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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was about steady in the West, mostly steady elsewhere. Retail and food service demand was irregular ranging slow to occasionally fairly good, mostly fair. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate to satisfy current trade needs. Floor stocks were balanced to long. In the parts structure, movement was light and unaggressive for mid-week trading. Breast items were at least adequate to readily available and often discounted to help clear. Wings were balance to tight and held with confidence and dark meat items were more than sufficient to fully sufficient with legs in the longest position. In productions areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights varied, but were 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 87.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 80.00 cents last year on October 10, 2007.

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

DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	167.00
BREASTS - B/S	127.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	76.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	132.00
THIGHS	62.50
DRUMSTICKS	70.50
LEG QUARTERS	56.00
WINGS	99.50

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

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was fair to moderate with trading usually limited to regular commitments. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate to satisfy current trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was light to fair with limited trading for mid-week business. Breast items were at least adequate to readily available and often discounted to help stimulate buyer interest. Wings were close balanced to short and held with confidence and dark meat items were more than sufficient and slow to clear. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was generally no better than fair for mid-week trading. Offerings of all sizes were usually sufficient for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light. The market tone was mostly steady. In the parts complex, wings were close balanced to well cleared and moving seasonally well. Breast items were at least sufficient, and dark meat items were available to fully adequate.

MIDWEST REGION The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was mostly steady. Offerings were sufficient for light trade needs. Fill-in trade noted on 3# up wogs delivered at 60 cents. Mid-week trade activity was irregular and in a full range of movement into retail and food service outlets. Demand in the Ohio cities, Detroit and in Chicago markets was mostly retail driven, while food service, especially fast food was best call in the St. Louis market. Floor stocks were in close balance to long; weights desirable to trending heavier than desired. In parts trade, the focus was on wings and at times boneless/skinless breast; and remaining parts received a light trade inquiry. The market tone was fully steady to firm on wings, steady to weak on the remaining parts.

WESTERN REGION The market tone, although mixed, was overall steady. Offerings were generally adequate. Weights were in a full range. Buying activity was moderate. Retailer demand was fair to fairly good, best to cover promotions. Floor stocks were adequate for immediate needs.

BROILER -TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 11 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 189 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 4, 2008. This was down 11 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 DOWN 3 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 163 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 4, 2008. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through October 4, 2008 were 7.03 billion, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

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

WEEK ENDING 10/04/08	TOTAL 19 SELECTED STATES		PERCENT CHANGE
	2008	2007	PREVIOUS YEAR
	<i>Thousand</i>		
EGGS SET	188,985	213,532	-11
CHICKS PLACED	162,501	168,385	-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 15-Nov-08 is estimated at 151.1 million head. This compares to 153.7 million head the previous week and to 160.5 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 169.4 million head and the composite weighted average price was 71.53 cents per pound.

OCT 07

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

OCT 08

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	367	90.00-191.00	-	116.14	BREAST - B/S	443	85.00-189.00	-	109.66
TENDERLOINS	149	100.00-194.00	-	110.10	TENDERLOINS	142	102.00-184.00	-	109.27
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	188	58.00-70.00	60-61	60.59	LEGS	228	58.00-70.00	59-61	60.20
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	381	50.00-55.00	51-53	53.13	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	396	48.00-55.00	-	51.93
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	887	51.00-56.00	54-55	54.28	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	762	49.00-56.00	53-54	53.69
WINGS (WHOLE)	105	79.00-99.00	-	91.38	WINGS (WHOLE)	105	79.00-98.00	-	90.76
WINGS (CUT)	100	94.00-103.00	-	99.40	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	40	115.00-130.00	-	124.38	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
57.00-61.50	59.68	56.50-62.00	59.63	59.47

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 light and unaggressive. Boneless skinless breasts were unsettled, but offerings were available, and the remaining breast items were at least sufficient with tenders often discounted. Dark meat cuts were more than adequate to available. Wings were in good supply to well cleared and moving seasonally well. Retail and distributive movement was fair at best. The market tone was at least steady to firm for wings, and steady at best for the remaining items.

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

OCT 07	CURRENT NEG	WTD		OCT 08	CURRENT NEG	WTD	
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG	VOL/LBS	ITEM	TRADING*	AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	110-115	116.86	481,316	BREAST - B/S	110-115	111.48	432,111
TENDERLOINS	115	112.55	56,620	TENDERLOINS	110-115	116.53	61,840
BREAST - WITH RIBS	63-64	69.32	119,440	BREAST - WITH RIBS	63-64	76.13	77,040
BREAST - LINE RUN	63	65.68	73,800	BREAST - LINE RUN	63	65.54	70,200
LEGS	66-67	66.41	132,320	LEGS	65-66	64.78	135,920
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	53-54	53.46	184,360	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	53-54	53.24	270,000
DRUMSTICKS	64-65	75.61	57,200	DRUMSTICKS	64-65	77.56	63,080
THIGHS	60-61	73.31	52,840	THIGHS	60-61	71.99	74,560
B/S THIGHS	125-126	131.77	41,680	B/S THIGHS	125-126	123.08	33,840
WINGS (WHOLE)	98-99	107.60	154,689	WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101	104.68	187,720
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-14	15.00	10,040	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-14	15.00	22,440
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	47.31	6,480	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	44.52	22,040
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	52.14	18,640	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	52.38	34,600

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)	WTS	
	10/08	10/07	10/06	10/03	10/06	10/03	10/01	09/29	
Alabama	3,924	4,117	4,095	3,799	5.67	5.43	4,008	5.62	
Arkansas	5,243	5,235	4,749	4,267	5.71	5.51	5,222	5.62	
Delmarva	2,211	2,253	2,142	2,541	6.10	6.24	2,183	6.02	
KY-LA-TN	2,024	2,237	2,305	2,121	5.24	4.94	1,993	5.27	
Mississippi	3,039	3,012	2,921	3,205	6.00	6.00	3,005	6.02	
North Carolina	2,839	2,786	2,712	2,910	7.11	6.89	2,785	6.96	
Texas	2,640	2,630	2,576	2,848	5.48	5.33	2,705	5.70	
Total	21,920	22,270	21,500	21,691	5.88	5.76	21,901	5.86	
Mon-Wed	66,056 (A)								65,588 (A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 08-Oct-08 is estimated to be 32,795,000 head down 0.21 percent from a week ago and down -1.91 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,865,000, last year 33,434,000)

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

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	109-119
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
BROILER 2# & OVER	ICE PACK 159
	DRY PACK 123
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK -
	DRY PACK 117
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 114
	DRY PACK 112
DUCKS	235-252

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 11-OCT-08

Class	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	10/11/08 (1)	10/04/08	10/11/08 (1)	10/04/08
Broiler/fryer	166,390(2)		166,061	
Light hens	1,459		1,321	
Heavy hens	1,704		1,799	
Total	169,553		169,181	

(1)ESTIMATED

2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 11-Oct-08 is 160.5 million head compared to 169.1 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 166.7 million head or 6.2 million more than estimated available. For the week of 18-Oct-08 the estimated available is 160.0 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 10/06/08	141,447		89,086	
AM 09/01/08	142,893		88,896	
CHG	-1,446		190	
PCT CHG	-1		0	

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	10/06/08	09/29/08	10/08/07	10/06/08	09/29/08	10/08/07
PACIFIC COAST	572	732	3,710	9,487	7,043	10,286
LOS ANGELES	24	326	198	3,209	1,703	1,083

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 OCTOBER 6, 2008

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

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES FOR 10/07/08

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY	LOW HIGH AVG			LOW HIGH AVG		
	HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	-	-	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.	-	9.50
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	3.00	3.50
ROOSTERS lb.	-	1.60	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	.80	1.50	1.18	RABBITS ea.	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	.80	5.00
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.	-	-	-			
TOTAL COOPS	35					

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending October 3, 2008

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/Thighs	Necks,Backs & Wings	Livers Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	66.52	146.91	69.38	16.32	4.08	53.05
High	71.42	159.16	81.62	20.40	8.16	53.05
Mostly	66.52	155.08	81.62	20.40	6.12	53.05
SAN JUAN						
Low	65.30	146.91	69.38	16.32	4.08	53.05
High	70.60	155.08	85.70	20.40	8.16	53.05
Mostly	66.52	151.00	81.62	16.32	4.08	53.05
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	67.34	151.00	73.46	20.40	4.08	57.13
High	72.23	163.24	85.70	24.49	8.16	57.13
Mostly	68.15	159.16	85.70	20.40	6.12	57.13
BECERRA						
Low	66.93	155.08	77.54	20.40	4.08	57.13
High	73.46	167.32	89.78	24.49	8.16	57.13
Mostly	68.15	163.24	89.78	24.49	8.16	57.13

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was generally noted as fair for midweek business. Offerings were more than sufficient for the limited buyer interests. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 66 to 80 cents. Trade sentiment was steady with caution noted. In the parts complex, breast items were at least adequate to readily available with b/s and tenders discounted. Dark meat cuts were at least adequate to available with legs in the longest position. Wings were in close balance to well cleared.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
64-86
RANGE
WEIGHTED AVERAGE (A)
NO. OF BOXES (A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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