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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



The market tone was at least steady in the West, steady to firm elsewhere. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate, slightly better into fast food. Major snow storms disrupted production and transportation for most of the Northeast. Supplies were light to moderate for current trade needs. Floor stocks were adequate to closely balanced. In the parts structure, movement was light to moderate for mid week business. Supplies of wings were light to moderate. Dark meat items were mostly moderate, and breast items were in good supply and moving 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 remains unchanged at 83.25 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 86.75 cents last year on February 11, 2009.

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	176.50
BREASTS - B/S	156.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	84.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	94.50
THIGHS	49.50
DRUMSTICKS	62.00
LEG QUARTERS	38.00
WINGS	173.50

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

SOUTHERN REGION The market tone was steady to fully steady. Demand was fair to moderate with limited trading. Supplies were sufficient to satisfy current trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate for mid week trading. Wings were adequate to close balanced. Supplies of breast items were light to moderate with cutlets in the best position. Dark meat items were moderate. In production areas live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

MIDWEST REGION Whole broiler/fryer market tone remained steady to firm. Offers of whole birds continued to be limited and affected by latest winter storm in producer areas. Trade interest was light to moderate. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate, slightly better into fast food. Floor stocks were adequate to in very close balance. Weights were desirable. Supplies of large wings were available, other sizes limited; breast cuts were in close balance to adequate and dark meat were adequate. The trade sentiment was steady to fully steady on, except large wings were steady to weak.

WESTERN REGION The market tone on whole broiler fryers and WOGs was steady to fully steady. Offerings light to adequate. Retail and foodservice demand slow to moderate with some slowing into retail channels in parts of the area due to recent storms. However, some fill-in trading was noted on 3 lb. and heavier WOGs at 76 cents delivered in response to possible delivery and availability issues next week because of adverse weather conditions in the eastern part of the country. Weights desirable. Floor stocks light to adequate. Offerings of white items light to adequate, balance generally adequate. Parts demand light to fair. The market tone on white items was generally steady to fully steady, dark items mostly steady.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was limited with a major snow storm disrupting production and transportation for most of the Northeast region. Offerings of all sizes were light due to the weather conditions. Retail and distributive movement was moderate, best where features were planned. The market tone was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, breast items in good balance; dark meat cuts and wings were light to moderate and noted in better balance.

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 February 6, 2010. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN 3 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 163 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 6, 2010. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 3, 2010 through February 6, 2010 were 829 million, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED TOTAL 19 SELECTED STATES

WEEK ENDING 02/06/10	2010	2009	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
	<i>Thousand</i>		
EGGS SET	204,803	201,805	+01
CHICKS PLACED	162,985	168,018	-03

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 20-Mar-10 is estimated at 151.2 million head. This compares to 152.6 million head the previous week and to 157.5 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 156.0 million head and the composite weighted average price was 75.52 cents per pound.

FEB 09

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

FEB 10

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	ITEM	POUNDS			WTD
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG		(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG
BREAST - B/S	410	126.00-182.00	-	131.34	BREAST - B/S	374	128.00-182.00	-	132.95
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TENDERLOINS	151	129.00-186.00	-	137.18
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)	427	31.00-36.00	-	34.37	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	352	31.00-36.00	-	34.01
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	737	34.00-39.00	-	36.48	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	887	34.00-39.00	-	36.50
WINGS (WHOLE)	195	130.00-160.00	-	149.59	WINGS (WHOLE)	230	133.00-150.00	-	141.30
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		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

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
54.00 - 59.00	57.42	54.00 - 59.00	56.37	56.67

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 limited with most dealers assessing market conditions as adverse weather continues to hamper production and transportation throughout the region. Offerings of breast items and tenders were in good balance and clearing satisfactorily. Dark meat cuts and wings were light to moderate for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was moderate. The market tone was steady for wings and leg cuts; at least steady to instances firm for breast items.

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

FEB 09	CURRENT NEG	WTD		FEB 10	CURRENT NEG	WTD	
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG	VOL/LBS	ITEM	TRADING*	AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	140	138.24	389,600	BREAST - B/S	140-145	135.63	348,640
TENDERLOINS	135	135.74	148,197	TENDERLOINS	135	137.40	142,557
BREAST - WITH RIBS	77-78	91.29	48,080	BREAST - WITH RIBS	78-79	91.23	47,480
BREAST - LINE RUN	77	80.87	66,920	BREAST - LINE RUN	78	81.26	63,320
LEGS	52-53	46.60	179,400	LEGS	52-53	46.53	163,540
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	36-37	35.15	279,560	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	36-37	35.00	265,680
DRUMSTICKS	49-50	58.01	93,520	DRUMSTICKS	49-50	58.55	88,680
THIGHS	40-41	52.20	98,380	THIGHS	40-41	52.49	97,120
B/S THIGHS	94-95	95.06	52,680	B/S THIGHS	94-95	94.41	47,160
WINGS (WHOLE)	168-169	170.10	164,840	WINGS (WHOLE)	168-169	172.14	178,200
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	13-15	14.99	37,240	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	13-15	14.99	36,840
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	47.15	7,600	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	47.15	7,560
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	64.20	16,520	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	64.15	15,640

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
	02/10	02/09	02/08	02/05	02/08	02/05	02/03	02/01	
Alabama	3,962	4,054	3,939	3,994	5.46	5.35	3,871	5.43	
Arkansas	5,147	5,123	4,835	3,666	5.57	5.54	4,910	5.52	
Delmarva	1,930	2,183	983	1,606	5.92	5.74	2,098	5.85	
KY-LA-TN	2,112	2,333	2,205	2,714	5.08	4.97	2,269	5.04	
Mississippi	2,707	2,934	2,954	2,999	5.95	5.36	2,826	6.01	
North Carolina	2,714	2,799	2,265	3,536	7.06	6.85	2,708	6.95	
Texas	2,670	2,635	2,599	2,619	5.59	5.45	2,513	5.62	
Total	21,242	22,061	19,780	21,134	5.74	5.63	21,195	5.68	
Mon-Wed	65,168 (A)						63,978 (A)		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 10-Feb-10 is estimated to be 31,780,000 head down 0.08 percent from a week ago and up 5.71 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,805,000, last year 30,064,000)

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

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

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 13-Feb-10

Class	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	02/13/10 (1)	Thousand head		02/06/10
Broiler/fryer	163,826(2)			156,938
Light hens	1,418			1,534
Heavy hens	1,179			1,363
Total	166,423			159,835

(1)ESTIMATED

2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 13-Feb-10 is 158.5 million head compared to 156.4 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 164.2 million head or 5.7 million more than estimated available. For the week of 20-Feb-10 the estimated available is 157.1 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 02/08/10	110,211		57,869	
AM 02/01/10	103,658		60,250	
CHG	6,553		-2,381	
PCT CHG	6		-4	

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	02/08/10	02/01/10	02/09/09	02/08/10	02/01/10	02/09/09
PACIFIC COAST LOS ANGELES	3,030	3,017	640	6,851	7,366	7,310
	186	121	210	825	913	1,025

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 02/09/10

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW HIGH AVG			LOW HIGH AVG		
	HEAVY FOWL lb.	.50	1.30	.70	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-
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.	2.75	3.25	3.07	BUNNIES ea.	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	20.00
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	24.00	27.00 25.00
DUCKS lb.	-	1.50	-	DUCKS ea.	-	9.50
RABBITS lb.	1.70	2.30	1.94	RABBITS ea.	-	2.25
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	-	3.25
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	26					

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending February 5, 2010

	Whole Chickens		Legs W/Thighs & Wings		Necks,Backs Livers Gizzards Hens	
	RAYON					
Low	64.68	134.17	72.24	17.20	6.88	68.80
High	66.40	144.49	82.56	20.64	10.32	68.80
Mostly	65.36	141.05	79.12	18.92	6.88	68.80
SAN JUAN						
Low	63.30	134.17	68.80	17.20	3.44	68.80
High	65.36	141.05	79.12	20.64	6.88	68.80
Mostly	65.36	137.61	75.68	17.20	6.88	68.80
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	64.68	137.61	75.68	20.64	6.88	72.24
High	67.08	147.93	86.00	24.08	10.32	72.24
Mostly	65.36	144.49	82.56	20.64	8.60	72.24
BECERRA						
Low	64.33	141.05	79.12	20.64	6.88	72.24
High	67.77	151.37	89.44	24.08	10.32	72.24
Mostly	66.05	147.93	86.00	22.36	10.32	72.24

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 FEBRUARY 8, 2010

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 fair as more winter storms continued to disrupt production and transportation. Seller offerings were limited due to weather conditions. Live supplies were moderate at desirable weights. Processing schedules were light and reduced. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher at 80 to 89 cents. The market tone was fully steady. In the parts complex, breast items were moderate. Wings and dark meat items ranged light to moderate.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	76-95
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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