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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were trending 5 cents higher in the Midwest, 3 cents higher in the East, and one cent higher in the West when compared to early week trading. The market tone was fully steady to firm in all areas. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate entering the extended holiday weekend. Supplies of all sizes were light to moderate to satisfy current trade needs. Floor stocks were mixed ranging short to long. Processing schedules were light with many plants down tomorrow for New Year's, and several operating Saturday. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate. Supplies of wings were close balanced to tight and moving well at premium levels. Breast items were adequate to fully sufficient and dark meat cuts were balanced to closely cleared. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.

**Preliminary Report** Prices negotiated for truck lot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 04-JAN-2009 (cents per lb)

### US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
New York	76.00-79.00			
Los Angeles	92.00			
Whole Body 2/				
Chicago	71.00-77.00	65.00-86.25	76.26	35
FOB Dock Equivalent 3/:				
Mississippi	73.00-79.00	65.00-83.00	78.12	57

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 F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broiler/fryers for this week's trading is 82.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

### PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG
540	79.54-88.15	82.46

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice-packed parts:

**\*\*\*NOTE: Due to the New Year's holiday, no weighted average on parts available until Monday, January 4th. 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.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was moderate to mostly good. Offerings of all sizes were in good balance to well cleared and commanding premiums. Retail and distributive movement was seasonally fair. The market tone was firm. In the parts complex, wings were balanced to tight and moving well. Breast items were moderate and dark meat cuts were light to moderate and clearing satisfactorily.

**MIDWEST BOILER/FRYER** Preliminary majority prices for next week's delivery in the Chicago area were up 5 cents from Monday's majority prices. The whole broiler fryer market tone was fully steady to firm with offerings limited for the light trade interest. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate going into the new year with best movement on holiday items and on wings and eight piece cut-ups into fast food channels, bar and grill restaurants, and delis. Floor stocks were mixed ranging short to long. Sizes were desirable to heavy. Supplies of wings were tight with the remainder of parts adequate to close. The market tone was fully steady to firm on wings and steady to fully steady on the balance of parts.

**WESTERN BOILER/FRYER** The trade sentiment on whole body birds fully steady to instances firm. Offers of whole birds light but adequate for buyers current needs. Retail and food service demand slow to instances moderate, best into fast food and holiday related items. Floor stocks adequate. Sizes desirable. Supplies of wings tight, dark meat items closely balanced to tight, white meat items adequate. The market tone on wings was fully steady to firm, balance of parts items steady to fully steady.

**SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYER** The market tone was firm. Demand was fair to fairly good with holiday trading limited. Supplies of all sizes were close balanced to tight to satisfy trade needs. Processing schedules were light with many plants down Friday for New Years, and a few running Saturday. In the parts structure, movement was moderate to good for late week trading. Wings remained tight and moving seasonally well. 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.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds continued moderate to good and was sufficient in keeping available seller offerings in good balance to well cleared. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were sharply reduced in advance of the holiday and were very light. Plants were scheduled to close Friday and several scheduled to operate on Saturday. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher at 78 to 91 cents. The market tone was firm. In the parts complex, breast items were adequate to fully adequate. Dark meat cuts were balanced to well cleared. Wings were balanced to short.

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

### BRANDED U.S.GRADE A

RANGE	73-97
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(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)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	301	110.00-185.00	-	120.34	1,356	117.46
TENDERLOINS	170	125.00-198.00	-	136.68	645	135.15
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT			328	70.50
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT			285	69.51
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	425	32.00-36.00	-	34.79	1,487	34.51
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	787	35.00-39.00	-	36.62	2,882	36.32
WINGS (WHOLE)	195	159.00-171.00	-	165.33	700	162.20
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			320	175.80
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			109	49.86
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			164	44.71
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			291	91.15

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR DEC 31, 2009 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
49.50 - 55.00	52.40	52.11

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 moderate entering the holiday weekend as dealers kept floor stocks in close balance with immediate needs. Offerings of breast items were adequate to fully adequate for current needs; dark meat cuts were sufficient and wings were in very good balance to short and commanding premiums. Retail and distributive movement was seasonally fair. The market tone was fully steady to firm for wings, at least steady for dark meat cuts and generally steady for the balance of items. ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG			JAN 01, 2010			WEEKLY WTD AVG	WEEKLY VOL/LBS
	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS		
BREAST - B/S	125-130	121.94	383,072	125-130	121.94	383,072	120.39	2,007,688
TENDERLOINS	130-135	132.29	112,160	130-135	132.29	112,160	132.20	491,400
BREAST - WITH RIBS	69-70	81.03	65,320	69-70	81.03	65,320	81.85	295,960
BREAST - LINE RUN	69	69.90	95,640	69	69.90	95,640	69.93	293,560
LEGS	56-57	51.97	182,040	56-57	51.97	182,040	52.60	578,360
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	36-37	37.02	248,480	36-37	37.02	248,480	36.65	1,037,240
DRUMSTICKS	48-49	57.30	70,480	48-49	57.30	70,480	56.03	409,560
THIGHS	40-41	48.67	38,080	40-41	48.67	38,080	51.17	244,160
B/S THIGHS	94-95	97.18	55,000	94-95	97.18	55,000	97.78	311,000
WINGS (WHOLE)	164-165	168.01	82,960	164-165	168.01	82,960	168.33	603,960
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	13-15	15.00	23,080	13-15	15.00	23,080	15.00	95,960
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	48.10	11,800	45-50	48.10	11,800	45.63	48,280
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	65.01	15,120	60-65	65.01	15,120	64.09	92,160

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		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL		AVG WTS	
	(1,000)	12/31	(1,000)	12/29	12/30	1	2/29	(1,000)	12/25	12/23
Alabama	(A)	3,243	3,848	4,019	5.55	5.49	(A)	5.42		
Arkansas	(A)	3,404	5,298	4,944	5.40	5.40	Holiday	5.64		
Delmarva	(A)	1,504	2,191	2,261	5.83	5.90	(A)	5.77		
KY-LA-TN	(A)	1,935	2,325	2,288	5.29	5.25	(A)	5.04		
Mississippi	(A)	2,285	2,780	2,971	5.72	5.96	(A)	5.83		
North Carolina	(A)	2,193	2,713	2,686	7.09	7.16	(A)	7.15		
Texas	Holiday	1,900	2,675	2,689	5.37	5.54	Holiday	5.37		
Total		4,737	16,464	21,830	21,858	5.70	5.76	2,504	5.73	
Mon-Fri		87,902	(B)					77,808	(B)	
Saturday		1,789	(included in total for date shown)					2,505		

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 01-Jan-10 and 02-Jan-10 is estimated to be 7,087,000 head up from holiday a week ago and down from a holiday a year ago. (Last week 3,758,000, last year 34,239,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 02-Jan-10 is estimated to be 130,478,000 head up 13.20 percent from a week ago, and up 2.31 percent from a year ago. (Last week 115,268,000, last year 127,532,000)

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 26-Dec-09 Under Federal Inspection (Preliminary) (In Thousands)

	<b>A</b> 4.25 lbs & down	<b>B</b> 4.26 - 6.25 lbs	<b>C</b> 6.26 - 7.75 lbs	<b>D</b> 7.76 lbs & up	<b>Total</b>
Head	28,720	63,389	9,334	13,825	115,268
Avg Live Wgt	3.76	5.41	6.72	8.29	5.45
% of total /1	25%	55%	8%	12%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	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%
Year Ago 2/	24,945	56,397	15,184	11,929	108,455
Avg Live Wgt	3.82	5.40	6.90	8.35	5.53
% of total /1	23%	52%	14%	11%	100%

To date/2009\* 1,991,204 4,030,417 1,109,736 856,199 7,987,556  
 To date/2008\* 2,104,901 4,004,878 1,242,805 908,357 8,260,941

/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 26-DEC-2009

	<b>Young Chickens</b>	<b>Light Hens</b>	<b>Heavy Hens</b>	<b>Total Hens</b>	<b>Ducks</b>
Head	115,268	974	873	1,847	380
Avg Wt	5.45	3.26	7.73	5.37	6.91
Last week	159,331	1,147	1,328	2,475	438
Same wk yr ago	108,455	991	755	1,746	325
Avg Wt	5.53	3.25	7.82	5.23	6.81
To-date/2009*	7,987,556	64,141	75,561	139,702	20,948
To-date/2008*	8,260,941	69,099	82,108	151,207	22,254

**Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage**

Current week	468,017	1,651	4,488	6,139	1,864
Last week	656,420	1,950	6,853	8,803	2,077
Same wk yr ago	446,818	1,659	3,926	5,585	1,594
To-date/2009*	32,899,837	107,107	393,187	500,294	100,244
To-date/2008*	33,996,403	114,932	428,603	543,535	106,147

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 155.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 116.7 million head, or 38.4 million less 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**

<b>Week Ending</b>	<b>Million Head Slaughtered</b>	<b>Million Head Available*</b>	<b>Pct</b>	<b>Avg Wt</b>
Nov 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
26	116.7	155.1	75%	5.45
Year to date	8084.5	7976.2	101%	
Jan 2		153.7		
9		145.7		

\*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

**BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**

Under Federal Inspection (Thousands)

<b>W/E</b>	<b>01/02/10</b>	<b>12/26/09</b>	<b>%CHG</b>	<b>01/03/09</b>	<b>%CHG</b>
<b>Broilers</b>	130,478	115,268	+13.20	127,532 *	+2.31
<b>Cattle</b>	526	465	+13	516 *	+02
<b>Hogs</b>	1,926	1,604	+20	1,898 *	+01

\*Actual

**EASTERN REGION MISC POULTRY** Delivery Week of 28-DEC-2009

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

<b>ORIGIN</b>	<b>FROZEN</b>	<b>FRESH</b>
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

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MOSTLY</b>
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	72.00-83.00	73.00-78.00
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 continued good to very good. Supplies were mostly adequate for present trade requirements. Processing schedules were reduced due to the New Year 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 28-DEC-2009

<b>ORIGIN</b>	<b>FROZEN</b>	<b>FRESH</b>
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	177-210	179-210

**GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - DEC 29, 2009**

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

	<b>RANGE</b>
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.10 - 1.20 lbs.
Goats	41.00 - 55.00 ea.
Pullets 4-6 LBS	- 1.05 lbs.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.40 - .45 lbs.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.25 - .35 lbs.
Leghorn Roosters	.40 - .60 ea.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	1.00 - 1.05 lbs.
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	1.20 - 1.30 lbs.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.45 - .50 lbs.
Banty Roosters	3.25 - 3.35 ea.
Banty Hens	2.00 - 2.25 ea.
Guinea Pigs	2.50 - 4.25 ea.
Guinea Fowl	- 2.05 lbs.
Pigeons	3.20 - 3.40 ea.
White Pigeons	3.40 - 4.00 ea.
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	1.50 - 1.70 lbs.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	2.10 - 2.50 lbs.
Leghorn Hens	.60 - .70 ea.
Bunnies	1.00 - 3.00 ea.
Silkie	2.50 - 3.75 ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.05 - 1.10 lbs.
Finch	2.00 - 3.00 ea.
Quail	- .75 ea
Diamond Doves	- 6.50 ea
Total Coops Sold	1783

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

Cents per pound, current negotiations, without freight cost

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
TOO FEW TO REPORT	TOO FEW TO REPORT

Cents per pound, current negotiation, freight cost included

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
TOO FEW TO REPORT	TOO FEW TO REPORT

**HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\***  
PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB. GENERALLY FOR  
SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 01-JAN-10

**SOUTH CENTRAL** Negotiations were TFEWR. Demand for heavy hens has slowed. Offerings easily satisfy needs at processing operations. Schedules were reduced. Trade sentiment was about steady.

AT FARM BUYER LOADING	<b>RANGE MAJORITY</b> TOO FEW TO REPORT
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\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY** Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was seasonally fair to fairly good for the light to moderate offerings of heavy fowl. Processing schedules for next week were noted as normal. Finished product supplies were mostly adequate for current trade needs. The undertone was at least steady.

AT FARM BUYER LOADING	<b>RANGE MAJORITY</b> TOO FEW TO REPORT
AT FARM PRODUCES 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** Prices were unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was moderate to good for the balanced to adequate offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules were less than normal due to the New Years Day holiday. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	2-11	3-7

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

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

**NORTH CENTRAL** Prices unchanged. Demand was light to moderate with offerings adequate to ample. Schedules are full-time. Trade sentiment about steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	0-10.5	0-5

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