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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



The market tone was steady to fully steady in the West, fully steady to firm elsewhere. Retail and food service movement was slow to moderate, but slightly better into fast food channels and for holiday related items. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to barely adequate for trade needs. Floor stocks were mixed. In the parts structure, movement was fair to fairly good for mid-week trading. Supplies of breast items were at least sufficient, and dark meat cuts were adequate to close balanced. Wings were balanced to tight and moving seasonally well. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

### GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES

The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .25 cents to 82.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 87.25 cents last year on December 31, 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	172.00
BREASTS - B/S	137.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	76.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	96.50
THIGHS	48.50
DRUMSTICKS	58.50
LEG QUARTERS	38.00
WINGS	168.00

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

### SOUTHERN REGION

The market tone was firm. Demand was fair to fairly good, best into fast food channels and where featured. Supplies of all sizes were close balanced to tight and often moving at premium levels. Processing schedules were light with many plants down Friday for New Years. In the parts structure, movement was mostly moderate. Wings were tight and moving best. Dark meat lines were in good balance to well cleared, and breast supplies were adequate to readily available. In production areas live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

### MIDWEST REGION

Whole broiler/fryer market tone was fully steady to firm with offerings light for the fair trade interest. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate with best movement on holiday items and on wings and eight piece cut-ups into fast food channels and bar and grill restaurants. Floor stocks were mixed ranging short to long. Sizes were mostly desirable with instances of being too heavy or light. Supplies of wings were tight, dark meat items adequate to close, and breast cuts adequate. The market tone was fully steady to firm on wings and steady to fully steady on the balance of parts.

### WESTERN REGION

The trade sentiment on whole body birds steady to instances fully steady. Offers of whole birds adequate to instances barely adequate for buyers current needs. Retail and food service demand slow to moderate. Floor stocks adequate. Sizes desirable. Supplies of wings barely adequate to tight, dark meat items adequate, white meat items adequate to available. The market tone on wings was fully steady to firm, balance of parts items steady to fully steady.

### NORTHEAST REGION

Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was moderate to good. Offerings of all sizes were balanced to well cleared with premiums noted. Retail and distributive movement was seasonally fair to moderate. The market tone was firm. In the parts complex, wings were balanced to tight and continued to clear well. Breast items were mostly moderate and dark meat cuts were about adequate to adequate and clearing satisfactorily.

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

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 204 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 26, 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 166 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 26, 2009. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2008 through December 26, 2009 were 8.62 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 12/26/09	2009	2008	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
	<i>Thousand</i>		
EGGS SET	204,073	202,493	+01
CHICKS PLACED	166,383	166,152	0

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 06-Feb-10 is estimated at 154.1 million head. This compares to 154.4 million head the previous week and to 157.4 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 157.4 million head and the composite weighted average price was 81.37 cents per pound.

DEC 29

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

DEC 30

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 AVG	ITEM	POUNDS			WTD AVG
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY			(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	
BREAST - B/S	361	109.00-185.00	-	117.43	BREAST - B/S	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TENDERLOINS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
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)	390	32.00-37.00	-	34.63	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	401	33.00-36.00	-	34.66
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	730	35.00-38.00	-	36.71	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	855	34.00-39.00	-	36.30
WINGS (WHOLE)	195	156.00-168.00	-	161.95	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	76	85.00-95.00	-	86.78

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
49.50 - 55.00	53.00	49.00 - 54.50	51.62	52.07

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 fair to fairly good as dealers attempted to enter the holiday weekend with closely cleared floor stocks. Offerings of breast items were at least sufficient for current needs; dark meat cuts were no more than adequate to well cleared with leg cuts in the best balance. Wings were in very good balance to short. Retail and distributive movement was seasonally fair. The market tone was firm for wings, at least steady for dark meat cuts and 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 29	CURRENT NEG	WTD	DEC 30	CURRENT NEG	WTD
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG	ITEM	TRADING*	AVG
BREAST - B/S	125-130	118.35	BREAST - B/S	125-130	121.69
TENDERLOINS	130-135	131.72	TENDERLOINS	130-135	133.63
BREAST - WITH RIBS	69-70	79.06	BREAST - WITH RIBS	69-70	82.91
BREAST - LINE RUN	69	70.60	BREAST - LINE RUN	69	68.76
LEGS	56-57	52.40	LEGS	56-57	54.68
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	36-37	35.80	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	36-37	36.88
DRUMSTICKS	48-49	53.79	DRUMSTICKS	48-49	56.82
THIGHS	40-41	54.22	THIGHS	40-41	48.94
B/S THIGHS	94-95	96.98	B/S THIGHS	94-95	98.14
WINGS (WHOLE)	162-163	167.30	WINGS (WHOLE)	163-164	169.54
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	13-15	15.00	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	13-15	15.00
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	43.08	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	46.07
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	64.36	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	63.05

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)	(1,000)	WTS
	12/30	12/29	12/28	12/25	12/28	12/25	12/23	12/21	
Alabama	4,056	3,953	4,072	Holiday	5.68	Holiday	3,918	5.25	
Arkansas	5,203	5,367	5,090	Holiday	5.84	Holiday	4,355	5.62	
Delmarva	2,244	2,219	2,247	Holiday	5.88	Holiday	2,304	5.88	
KY-LA-TN	2,265	2,351	2,357	Holiday	5.29	Holiday	2,418	5	
Mississippi	2,964	2,986	2,928	Holiday	6.04	Holiday	2,769	5.97	
North Carolina	2,767	2,642	2,673	Holiday	7.29	Holiday	2,729	7.2	
Texas	2,700	2,725	2,709	Holiday	5.46	Holiday	2,726	5.38	
Total	22,199	22,243	22,076	0	5.91	0	21,219	5.72	
Mon-Wed	66,701(A)						65,302(A)		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 30-Dec-09 is estimated to be 33,212,000 head up 4.31 percent from a week ago and up 15.08 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,841,000, last year 28,861,000)

### 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 02-Jan-10

Class	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	01/02/10 (1)	12/26/09
	----- Thousand head -----	
Broiler/fryer	126,980(2)	126,587
Light hens	1,401	1,097
Heavy hens	916	897
Total	129,297	128,581

(1)ESTIMATED

2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 02-Jan-10 is 153.7 million head compared to 129.1 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 127.2 million head or 26.5 million less than estimated available. For the week of 09-Jan-10 the estimated available is 153.7 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 12/28/09	76,850	58,386
AM 12/01/09	73,050	56,224
CHG	3,800	2,162
PCT CHG	5	4

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)**

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	12/28/09	12/21/09	12/29/08	12/28/09	12/21/09	12/29/08
<b>PACIFIC COAST LOS ANGELES</b>	4,460	6,034	504	10,188	12,634	6,858
	97	107	275	832	813	1,083

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

**FOR 12/29/09**

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW HIGH AVG				LOW HIGH AVG		
HEAVY FOWL lb.	1.15	1.55	1.36	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	10.00	-
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.	-	1.00	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	6.00	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	.75	2.55	1.48	RABBITS ea.	2.00	4.00	2.86
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.25	3.25	2.75
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.	-	-	-	PHEASANTS ea.	-	-	-
TOTAL COOPS	36						

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY**

Cents per pound for the week ending December 25, 2009

	Whole Chickens		Legs W/Thighs & Wings		Necks,Backs & Gizzards		Livers Hens	
	Breasts							
<b>RAYON</b>								
Low	65.24	137.53	77.58	17.63	7.05	54.66		
High	67.71	148.11	88.16	21.16	10.58	54.66		
Mostly	65.95	144.59	84.64	17.63	7.05	54.66		
<b>SAN JUAN</b>								
Low	64.18	134.01	74.06	14.11	3.53	52.90		
High	67.00	144.59	84.64	17.63	7.05	52.90		
Mostly	65.24	141.06	81.11	15.87	7.05	52.90		
<b>NEW SAN JUAN</b>								
Low	65.95	141.06	81.11	17.63	7.05	56.42		
High	68.77	155.17	91.69	21.16	10.58	56.42		
Mostly	67.71	151.64	88.16	19.40	8.82	56.42		

**BECERRA**

Low	67.00	141.06	84.64	17.63	7.05	56.42
High	69.47	158.69	98.74	21.16	10.58	56.42
Mostly	67.71	155.17	95.22	21.16	10.58	56.42

**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 28, 2009

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

**DELMARVA**

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was moderate to good for midweek business. Seller offerings were balanced to well cleared for immediate trade requirements. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but noted as desirable. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were one cent higher at 77 to 90 cents. The market tone was firm. In the parts complex, breast items were at least sufficient. Dark meat cuts ranged light to moderate with legs and leg quarters in the best position. Wings were balanced to short.

**BRANDED U.S. GRADE A**

RANGE	73-93
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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