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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices were trending 5 cents higher in the Midwest, 4 cents higher in the East, and unchanged in the West when compared to early week trading. The market tone was fully steady in the Midwest, steady to firm in the West, and fully steady to firm in the East. Retail and food service demand was light to instances fairly good entering the long holiday weekend. Supplies were light to moderate to satisfy current trade needs. Floor stocks were balanced to well cleared. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate. Supplies of wings were light and moving well. Breast items and dark meat cuts were moderate to light and clearing satisfactorily. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but noted as desirable. According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) for the week ending December 19, 2009 broiler egg sets were up 1% and chick placements were up slightly when compared to a year ago. Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 30-Jan-2010 is estimated at 154.4 million head, this compares to 153.4 million head a week earlier.

PRELIMINARY REPORT Prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers FOB and delivered to first receivers at major market areas (cents per lb) Week of 28-DEC-2009

	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers:				
US Grade A 1/				
New York	73.00-76.00			
Los Angeles	91.00			
Whole Body 2/				
Chicago	66.00-72.00	65.00-83.25	72.02	38
FOB Dock Equivalent 3/:				
Mississippi	72.00-79.00	64.00-82.25	77.78	52

1/: Includes branded product.
2/: Whole Body category includes whole body birds with or without giblets, all grades, brands, and packaging.
3/: Southeast area

GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is **82.25** cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

	PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT	
LDS	**RANGE**	**PRELIM. WTD AVG**
492	78.49-86.34	81.90

Due to the Christmas holiday, no weighted average on parts available until Monday. Thursday's weighted averages may be used as a Friday preliminary.

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

MIDWEST REGION Preliminary majority delivered prices into the Chicago market increased 5 cents. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was fully steady. Producer offerings were inactive on very light trade inquiry. Retail demand was slow to moderate. Food service was light to moderate; best into fast food, and delis. Floor stocks were well cleared to in balance; 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 for buyers current needs. Retail and food service demand slow to moderate with most interest 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 moderate to good entering the extended holiday weekend. Offerings of all sizes were balanced to tight for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was seasonally fair. The market tone was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, offerings of breast items and tenders were at least sufficient; dark meat cuts remained light to moderate and wings were no more than adequate to tight and clearing well.

SOUTHERN REGION The market tone was firm. Demand entering the holiday weekend was fair to fairly good with most interest focused on holiday meat items. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to well cleared, at times short due to reduced plant schedules for the holiday. In the parts structure, movement was mostly moderate for late week trading. Wings were light and moving well. Breast items and dark meat items were light to moderate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable weights.

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was moderate to good for late week trading. Seller offerings were in good supply to tight. Live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights. Processing schedules were very light with many plants running half shifts today and down tomorrow for Christmas Day. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher at 75 to 88 cents. The market tone was firm. In the parts complex, most dark meat cuts and breast items were light to moderate and moving satisfactorily. Wings were short and clearing well.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DEILVEERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FORM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE		73-94
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		(A)
NO. OF BOXES		(A)
CUMULATIVE	12/21/09-12/25/09	(A)
	12/22/08-12/26/08	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	12/21/09-12/25/09	(A)
	12/22/08-12/26/08	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	WEEKLY LBS (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S		TOO FEW TO REPORT			1,108	113.99
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			696	129.19
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT			305	71.08
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT			295	69.46
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	260	32.00-36.00	-	33.92	1,753	33.77
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	687	34.00-38.00	-	35.77	3,445	35.76
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			717	158.86
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			575	172.17
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			95	56.09
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			106	49.37
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			277	91.32

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR DEC 24, 2009 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
50.00 - 54.50	52.21	51.71

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 entering the holiday weekend as dealers were selective and kept floor stocks in close balance with immediate needs. Offerings of breast items and tenders were adequate; dark meat cuts were light to moderate and wings were adequate to short of immediate needs. Retail and distributive movement was seasonally fair. The market tone was fully steady 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 PER POUND.

	DEC 24, 2009			DEC 25, 2009				
ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS	WEEKLY WTD AVG	WEEKLY VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	125-130	118.37	229,640	125-130	118.37	229,640	120.01	1,655,440
TENDERLOINS	130-135	133.46	71,560	130-135	133.46	71,560	133.84	472,200
BREAST - WITH RIBS	69-70	76.92	113,240	69-70	76.92	113,240	78.06	423,800
BREAST - LINE RUN	69	71.18	59,400	69	71.18	59,400	71.22	282,600
LEGS	55-56	51.11	170,060	55-56	51.11	170,060	50.90	761,260
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	35-36	36.28	246,040	35-36	36.28	246,040	35.97	1,187,400
DRUMSTICKS	48-49	57.19	70,080	48-49	57.19	70,080	57.92	319,200
THIGHS	40-41	51.17	62,620	40-41	51.17	62,620	51.00	249,570
B/S THIGHS	94-95	95.68	21,960	94-95	95.68	21,960	97.04	221,800
WINGS (WHOLE)	161-162	171.34	100,200	161-162	171.34	100,200	167.91	573,840
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	13-15	15.00	26,600	13-15	15.00	26,600	14.98	105,760
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	47.18	8,000	45-50	47.18	8,000	47.55	46,560
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	64.18	9,330	60-65	64.18	9,330	64.55	81,210

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
	12/25	12/27	12/26	12/23	12/26	12/23	12/21	12/19
Alabama	Holiday	2,368	3,918	3,970	5.42	5.49	4,189	5.53
Arkansas	Holiday	1,869	4,355	5,273	5.64	5.52	3,856	5.56
Delmarva	Holiday	1,077	2,304	2,290	5.77	5.89	2,028	6.04
KY-LA-TN	Holiday	1,226	2,418	2,427	5.04	5.17	2,247	5.01
Mississippi	Holiday	1,006	2,769	2,782	5.83	5.83	3,156	5.94
North Carolina	Holiday	898	2,729	2,662	7.15	7.09	2,643	7.55
Texas	Holiday	2,200	2,726	2,704	5.37	5.49	1,564	5.52
Total	0	10,644	21,219	22,108	5.73	5.74	19,683	5.76
Mon-Fri	77,272	(A)					104,952	(A)
Saturday	1,112	(included in total for date shown)					619	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.
Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 25-Dec-09 and 26-Dec-09 is estimated to be 2,193,000 head down from a week and year ago due to the holiday.
(Last week 29,536,000, last year 30,580,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 26-Dec-09 is estimated to be 116,158,000 head down 27.10 percent from a week ago, and up 7.10 percent from a year ago. (Last week 159,331,000, last year 108,455,000)
Actual data incorporated when available.

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	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

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED

W/E 19-Dec-09 Under Federal Inspection (Preliminary) (In Thousands)

	A 4.25 lbs & down	B 4.26 - 6.25 lbs	C 6.26 - 7.75 lbs	D 7.76 lbs & up	Total
Head	39,883	80,836	20,139	18,473	159,331
Avg Live Wgt	3.89	5.38	6.69	8.50	5.53
% of total /1	25%	51%	13%	11%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	32,381	78,483	22,269	25,071	158,204
Avg Live Wgt	3.86	5.45	6.75	8.54	5.65
% of total /1	20%	50%	14%	16%	100%
Year Ago 2/	36,911	79,973	21,531	15,380	153,795
Avg Live Wgt	3.81	5.42	6.88	8.35	5.48
% of total /1	24%	52%	14%	10%	100%
To date/2009*	1,962,484	3,967,028	1,100,402	842,374	7,872,288
To date/2008*	2,079,956	3,948,481	1,227,621	896,428	8,152,486

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.
*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.
Weight Class Description: (A) This size product is normally marketed bone-in into fast food and food service sectors and may include Cornish hens. (B) This size product is normally marketed into the retail grocery sector in tray pack or bagged forms. (C) This size product is normally marketed either into the retail grocery sector in tray pack and IQF form or is further processed and marketed into various sectors. (D) This size product is normally marketed deboned or as roasters or roasting chicken.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(PRELIMINARY) W/E 19-DEC-2009	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	----------Thousands----------				
Head	159,331	1,147	1,328	2,475	438
Avg Wt	5.53	3.27	7.76	5.68	6.68
Last week	158,204	1,402	1,412	2,814	425
Same wk yr ago	153,795	1,380	1,411	2,791	435
Avg Wt	5.48	3.20	7.71	5.48	6.65
To-date/2009*	7,872,288	63,167	74,688	137,855	20,568
To-date/2008*	8,152,486	68,108	81,353	149,461	21,929
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	656,420	1,950	6,853	8,803	2,077
Last week	665,920	2,399	7,305	9,704	2,067
Same wk yr ago	627,883	2,274	7,234	9,508	2,083
To-date/2009*	32,431,820	105,456	388,699	494,155	98,380
To-date/2008*	33,549,585	113,273	424,677	537,950	104,553
Dressing %	74.5%	52.0%	66.5%		71.0%

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 146.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 161.3 million head, or 14.5 million more than estimated available.(B) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.
*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

Week Ending		Million Head Slaughtered	Million Head Available*	Pct	Avg Wt
Nov	14	160.1	151.2	106%	5.56
	21	159.6	148.4	108%	5.50
	28	122.9	148.4	83%	5.58
Dec	5	162.2	146.2	111%	5.73
	12	160.1	145.3	110%	5.65
	19	161.3	146.8	110%	5.53
Year to date		7967.8	7821.1	102%	
Dec	26		155.1		
Jan	2		153.7		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection (Thousands)

W/E	12/26/09	12/19/09	%CHG	12/27/08	%CHG
Broilers	116,158	159,331	-27.10	108,455 *	+7.10
Cattle	465	623	-25	450 *	+03
Hogs	1,604	2,370	-32	1,732 *	-07

*Actual

EASTERN REGION MISC POULTRY Delivery Week of 21-DEC-2009

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS DLVRD IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER LB

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	196-200	201-207
MIDWEST	179-195	185-199

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A & PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS & UP, DLVRD, CENTS PER LB

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	70.00-77.00	73.00-75.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	72.00-87.00	77.00-86.00

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	69.84- 99.63
14 OZ.	77.76-112.59
16 OZ.	84.96-124.82

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:
CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS

Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was good to very good. Supplies ranged adequate to at times tight. Processing schedules were reduced due to the Christmas holiday. Prices paid, first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at $7.70-8.70, bone in legs at $2.75-3.10, gizzards at $1.20-1.50, wings at $.70-.90, livers at $1.25-2.05, and feet at $.70-1.45.

PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 21-DEC-2009

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	177-210	179-210

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - DEC 22, 2009

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY
PRICES PAID PER LB, EXCEPT AS NOTED

	RANGE			
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.00	-	1.10	lbs.
Pekin Ducks		-	5.50	ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.35	-	.45	lbs.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.20	-	.30	lbs.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.60	-	.70	lbs.
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	1.05	-	1.20	lbs.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.35	-	.45	lbs.
Banty Roosters	3.50	-	4.00	ea.
Banty Hens	2.00	-	2.20	ea.
Guinea Pigs	1.50	-	3.00	ea.
Guinea Fowl	5.50	-	6.00	lbs.
Kid Goats	7.00	-	15.00	ea.
Geese 9-14 LBS	.35	-	.50	lbs.
Pigeons	2.30	-	2.70	ea.
White Pigeons	2.75	-	3.00	ea.
Chukars		-	3.00	ea.
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	1.80	-	2.20	lbs.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	2.50	-	2.70	lbs.
Leghorn Hens		-	.25	ea.
Bunnies	1.50	-	3.00	ea.
Silkies		-	2.00	ea.
Goats	55.00	-	60.00	ea.
Quail	.50	-	.60	ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.90	-	1.00	lbs.

Total Coops Sold 2063

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET

Sales were too few to report. Offerings were moderate for current trade needs. Demand was generally fair to moderate with trading limited due to the majority of supplies being used internally. Processing schedules were less than normal due to the Christmas Day holiday. The undertone was steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITH OUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)
TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

HEAVY CANNER HENS
(WITHOUT NECKS)
TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)
TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

HEAVY CANNER HENS
(WITHOUT NECKS)
TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 28-DEC-2009

SOUTH CENTRAL

Trading was TFEWR. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were as desired. Finished sales were slowing. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

SOUTHEAST

Sales were too few to report. Demand remained seasonally moderate to good for the light to moderate offerings of heavy fowl. Processing schedules for next week were less than normal due to the New Years Day holiday . Finished product supplies were about adequate to adequate for current trade needs. The undertone was at least steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION

Prices were unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was moderate to mostly good for the balanced offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules were less than normal due to the Christmas holiday. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	2-11	3-7

SOUTH CENTRAL

Trading was TFEWR. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings. Finished sales were slow. Schedules were reduced. Trade sentiment was steady at best.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL

Prices were unchanged. Demand was good while offerings mostly adequate for the holiday and early 2010 schedules. Trade sentiment about steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-10.5	0-5

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