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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

The market tone was fully steady to firm in the East, steady to fully steady in the Midwest and steady to instances fully steady in the West. Retail and food service demand was light to instances fairly good, best focus on holiday related items. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to closely cleared to satisfy trade needs. Floor stocks were adequate to well cleared. 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 FOB DOCK PRICES

The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .25 cents to 82.25 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 87.00 cents last year on December 17, 2008.

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

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	171.50
BREASTS - B/S	136.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	77.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	96.50
THIGHS	49.00
DRUMSTICKS	59.00
LEG QUARTERS	37.50
WINGS	162.50

Information supplied by the GA Dept of Ag's Poultry Market News Service.

SOUTHERN REGION

The market tone was fully steady. Retail and food service demand was moderate to instances fairly good. Supplies were adequate to closely cleared to satisfy current trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was mostly moderate. Breast items were moderate, but wings were light and held with confidence. Dark meat items were light to moderate. In production areas live supplies were moderate at desirable weights.

MIDWEST REGION

Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady to fully steady. Offers remained limited on light to moderate buyer interest. Retail traffic was fairly active on traditional holiday proteins and rotisserie whole fryers. In food service, best trade noted into fast food, although most outlets noted demand was tapering. Floor stocks were well cleared to adequate; weights desirable. Supplies of wings continued well cleared and wanted; breast cuts and leg items were in close balance. The market tone was steady to firm on wings and steady to fully steady on the balance of parts.

WESTERN REGION

The market tone on whole broiler fryers and WOGs was steady to sometimes fully steady. Offerings light to adequate with some noting 3 lb. and heavier sizes less available. Retail demand light to moderate with a few areas noting better than anticipated movement on whole fryers. Food service demand slow to fair with best activity around retail malls while others note interest into restaurants for holiday parties disappointing. Floors stocks light to adequate. Offerings of wings short to light, balance light to adequate. Parts demand slow to moderate. The market tone on wings was fully steady to firm, balance steady to fully steady.

NORTHEAST REGION

Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly moderate for midweek business. Offerings of all sizes were in good balance and clearing satisfactorily. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, Offerings of boneless skinless breast, tenders and most dark meat cuts were light to moderate. Wings were tight with good movement.

BROILER –TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 204 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 12, 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 DOWN 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 12, 2009. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2008 through December 12, 2009 were 8.28 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 12/12/09	2009	2008	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
	Thousand		
EGGS SET	204,024	205,041	0
CHICKS PLACED	166,917	167,904	-01

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 23-Jan-10 is estimated at 153.4 million head. This compares to 149.5 million head the previous week and to 157.2 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 150.4 million head and the composite weighted average price was 81.33 cents per pound.

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER 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.

DEC 15, 2009 ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	315	109.00-181.00	-	115.19
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	396	32.00-36.00	-	34.25
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	864	34.00-39.00	-	35.76
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
WINGS (CUT)	165	166.00-178.00	-	168.42
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR DEC 15, 2009 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
49.00 - 54.00	51.44

DEC 16, 2009 ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	273	109.00-179.00	-	119.73
TENDERLOINS	153	113.00-188.00	-	129.14
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	395	32.00-36.00	-	34.38
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	482	34.00-38.00	-	35.51
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		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR DEC 16, 2009 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
49.00 - 54.00	52.19	51.61

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 seasonally fair to moderate for midweek trading. Offerings of boneless skinless breast, tenders and most dark meat cuts were light to moderate. Wings were tight and held with confidence. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate as interest for other holiday items picked up. The market tone was fully steady to firm for wings; fully steady for leg quarters. The balance of items were at least steady.

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

DEC 15, 2009 ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	125-130	115.46	490,640
TENDERLOINS	130-135	131.24	134,760
BREAST - WITH RIBS	69-70	80.79	49,840
BREAST - LINE RUN	69	70.11	106,880
LEGS	55-56	49.42	188,720
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	35-36	35.46	355,920
DRUMSTICKS	48-49	55.33	92,840
THIGHS	40-41	44.23	108,000
B/S THIGHS	94-95	94.87	55,200
WINGS (WHOLE)	155-156	161.27	199,880
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	13-15	15.00	23,600
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	46.72	15,400
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	65.01	35,840

DEC 16, 2009 ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	125-130	118.07	446,440
TENDERLOINS	130-135	135.17	138,822
BREAST - WITH RIBS	69-70	80.95	75,240
BREAST - LINE RUN	69	71.24	61,200
LEGS	55-56	54.34	129,560
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	35-36	35.22	312,440
DRUMSTICKS	48-49	56.94	111,320
THIGHS	40-41	51.16	70,000
B/S THIGHS	94-95	95.62	56,120
WINGS (WHOLE)	156-157	163.62	165,600
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	13-15	15.00	29,680
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	46.76	11,040
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	61.23	26,160

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, RI, AND PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).
* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.
** WTD AVG 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
	12/16	12/15	12/14	12/11	12/14	12/11	12/09	12/07
Alabama	3,951	4,024	3,728	3,849	5.62	5.24	3,852	5.69
Arkansas	5,121	5,238	5,259	3,403	5.64	5.45	5,079	5.65
Delmarva	2,077	1,989	2,272	2,223	6.04	5.83	2,055	6.11
KY-LA-TN	2,361	2,414	2,343	2,423	5.09	5.12	2,338	5.00
Mississippi	2,626	2,876	2,832	2,844	5.92	5.77	2,742	6.08
North Carolina	2,021	2,796	2,524	2,667	7.14	6.97	2,599	7.37
Texas	2,696	2,730	2,527	2,722	5.62	5.26	2,185	5.58
Total	20,853	22,067	21,485	20,131	5.83	5.63	20,850	5.86
Mon-Wed	64,832 (A)						64,354 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.
Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 16-Dec-09 is estimated to be 31,198,000 head down 0.29 percent from a week ago and up 6.07 percent from a year ago.
(Last week 31,288,000, last year 29,412,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED 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, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	170
	ICE PACK	159
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK	117
	ICE PACK	
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	116
	ICE PACK	125
DUCKS		262-265

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 19-Dec-09

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	12/19/09 (1)	12/12/09
Class	---------- Thousand head ---------	
Broiler/fryer	158,109(2)	162,214
Light hens	1,592	1,462
Heavy hens	1,238	1,393
Total	160,939	166,069

(1)ESTIMATED

2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 19-Dec-09 is 146.8 million head compared to 155.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 158.4 million head or 11.6 million more than estimated available. For the week of 26-Dec-09 the estimated available is 155.1 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY LBS	PROCESSED POULTRY LBS
AM 12/14/09	71,498	56,099
AM 12/01/09	73,050	56,224
CHG	-1,552	-125
PCT CHG	-2	0

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	12/14/09	12/07/09	12/15/08	12/14/09	12/07/09	12/15/08
PACIFIC COAST	2,980	2,863	701	7,613	7,503	6,197
LOS ANGELES	115	110	260	826	825	915

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES FOR 12/15/09

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.55	1.25	.88	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	3.50	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	4.50	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	.60	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	.65	.85	.77	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	4.50	-
ROOSTERS lb.	1.10	1.60	1.32	ROOSTERS ea.	-	1.50	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	23.00	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	13.00	-
DUCKS lb.	-	1.35	-	DUCKS ea.	-	6.50	-
RABBITS lb.	1.00	2.65	1.57	RABBITS ea.	5.50	8.75	7.83
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.75	7.50	3.98
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	7.50	8.00	7.75
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 43

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending December 11, 2009

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/Thighs	Necks,Backs & Wings	Livers Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	63.23	108.90	63.23	14.05	7.03	66.75
High	64.64	119.44	73.77	17.56	10.54	66.75
Mostly	63.23	115.93	70.26	17.56	7.03	66.75
SAN JUAN						
Low	57.96	105.39	63.23	14.05	3.51	63.23
High	63.23	115.93	70.26	17.56	7.03	63.23
Mostly	63.23	112.41	66.75	15.81	7.03	63.23
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	59.72	115.93	66.75	14.05	7.03	66.75
High	65.69	122.95	80.80	17.56	10.54	66.75
Mostly	63.23	122.95	77.28	15.81	7.03	66.75
BECERRA						
Low	61.48	115.93	70.26	17.56	7.03	68.50
High	66.75	126.46	84.31	21.08	10.54	68.50
Mostly	63.23	122.95	80.80	21.08	7.03	68.50

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 14, 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 ranged seasonally fair to moderate for midweek business. Offerings were closely balanced to well cleared for immediate trade requirements. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but reported as desirable. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher at 69 to 82 cents. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm. In the parts complex, breast items and dark meat cuts were light to moderate. Wings were tight and clearing well.

	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
RANGE	68-86
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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