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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Whole broiler/fryers prices are trending steady to weak overall. Offerings range light to heavy, mostly moderate to heavy. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate, fast food promotions active. Floor stocks are balance. Market activity is seasonally slow. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate for mid- week business. Prices are trending steady for bone-in breast with good movement. Wings, b/s breast, tenders and dark meat items are trending weak to lower, but small wings are steady. Offerings of bone-in breast and small wings are moderate. All other parts are mostly heavy. Market activity is slow. In production areas, live supplies are moderate; weights are mostly desirable.

GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES

The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading declined .25 cents to 85.25 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 82.25 cents last year on December 16, 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	171.50
BREASTS - B/S	143.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	77.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	98.00
THIGHS	51.00
DRUMSTICKS	53.50
LEG QUARTERS	40.00
WINGS	119.50

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

NORTHEAST REGION Prices are trending steady to weak on all sizes. Trucklot buying activity for ready-to-cook whole broiler fryers is seasonally light for midweek trading. Offerings are moderate to heavy for the smaller sizes; heavy on the larger sizes. Trade activity is slow. In the parts complex, supplies of bone-in breasts are moderate; dark meat cuts moderate to heavy with leg and leg quarters in the longest position. Tenders, wings and boneless skinless breast are heavy with limited interest.

MIDWEST REGION Prices on whole broiler/fryers barely steady to weak. Whole bird offers light to moderate. Floor stocks in balance to heavy; weights desirable to light. Prices on small wings steady, and all other parts barely steady to lower. Supplies of small wings light, other items moderate to heavy. Market activity was slow on both whole birds and parts. Retail demand light, fast food promotions active, restaurant trade light to moderate with some improved demand on catering for holiday parties.

WESTERN REGION The market on whole broiler fryers and WOGs is steady to weak. Offerings moderate to heavy. Some are finding lighter weight Cornish hens more available than heavier sizes. Fill-in trading is reported on 3 lb. and heavier sized WOGs at 76 cents delivered. Retail and foodservice demand light to moderate. Foodservice demand for holiday parties is uneven while interest into other foodservice channels has shown signs of midweek improvement. Floor stocks adequate. Weights desirable. The market on bone-in breasts is steady; wings, boneless skinless breasts and tenderloins steady to weak with jumbo wings and tenderloins softest. The market on dark items is steady to weak. Demand light to moderate, instances good on leg meat. Offerings of bone-in breasts moderate; wings, boneless skinless breasts and tenderloins moderate to heavy. Dark item offerings are moderate to heavy with leg quarters the most available. Retail and foodservice movement light to moderate, sometimes good on bone-in breasts and leg meat.

SOUTHERN REGION Whole broiler/fryers prices are trending steady to weak. Offerings are moderate to heavy with trading usually limited to regular commitments. Demand is light to moderate. Market activity is slow. In the parts structure, movement is light for mid-week business. Prices are trending weak for most dark meat items. Boneless skinless breast, tenders, and wings are weak to lower, but small wings are in good balance. Offerings are mostly heavy for tenders and wings, moderate to heavy for all other parts. Market activity is slow. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mostly desirable weights.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 205 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 11, 2010. This was up slightly 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 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 11, 2010. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 3, 2010 through December 11, 2010 were 8.29 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

WEEK ENDING 12/11/10	2010	2009	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
	(*Thousand*)		
EGGS SET	205,439	205,271	0
CHICKS PLACED	169,101	167,012	+01

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 22-Jan-11 is estimated at 155.5 million head. This compares to 153.4 million head the previous week and to 152.8 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 165.9 million head and the composite weighted average price was 81.95 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.

DEC 14 ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	DEC 15 ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	TOO FEW TO REPORT				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)	346	32.00-35.00	-	33.36	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	386	30.00-35.00	-	32.96
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	757	35.00-37.00	-	36.29	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	657	35.00-37.00	-	36.32
WINGS (WHOLE)	TOO FEW TO REPORT				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	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
53.50 – 55.00	54.18	51.50 – 56.00	53.98	54.05

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 are trending steady for bone-in breast; weak for wings and most dark meat cuts. Boneless skinless breast and tenders are weak to lower. Trucklot buying activity is seasonally light for midweek trading. Offerings of bone-in breast and dark meat cuts are moderate to heavy. Boneless skinless breast, tenders and wings are heavy for the generally lackluster demand. Trade activity is slow.

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

DEC 14 ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS	DEC 15 ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	125	114.95	821,480	BREAST - B/S	125	112.19	577,360
TENDERLOINS	115	122.03	185,240	TENDERLOINS	115	117.23	102,680
BREAST - WITH RIBS	72-73	84.09	81,403	BREAST - WITH RIBS	72-73	81.30	103,993
BREAST - LINE RUN	72	73.44	96,669	BREAST - LINE RUN	72	73.46	82,898
LEGS	56-57	52.75	167,800	LEGS	55-56	50.83	220,840
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	35-36	36.86	405,600	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	35-36	37.52	202,840
DRUMSTICKS	40-41	49.05	108,560	DRUMSTICKS	40-41	52.21	71,800
THIGHS	46-47	51.54	136,840	THIGHS	46-47	55.26	102,600
B/S THIGHS	100-101	100.07	92,960	B/S THIGHS	100-101	100.87	74,440
WINGS (WHOLE)	112-113	108.81	235,400	WINGS (WHOLE)	112-113	107.76	161,360
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	13-15	15.00	35,040	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	13-15	15.00	26,880
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	46.87	15,120	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	47.21	10,320
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	63.05	30,200	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	63.14	20,360

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 (1,000)		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WTS		ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS
	12/15	12/14	12/13	12/10	12/13	12/10	12/08	12/06
Alabama	4,002	4,098	4,001	4,420	5.68	5.67	3,926	5.63
Arkansas	5,189	5,067	5,122	4,803	5.72	5.62	4,898	5.62
Delmarva	2,297	2,303	1,969	2,224	6.34	6.00	2,258	6.14
KY-LA-TN	2,411	2,322	1,628	2,332	5.59	5.28	2,395	5.27
Mississippi	2,790	2,971	2,967	2,441	6.04	6.13	2,920	6.10
North Carolin	2,774	2,800	2,442	3,142	7.35	7.17	2,752	7.37
Texas	2,751	2,715	2,753	2,775	6.00	5.09	2,662	5.37
Total	22,214	22,276	20,882	22,137	6.03	5.84	21,811	5.89
Mon-Wed	66,414	(A)					66,252	(A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.
Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 15-Dec-10 is estimated to be 33,235,000 head up 1.54 percent from a week ago and up 3.79 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,730,000, last year 32,020,000)

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	133-180
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 18-Dec-10

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	12/18/10 (1)	12/11/10
Class	---------- Thousand head ---------	
Broiler/fryer	170,096 (2)	168,456
Light hens	1,762	1,195
Heavy hens	1,660	1,619
Total	173,518	171,270

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 18-Dec-10 is 153.8 million head compared to 161.3 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 170.4 million head or 16.6 million more than estimated available. For the week of 25-Dec-10 the estimated available is 153.1 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

		PROCESSED TURKEY LBS	PROCESSED POULTRY LBS
AM	12/13/10	43,768	85,878
AM	12/01/10	42,316	82,949
CHG		1,452	2,929
PCT CHG		3%	4%

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	12/13/10	12/06/10	12/14/09	12/13/10	12/06/10	12/14/09
PACIFIC COAST	512	425	2,980	3,064	2,939	7,613
LOS ANGELES	153	162	115	969	958	826

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES FOR 12/14/10

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	0.50	1.50	0.86	HEAVY FOWL ea.	1.00	6.50	2.66
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	1.40	1.23	ROOSTERS ea.	3.25	7.00	4.06
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	1.00	2.20	1.52	RABBITS ea.	5.00	7.00	6.07
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	3.00	3.25	3.03
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.	-	-	-	COCKATEALS ea.	-	-	-
DOVES ea.	-	-	-	PHEASANTS ea.	-	-	-
QUAIL ea.	-	-	-	FERRETS ea.	-	-	-
CHINCHILAS ea.	-	-	-	MICE ea.	-	-	-

TOTAL COOPS 25

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending December 10, 2010

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/Thighs	Necks,Backs & Wings	Livers Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	74.35	153.08	87.47	25.51	14.58	58.32
High	76.54	164.01	98.41	32.80	18.22	58.32
Mostly	76.54	156.72	94.76	29.16	16.40	58.32
SAN JUAN						
Low	71.80	149.43	83.83	21.87	14.58	58.32
High	75.08	156.72	94.76	29.16	18.22	58.32
Mostly	72.89	153.08	91.12	25.51	14.58	58.32
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	74.72	156.72	91.12	29.16	18.22	61.96
High	78.00	164.01	102.05	36.45	21.87	61.96
Mostly	77.27	160.37	98.41	32.80	18.22	61.96
BECERRA						
Low	75.45	160.37	94.76	29.16	18.22	61.96
High	79.09	167.66	105.70	36.45	21.87	61.96
Mostly	77.27	164.01	102.05	32.80	18.22	61.96

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 DEC 13, 2010.

		RANGE
HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	80-86
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	85-90

DELMARVA Less-than-trucklot asking prices are unchanged at 77 to 90 cents, with a steady to weak trending undertone. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds is light as interest centered on other meats typically sought for the upcoming holiday. Offerings are moderate to heavy with the larger sizes in the longest position. Live supplies are moderate; weights are noted as mostly desirable. Processing schedules are moderately heavy. Market activity is seasonally slow. In the parts complex, offerings ranged moderate to heavy. Boneless skinless breasts, tenders, and wings remained in the heaviest position.

*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	67-98
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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