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# NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



The market tone was firm in the East, fully steady to firm in the Midwest, and steady to firm in the West. Retail demand was light to moderate with most interest focus on holiday meat items. Food service demand was light to fairly good, best into fast food, and some white- table cloth restaurants. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to light to satisfy current trade needs. Floor stocks were balanced to closely balanced. In the parts structure, movement was fair 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 remains unchanged at 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 24, 2008.

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

	DOCK PRICE
ITEM	(CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	173.00
BREASTS - B/S	137.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	78.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	96.50
THIGHS	50.00
DRUMSTICKS	60.50
LEG QUARTERS	38.00
WINGS	165.50

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

#### **SOUTHERN REGION**

The market tone was firm. Retail demand was fair to moderate with most interest focused on holiday meat items. Food service was fair to fairly good, best for holiday related activities and celebrations. Supplies were balanced to short of full trade needs as plants are working reduced schedules for the holiday week. In the parts structure, movement was mostly moderate for mid week business. Breast items were moderate, but wings were light and moving satisfactorily. 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 fully steady to firm. Producer offerings were very light on like trade interest. Retail demand was slow to moderate. Food service was mixed, light to fairly good; best into fast food, and some white-table cloth restaurants. Floor stocks were well cleared to adequate; weights desirable. Supplies of wings were well cleared, other parts were adequate to balanced for needs. The market tone was steady to firm on wings and steady to fully steady on balance of parts.

### **WESTERN REGION**

The market tone on whole body fryers steady to firm. Offerings of whole fryers light to adequate. Retail and food service demand slow to moderate with most attention on holiday items. Floors stocks adequate. Sizes desirable. Supplies of wings tight, balance of parts items closely balanced. The market tone on wings was fully steady to firm, balance of items steady to fully steady.

## **NORTHEAST REGION**

Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was at least moderate to good during midweek trading. Offerings of three pound and heavier sizes were tight with the balance of sizes well cleared due to the reduced processing schedules. Movement through retail and distributive channels was seasonally fair. The market tone was firm. In the parts complex, offerings of breast items and tenders were moderate; dark meat cuts were light to moderate and wings were tight and moving well.

# BROILER -TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 205 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 19, 2009. This was up 1 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 UP SLIGHTLY

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 19, 2009. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2008 through December 19, 2009 were 8.45 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 12/19/		<b>2008</b> usand	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	204,707	203,388	+01
CHICKS PLACED Source: NASS, USDA	168,434	168,272	0

# WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 30-Jan-10 is estimated at 154.4 million head. This compares to 153.4 million head the previous week and to 158.2 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 149.9 million head and the composite weighted average price was 81.14 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 22, 2009	POUNDS			WTD	DEC 23, 2009 P	POUNDS			WTD
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJ	AVG	ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJ	AVG
BREAST - B/S	TO	O FEW TO REP	ORT		BREAST - B/S	TO	O FEW TO REP	ORT	
TENDERLOINS	TO	O FEW TO REP	ORT		TENDERLOINS	TO	O FEW TO REP	ORT	
BREAST - LINE RI	UN TO	O FEW TO REP	ORT		BREAST - LINE RUN	TO	O FEW TO REP	ORT	
FRONT HALVES	TO	O FEW TO REP	ORT		FRONT HALVES	TO	O FEW TO REP	ORT	
LEGS	TO	O FEW TO REP	ORT		LEGS	TO	O FEW TO REP	ORT	
LEG QUARTERS (	(BULK) 296	32.00-36.00	-	33.74	LEG QUARTERS (BUL	.K) 481	32.00-36.00	-	33.68
LEG QUARTERS (	(4/10) 517	34.00-38.00	-	35.87	LEG QUARTERS (4/10	)) 702	34.00-38.00	-	35.83
WINGS (WHOLE)	TO	O FEW TO REP	ORT		WINGS (WHOLE)	150	156.00-160.00	-	158.40
WINGS (CUT)	TO	O FEW TO REP	ORT		WINGS (CUT)	TO	O FEW TO REP	ORT	
DRUMSTICKS	TO	O FEW TO REP	ORT		DRUMSTICKS	TO	O FEW TO REP	ORT	
THIGHS	TO	O FEW TO REP	ORT		THIGHS	TO	O FEW TO REP	ORT	
B/S THIGHS	TO	O FEW TO REP	ORT		B/S THIGHS	TO	O FEW TO REP	ORT	
WHOLE BODY INDE	X BASED ON SO	UTHERN STATES	PARTS TR	ADING	WHOLE BODY INDEX BA	SED ON SO	JTHERN STATES	PARTS TR	ADING
FOR DEC 22, 2009 -	- F.O.B. DOCK.				FOR DEC 23, 2009 F.O	.B. DOCK.			
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RANGE **TODAY'S AVERAGE** 

49.50 - 54.00 51.44 RANGE TODAY'S AVERAGE 5-DAY AVERAGE

50.00 - 54.00 51.95 51.59

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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 as dealers were selective and planned to enter the holiday with closely cleared floor stocks. Offerings of breast items and tenders were at least sufficient; dark meat cuts remained light to moderate. Wings were balance to short and moving well. Retail and distributive movement was fair as traditional holiday items continued to be the focal point of the market. The market tone was firm for wings; steady to at least steady for the balance of items. ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS

DEC 22, 2009	CURRENT	WTD	VOLUME	DEC 23, 2009	CURRENT	WTD	VOLUME
ITEM NEGOT	TATED TRADING*	AVG**	/LBS	ITEM NEGOTIATE	D TRADING*	AVG**	/LBS
BREAST - B/S	125-130	120.08	518,480	BREAST - B/S	125-130	119.03	462,480
TENDERLOINS	130-135	133.72	166,560	TENDERLOINS	130-135	134.12	119,400
BREAST - WITH RIBS	69-70	76.07	148,080	BREAST - WITH RIBS	69-70	80.44	94,600
BREAST - LINE RUN	69	71.33	59,400	BREAST - LINE RUN	69	71.18	59,400
LEGS	55-56	49.58	221,000	LEGS	55-56	51.73	216,440
LEG QUARTERS (BUL	K) 35-36	35.71	418,800	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	35-36	36.20	259,280
DRUMSTICKS	48-49	56.30	100,960	DRUMSTICKS	48-49	57.20	76,400
THIGHS	40-41	49.67	78,070	THIGHS	40-41	52.52	57,840
B/S THIGHS	94-95	96.09	66,800	B/S THIGHS	94-95	96.65	64,400
WINGS (WHOLE)	160-161	166.63	198,600	WINGS (WHOLE)	161-162	168.58	143,600
BACKS AND NECKS (S	STRIPPED) 13-15	15.00	33,680	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIF	PPED) 13-15	14.94	25,000
LIVERS (5 POUND TUI	BS) 45-50	47.89	17,000	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	47.65	16,120
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	64.75	34,920	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	64.23	26,640

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, RI, AND PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

<sup>\*\*</sup> WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

<b>ESTIMATED</b>	SI VIIGE	TED O	E BBOIL	ED_EDV	SOUTHERN CALIFORN						
ESTIMATED				CK-FKT	PROCESSED POULTRY	<u>', DELIVERED TO</u>	RETAILERS				
	_	MATED			AVG	WTS	ACTUAL	AVG			RANGE
	(1,	000)	(1,	000)			(1,000)	WTS	FRESH FRYERS		109-122
	12/23	12/22	12/21	12/18	12/21	12/18	12/16	12/14	ROASTERS 4# & UP		125-135
Alabama	3,922	3,978	3,924	4,189	5.25	5.39	3,897	5.62	HENS UNDER 5#		120-100
Arkansas	4,809	5,235	5,312	3.856	5.62	5.29	5,121	5.64			
Delmarva	2.264	,	,	2.028	5.88	5.76	,	6.04	HENS OVER 5#		
KY-LA-TN	2.370	,	,	2.247	5.00	4.93	,	5.09	DUCKS		
Mississippi	2,792	, -	2,910	3,156	5.97	5.57	2,663	5.92	RABBITS-WHOLE		
North Carolina	,	,	2,622	2.643	7.20	7.08	,	7.14	RABBITS-CUT UP		
	,	,	,	,			,		SAN FRANCISCO PROC	CESSED POULTR	Υ.
Texas	2,201	,	,	1,564	5.38	5.44	,	5.62	DELIVERED TO RESTA		
Total	,	•	21,975	19,683	5.72	5.62	,	5.83	DELIVERED TO REGIA	OKANIO AND INC	RANGE
Mon-Wed	65,162	(A)					63,933 (	<b>A</b> )	EDEOU EDVEDO	DDV/ DAOI/	_
									FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	170
(A) Weekly c	umulative	for stat	es listed	ahove						ICE PACK	159
Broiler-fryer s					or 23-D	ഫ-∩0 id	hatemitea	to be	ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK	117
31,554,000 he										ICE PACK	
year ago.	au uowi	10.54 pt	ercent nc	ılı a wee	HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	116				
(Last week 31	663 000	) lact vo	or 15 16	2 000)						ICE PACK	125
(Last Week 3)	,003,000	, iast ye	ai 13,10	2,000)					DUCKS		262-265

<sup>\*</sup> TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER
LINDED FEDERAL INCORCTION FOR WEEK ENDING OF Dec. OF

UNDER FEDERAL	. INSPECTION FOR WEEP	ENDING 26-Dec-09
	CURRENT WEEK	<b>PREVIOUS WEEK</b>
	12/26/09 (1)	12/19/09
Class	Tho	ousand head
Broiler/fryer	126,587(2)	158,109
Light hens	1,097	1,592
Heavy hens	897	1,238
Total	128,581	160,939

(1)ESTIMATED
2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 26-Dec-09 is 155.1 million head compared to 109.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 126.8 million head or 28.3 million less than estimated available. For the week of 26-Dec-09 the estimated available is 153.7 million head.

# WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS (INCL. GOV/T STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

PROCESSED POULTRY LBS
59,530
56,224
3,306
6

# **COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT** (IN THOUSANDS)

	<b>PROCES</b>	SED TUR	PROC	PROCESSED POULTRY			
	12/21/09	12/14/09	12/22/08	12/21/09	12/14/09	12/22/08	
PACIFIC	;						
COAST	6,034	2,980	390	12,634	7,613	5,305	
LOS							
<b>ANGELE</b>	<b>ES</b> 10	7 115	260	813	826	1,006	

## HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES FOR 12/22/09

AI PAPERS REQU	JIRED	TO S	ELL A	ALL OUT OF STATE	<b>POU</b>	LTRY	
l	_OW	HIGH A	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.60	1.95	1.11	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	3.00	-
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.	8.00	12.00	9.33
GEESE lb.	-	-		GEESE ea.	-	18.00	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	1.00	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	15.00	-
DUCKS lb.	1.05	2.00	1.58	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	1.40	2.00	1.62	RABBITS ea.	1.50	6.00	3.12
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.00	13.00	9.27
GUINEA FOWL Ib		-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea		5.00	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS 6	ea	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea		-	-	TURKEY POULTS	ea	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-	PEACOCKS ea.	-	-	-
PARTRIDGES ea		-	-	COCKATIELS ea.	-	-	-
DOVES ea.	-	-	-	PHEASANTS ea.	-	11.00	-
TOTAL COOPS 3	39						

# MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY

WAJOR WHOLLSALL WARRETS-WILKIEG CITT									
Cents per pound for the week ending December 18, 2009									
Who	le	L	egs N	ecks,Backs	Livers				
Chicl	kens B			& Wings	Gizzards	Hens			
RAYON			9		- III				
Low	61.44	120.06	67.09	14.12	7.06	56.50			
High	65.32	130.65	77.68	17.66	10.59	56.50			
-		127.12							
Mostly	63.56	127.12	74.15	15.89	7.06	56.50			
SAN JUA									
Low	60.03	116.53	63.56	14.12	3.53	56.50			
High	64.27	127.12	74.15	17.66	7.06	56.50			
Mostly	64.27	123.59	70.62	14.12	5.30	56.50			
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NEW SAI	N JUAN								
Low	62.50	123.59	70.62	14.12	7.06	56.50			
High	67.09	134.18	81.21	17.66	10.59	56.50			
Mostly	64.97	130.65	77.68	17.66	7.06	56.50			
Moony	0 1.01	100.00	77.00	17.00	1.00	00.00			
BECERR	Α								
Low	63.56	127.12	74.15	14.12	7.06	58.26			
High	67.80	137.71	84.75	21.19	10.59	58.26			
0	63.56	134.18	81.21	_	8.83	58.26			
Mostly	03.50	134.16	01.21	19.42	0.03	36.26			

## 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 21, 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 moderate to good for mid-week trading. Seller offerings were balanced to tight. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderate with many plants down Friday and some running Saturday. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher at 74 to 87 cents.
 The market tone was firm. In the parts complex, supplies of wings were tight and moving strong. Breast items and dark meat cuts were light to moderate.

## BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	73-91
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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