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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Prices are trending steady to instances weak in the East, barely steady in the Midwest, and steady to barely steady in the West. Offerings are light to moderate to satisfy current trade needs. Retail and food service demand is moderate to good, best where features are in progress. Floor stocks are light to heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, movement is fair to moderate with some improvements noted for mid week business. Prices are trending steady for most parts. Offerings are moderate to heavy for breast items, tenders, wings and most dark meat items. In production areas, live supplies are moderate to heavy. Weights are desirable. Market activity on parts is slow to moderate.

GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading is unchanged at 88.00 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 85.25 cents last year on September 09, 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	223.00
BREASTS - B/S	202.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	109.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	97.50
THIGHS	53.00
DRUMSTICKS	61.00
LEG QUARTERS	40.00
WINGS	124.00

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

SOUTHERN REGION Price trend for whole broilers and fryers is steady. Offerings are light to moderate. Retail and food service demand is moderate to instances good, best where features are planned or in progress. The market activity is slow to mostly moderate. In the parts structure, movement is fair to moderate for mid week business. Prices are trending steady for cutlets, tenders and wings. All other parts are steady to weak. Offerings of cutlets, tenders and wings are moderate. Dark meat items are moderate to heavy. In production areas, live supplies are light to moderate. Weights are desirable to light. Market activity is slow for parts.

MIDWEST REGION Whole broiler/fryer prices were barely steady. Offerings were moderate. Floor stocks were very moderate to heavy; weights desirable to heavy. Prices were trending steady on most part items. Supplies of all parts were moderate, with leg quarters in best balance. Trade activity was light to moderate with good fast food promotion activity.

WESTERN REGION The market on whole broiler fryers is steady and WOGs steady to barely steady with over 3 lb. sizes softest. Some fill-in trading on 3 lb. and heavier WOGs is noted at 78 cents delivered. Offerings light to moderate. Demand into retail and foodservice channels light to instances good. Floor stocks adequate to sometimes longer than desired. Some instances were noted of buyers freezing excess inventories in response to the slower than expected holiday weekend. Weights desirable. The market on white and dark items is mostly steady with spot strength noted on wings. Demand is light to moderate. Offerings of white and dark items light to moderate.

NORTHEAST REGION Prices are trending steady to instances weak. Trucklot buying activity for ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryer is light to fair for midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes are moderate to heavy for current needs. Trade activity is slow. In the parts complex, most items are moderate with wings noted as in a better balance than a week earlier.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 4 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 203 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 4, 2010. This was up 4 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 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 170 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 4, 2010. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 3, 2010 through September 4, 2010 were 5.96 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

WEEK ENDING 09/04/10	2010	2009	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
	(*Thousand*)		
EGGS SET	203,249	195,627	+04
CHICKS PLACED	169,757	167,105	+02

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 16-Oct-10 is estimated at 156.6 million head. This compares to 157.4 million head the previous week and to 156.3 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 163.5 million head and the composite weighted average price was 70.43 cents per pound.

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER 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	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	329	36.00-38.00	-	36.63
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	654	37.00-40.00	-	38.60
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
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	5-DAY AVERAGE
63.50 – 65.50	64.32	64.04

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 - Prices continue to trend steady on most items. Trucklot buying activity was fair to moderate with improvements noted for late week business. Offerings of breast items, tenders, wings and most dark meat cuts are moderate to heavy with wings noted in better balance than a week earlier. Trade activity is slow to moderate.

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

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	195	175.53	663,120
TENDERLOINS	195	193.02	207,880
BREAST - WITH RIBS	106-107	112.31	72,231
BREAST - LINE RUN	106	107.57	70,125
LEGS	58-59	54.63	187,200
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	40-41	40.94	181,080
DRUMSTICKS	47-48	59.58	112,480
THIGHS	50-51	55.50	99,760
B/S THIGHS	100-101	100.48	78,280
WINGS (WHOLE)	119-120	122.54	282,160
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	13-15	15.00	27,040
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	40-45	42.26	14,320
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	53.08	34,920

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 (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED (1,000)		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WTS		ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS
	09/08	09/07	09/06	09/03	09/06	09/03	09/01	08/30
Alabama	4,117	4,146	2,203	4,387	4.72	5.39	4,051	5.62
Arkansas	5,222	5,113	1,171	5,840	4.68	5.11	4,902	5.43
Delmarva	2,300	2,299	Holiday	2,613	Holiday	5.74	2,367	5.92
KY-LA-TN	2,424	2,452	(A)	2,972	(A)	5.03	2,186	5.15
Mississippi	3,036	3,106	(A)	3,708	(A)	5.92	2,993	5.95
North Carolina	2,830	2,749	925	3,858	6	6.76	2,740	7.16
Texas	2,597	2,700	Holiday	2,737	Holiday	5.49	2,734	5.62
Total	22,526	22,565	7,590	26,115	4.94	5.61	21,973	5.79
Mon-Wed	51,582 (B)						66,324 (B)	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 08-Sep-10 is estimated to be 33,701,000 head up 2.21 percent from a week ago and up 0.42 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,973,000, last year 33,560,000)

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	
	DRY PACK	129-170
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	
	DRY PACK	117
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	129
	DRY PACK	118
DUCKS		265-268

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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 11-Sep-10

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	09/11/10 (1)	09/04/10
Class	---------- Thousand head ---------	
Broiler/fryer	151,143 (2)	171,868
Light hens	1,088	1,459
Heavy hens	1,276	1,364
Total	153,507	174,691

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 11-Sep-10 is 159.7 million head compared to 149.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 151.4 million head or 8.3 million less than estimated available. For the week of 18-Sep-10 the estimated available is 161.4 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

		PROCESSED TURKEY LBS	PROCESSED POULTRY LBS
AM	09/06/10	173,805	55,670
AM	08/01/10	166,944	46,217
CHG		6,861	9,453
PCT CHG		4	20

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	09/06/10	08/30/10	09/07/09	09/06/10	08/30/10	09/07/09
PACIFIC COAST	1,797	1,819	3,822	4,004	3,940	7,311
LOS ANGELES	262	248	0	938	971	1,193

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES FOR 09/07/10

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.60	1.00	.77	HEAVY FOWL ea.	2.50	3.50	2.88
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.	4.00	4.75	4.48
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	1.50	4.00	3.17
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	.50	1.25	.91	RABBITS ea.	3.50	5.75	4.25
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.50	1.75	1.62
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWLea.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTSea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-	PEACOCKS ea.	-	-	-
PARTRIDGES ea.	-	-	-	COCKATIELS ea.	-	-	-
DOVES ea.	-	-	-	PHEASANTS ea.	-	-	-
QUAIL ea.	-	-	-	FERRETS ea.	-	-	-

TOTAL COOPS 33

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending September 3, 2010

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/Thighs	Necks,Backs & Wings	Livers Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	80.69	140.33	73.68	21.05	7.02	87.71
High	82.80	154.37	84.20	28.07	10.53	87.71
Mostly	80.69	150.86	80.69	24.56	8.77	87.71
SAN JUAN						
Low	79.99	140.33	70.17	17.54	7.02	87.71
High	82.10	150.86	80.69	24.56	10.53	87.71
Mostly	80.69	147.35	77.18	22.80	7.02	87.71
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	81.39	143.84	77.18	24.56	10.53	91.22
High	83.50	157.88	87.71	31.58	14.03	91.22
Mostly	81.39	154.37	84.20	28.07	10.53	91.22
BECERRA						
Low	82.10	147.35	80.69	24.56	10.53	91.22
High	84.20	161.38	91.22	31.58	14.03	91.22
Mostly	82.10	157.88	87.71	29.82	12.28	91.22

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 SEPTEMBER 6, 2010.

		RANGE
HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	79-86
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	79-90

DELMARVA Less-than-trucklot asking prices are unchanged at 86 to 94 cents, with a steady trending undertone. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds is fair to moderate as dealers assess current trade conditions. Supplies are light to moderate. Live supplies are moderate; weights are noted as mostly desirable. Processor schedules are moderately heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts complex, supplies are moderate to heavy.

*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	81-99
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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