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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was about steady to barely steady, but mostly steady. Retail demand was slow to moderate with few features. Food service was light to fairly good, best for catering services, holiday festivities, and into shopping areas. Supplies of all sizes were at least sufficient to handle trade needs. Floor stocks were adequate. In the parts structure, movement was mostly fair for midweek trading. Breast items were mixed, ranging at least adequate for bone-in, but adequate to close balanced for boneless skinless and tenders. Dark meat was in balance to well cleared, closest for boneless cuts. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading declined .25 cents to 76.75 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 69.25 cents last year on December 13, 2006.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading:

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	158.00
BREASTS - B/S	132.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	74.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	116.50
LEG QUARTERS	42.00
WINGS	110.50

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail demand was slow to fair with limited features. Food service was fair to fairly good, aided by fast food business, holiday activities, and shopping area eateries. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient, but closer balanced for cutting stock wogs. In the parts structure, movement was moderate at best for midweek trading. Wings were sufficient, and breast items were at least adequate to available. Dark meat was adequate with boneless cuts well cleared. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair for mid week business. Offerings of all sizes were generally adequate for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was mostly fair. The market tone was currently steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were at least adequate. Wings, legs and chunk meat were at least sufficient for current needs. Boneless skinless breast and most dark meat cuts especially thighs and thigh meat were in good balance to well cleared.

MIDWEST REGION Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady to barely steady. Offerings were Light; fill-in trade on mixed wogs at 57 cents. Retail and food service trade was slow to moderate; movement was irregular and best into catering, shopping centers and white tablecloth restaurants. Floor stocks were adequate; weights desirable. Parts trade was limited or inactive as current commitments fully covered trade need. Supplies of parts were adequate with boneless dark meat in tightest position. The market tone was steady on parts.

WESTERN REGION The market tone was about steady. Offerings in sale balance on lightweight whole body product and ample on heavier weights. Buyer's interest focused on holiday needs. Retailer demand was moderate. Floor stocks were generally adequate to instances fully adequate.

BROILER -TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 3 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 214 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 8, 2007. This was up 3 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 UP 3 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 8, 2007. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2006 through December 8, 2007 were 8.61 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

	2007	2006	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
WEEK ENDING 01/08/07			
EGGS SET	214,295	207,215	+03
CHICKS PLACED	177,385	171,423	+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 19-Jan-08 is estimated at 163.8 million head. This compares to 159.8 million head the previous week and to 159.8 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 152.2 million head and the composite weighted average price was 70.59 cents per pound.

DEC 11

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

DEC 12

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	607	109.00-188.00	-	122.69	BREAST - B/S	652	105.00-183.00	-	122.41
TENDERLOINS	246	95.00-177.00	-	106.50	TENDERLOINS	221	92.00-175.00	-	107.19
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT				BREAST - LINE RUN	143	65.00-88.00	-	69.50
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	239	51.00-67.00	54-56	56.31	LEGS	974	53.00-67.00	54-55	55.07
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	453	35.00-42.00	38-39	38.27	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	522	35.00-42.00	37-38	38.02
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	564	38.00-45.00	40-41	40.04	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	767	38.00-45.00	40-41	40.65
WINGS (WHOLE)	307	98.00-117.00	105-107	106.06	WINGS (WHOLE)	295	100.00-115.00	104-108	107.12
WINGS (CUT)	105	115.00-124.00	-	121.00	WINGS (CUT)	110	115.00-123.00	-	120.45
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	140	102.00-117.00	-	105.75	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
44.50 - 50.00	47.25	42.00 - 49.00	45.21	46.00

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 interest was usually fair for midweek business. Offerings of bone-in breast were adequate to occasionally available, boneless skinless breasts were in fair to good balance but were generally sufficient for current needs. Wings and legs were slightly more available, but usually moving. Most other dark meat cuts were adequate. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair. The market tone was about steady for bone-in breast; thighs and thigh meat were in fairly good balance. Boneless skinless breasts were reported as steady.

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

DEC 11	CURRENT NEG	WTD		DEC 12	CURRENT NEG	WTD	
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG	VOL/LBS	ITEM	TRADING*	AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	125-130	126.45	600,022	BREAST - B/S	125-130	121.73	495,300
TENDERLOINS	105-110	99.52	204,110	TENDERLOINS	105-110	102.73	140,400
BREAST - WITH RIBS	65-66	72.88	93,120	BREAST - WITH RIBS	65-66	76.65	67,280
BREAST - LINE RUN	65	66.48	55,800	BREAST - LINE RUN	65	66.16	68,400
LEGS	59-60	63.34	76,680	LEGS	59-60	62.60	124,880
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	41-42	42.05	217,640	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	41-42	42.09	191,440
DRUMSTICKS	48-49	57.62	71,545	DRUMSTICKS	48-49	58.79	66,000
THIGHS	53-54	59.39	91,120	THIGHS	53-54	58.88	85,440
B/S THIGHS	113-114	117.16	72,360	B/S THIGHS	113-114	115.23	41,600
WINGS (WHOLE)	110-111	110.03	195,232	WINGS (WHOLE)	110-111	116.62	146,222
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	10.83	39,800	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.10	28,680
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	37.65	8,840	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	36.15	22,680
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	65-70	61.81	20,100	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	65-70	66.21	19,440

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		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL		AVG
	(1,000)	12/11	(1,000)	12/07	12/10	12/07	(1,000)	12/03	WTS
Alabama	4,164	4,243	4,163	4,249	5.60	5.53	4,068	5.68	
Arkansas	5,123	5,406	5,138	5,344	5.49	5.39	5,390	5.56	
Delmarva	2,295	2,294	2,290	2,276	6.01	5.87	2,275	6.11	
KY-LA-TN	2,433	2,435	2,439	2,540	5.11	4.97	2,438	5.22	
Mississippi	3,048	3,134	3,155	3,328	5.82	5.61	3,118	5.86	
North Carolina	2,904	2,904	2,783	3,334	7.18	7.11	2,759	7.15	
Texas	2,536	2,530	2,602	2,551	5.42	5.17	2,580	5.33	
Total	22,503	22,946	22,570	23,622	5.77	5.66	22,628	5.80	
Mon-Wed	68,221	(A)					67,836	(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 12-Dec-07 is estimated to be 33,667,000 head down 0.85 percent from a week ago and up 4.77 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 33,956,000, last year 32,134,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DLVRD TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	94-100
ROASTERS 4# & UP	109-118
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	67-78
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DLVRD TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 126
	DRY PACK 112
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 130
	DRY PACK 108
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 109
	DRY PACK 105
DUCKS	204-207

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 15-Dec-07

Class	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	12/15/07 (1)	12/08/07	12/15/07 (1)	12/08/07
	----- Thousand head -----			
Broiler/fryer	171,706(2)		171,618	
Light hens	1,565		1,354	
Heavy hens	1,420		1,477	
Total	174,691		174,449	

(1)ESTIMATED

2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 15-Dec-07 is 163.0 million head compared to 162.1 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 172.1 million head or 9.1 million more than estimated available. For the week of 22-Dec-07 the estimated available is 159.6 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 12/10/07	39,399		89,139	
AM 12/01/07	37,974		89,689	
CHG	1,425		-550	
PCT CHG	4		-1	

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	12/10/07	12/03/07	12/11/06	12/10/07	12/03/07	12/11/06
PACIFIC COAST	4,021	4,139	1,563	8,332	8,878	8,018
LOS ANGELES	92	113	207	1,278	1,355	2,410

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS,U.S.GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5LBSAND UP, FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 10, 2007

HENS	ICE PACKED(12 PER BOX)	RANGE	
		73-81	71-94
	VACUUM PACKED(6-9 PER BOX)		

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY						
	FOR 12/11/07			FOR 12/11/07		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.70	1.05	.95	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	.40	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	3.25
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	2.25
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	3.25
ROOSTERS lb.	-	1.30	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	16.00
DUCKS lb.	.70	1.20	.96	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	1.20	2.10	1.86	RABBITS ea.	-	1.50
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	3.00	4.25
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	7.00
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-			
TOTAL COOPS	198					

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending December 7, 2007

	Whole Chickens		Legs W/Thighs	Necks,Backs & Wings	Livers Gizzards	Hens
	Breasts					
RAYON						
Low	56.69	151.17	88.18	16.80	4.20	62.99
High	71.39	159.57	104.98	21.00	8.40	62.99
Mostly	56.69	151.17	96.58	16.80	4.20	62.99
SAN JUAN						
Low	58.79	146.97	83.98	16.80	4.20	67.19
High	70.13	159.57	100.78	21.00	8.40	67.19
Mostly	58.79	146.97	92.38	16.80	4.20	67.19
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	60.47	155.37	92.38	16.80	8.40	62.99
High	72.22	163.77	104.98	25.19	12.60	62.99
Mostly	60.47	159.57	100.78	21.00	8.40	62.99
BECERRA						
Low	59.63	159.57	96.58	21.00	8.40	67.19
High	73.06	167.96	109.18	25.19	12.60	67.19
Mostly	59.63	159.57	104.98	21.00	8.40	67.19

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to instances moderate for midweek trading. Offerings were at least sufficient for current trade requirements. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but noted as mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices remained unchanged at 67 to 81 cents. Trade sentiment was reported as mostly steady. In the parts complex, b/s breasts were generally sufficient with bone-in breasts adequate to available. Wings and most dark meat items were in an adequate position.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	WEIGHTED AVERAGE	NO. OF BOXES
	52-83	(A)
		(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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