound.

DEC 08

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

DEC 09

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	372	106.00-191.00	-	119.82	BREAST - B/S	254	105.00-182.00	-	115.53
TENDERLOINS	152	118.00-196.00	-	138.55	TENDERLOINS	197	120.00-188.00	-	128.93
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)	427	33.00-36.00	-	34.08	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	380	32.00-35.00	-	33.79
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	782	34.00-38.00	-	35.60	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	702	34.00-38.00	-	35.44
WINGS (WHOLE)	165	142.00-156.00	-	152.55	WINGS (WHOLE)	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
WINGS (CUT)	108	164.00-168.00	-	165.30	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
50.00 - 53.50	51.27	49.00 - 53.00	50.18	50.86

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 generally no better than fair during midweek trading. Offerings of breast items and tenders were more than sufficient for current needs. Leg cuts were mostly moderate and wings were noted as light with good movement. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was fully steady for wings; 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 08	CURRENT NEG	WTD	VOL/LBS	DEC 09	CURRENT NEG	WTD	VOL/LBS
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG		ITEM	TRADING*	AVG	
BREAST - B/S	125-130	119.20	689,727	BREAST - B/S	125-130	118.31	525,884
TENDERLOINS	130-135	133.52	205,826	TENDERLOINS	130-135	131.93	82,720
BREAST - WITH RIBS	69-70	79.89	92,320	BREAST - WITH RIBS	69-70	78.31	102,400
BREAST - LINE RUN	69	70.48	103,320	BREAST - LINE RUN	69	71.29	63,000
LEGS	55-56	52.65	138,040	LEGS	55-56	49.90	200,920
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	35-36	35.39	295,000	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	35-36	36.04	265,280
DRUMSTICKS	48-49	56.89	100,880	DRUMSTICKS	48-49	58.74	65,800
THIGHS	39-40	40.67	108,110	THIGHS	39-40	49.79	43,400
B/S THIGHS	94-95	95.72	71,800	B/S THIGHS	94-95	96.24	57,480
WINGS (WHOLE)	154-155	161.49	124,240	WINGS (WHOLE)	154-155	64.19	154,600
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	13-15	15.00	39,040	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	13-15	15.00	26,800
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	47.53	13,160	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	47.08	10,120
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	65-70	62.40	16,240	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	65-70	55.66	28,920

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	
	12/09	12/08	12/07	12/04	12/07	12/04	12/02	11/30	
Alabama	3,963	4,080	4,039	3,783	5.69	5.47	3,966	5.56	
Arkansas	5,153	5,210	5,202	3,823	5.65	5.36	5,219	5.69	
Delmarva	2,060	2,205	2,196	2,039	6.11	5.90	2,191	6.05	
KY-LA-TN	2,316	2,371	2,367	2,254	5.00	4.94	2,354	5.18	
Mississippi	2,756	2,868	2,826	3,775	6.08	5.83	2,770	6.15	
North Carolina	2,656	2,733	2,286	2,588	7.37	7.06	2,559	7.22	
Texas	2,735	2,726	2,643	2,518	5.58	5.16	2,484	5.53	
Total	21,639	22,193	21,559	20,780	5.86	5.66	21,543	5.87	
Mon-Wed	65,763 (A)				65,665 (A)				

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 09-Dec-09 is estimated to be 32,374,000 head up 0.15 percent from a week ago and up 0.89 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,327,000, last year 32,089,000)

**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 170
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK
	DRY PACK 117
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 125
	DRY PACK 116
DUCKS	262-265

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 12-Dec-09

Class	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	12/12/09 (1)	12/05/09	12/12/09 (1)	12/05/09
Broiler/fryer	162,214(2)	156,646	162,214(2)	156,646
Light hens	1,462	1,177	1,462	1,177
Heavy hens	1,393	1,357	1,393	1,357
Total	165,069	159,180	165,069	159,180

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 12-Dec-09 is 145.3 million head compared to 160.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 162.5 million head or 17.2 million more than estimated available. For the week of 19-Dec-09 the estimated available is 146.8 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS**

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS	LBS	LBS	LBS
AM 12/07/09	73,220	56,633	73,220	56,633
AM 11/01/09	134,279	54,922	134,279	54,922
CHG	-61,059	1,711	-61,059	1,711
PCT CHG	-45	3	-45	3

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)**

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	12/07/09	11/30/09	12/08/08	12/07/09	11/30/09	12/08/08
<b>PACIFIC COAST LOS ANGELES</b>	2,863	2,848	716	7,503	7,561	5,753
<b>ANGELES</b>	110	88	257	825	850	915

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

FOR 12/01/09

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW HIGH AVG			LOW HIGH AVG		
	HEAVY FOWL lb.	.40	1.00	.63	HEAVY FOWL ea.	.75
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-
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.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	.40	2.00	.83	RABBITS ea.	-	4.00
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.00	5.00
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-	PEACOCKS ea.	-	-
PARTRIDGES ea.	-	-	-	COCKATIELS ea.	-	-
DOVES ea.	-	-	-	GUINEAS	-	-
TOTAL COOPS 20						

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY**

Cents per pound for the week ending December 4, 2009

	Whole		Legs		Necks,Backs		Livers	
	Chickens	Breasts	W/Thighs	& Wings	Gizzards	Hens		
<b>RAYON</b>								
Low	61.11	107.84	79.08	17.97	7.19	64.70		
High	66.14	122.22	89.87	21.57	10.78	64.70		
Mostly	61.11	122.22	86.27	17.97	7.19	64.70		
<b>SAN JUAN</b>								
Low	60.39	107.84	75.49	14.38	3.59	64.70		
High	65.42	118.63	86.27	17.97	7.19	64.70		
Mostly	61.11	115.03	82.68	16.18	5.39	64.70		
<b>NEW SAN JUAN</b>								
Low	61.11	111.44	82.68	17.97	7.19	68.30		
High	66.86	125.81	93.46	21.57	10.78	68.30		
Mostly	61.11	122.22	89.87	19.77	8.99	68.30		

**BECERRA**

Low	61.83	115.03	86.27	21.57	7.19	68.30
High	67.58	129.41	97.06	25.16	10.78	68.30
Mostly	61.83	125.81	93.46	23.37	10.78	68.30

**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 7, 2009

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

**DELMARVA** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair for midweek trading. Seller offerings were sufficient for immediate trade requirements. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but noted as desirable. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices remained unchanged at 67 to 80 cents. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, supplies of wings were light with good movement. Breast items and dark meat cuts ranged light to moderate with breast items becoming more available.

**BRANDED U.S. GRADE A**

RANGE 66-87  
WEIGHTED AVERAGE (A)  
NO. OF BOXES (A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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