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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak in the Midwest, about steady to weak in the East, steady to barely steady in the West. Retail and food service demand was slow to moderate, mostly fair, best where features were in progress. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to satisfy current trade needs. Floor stocks were mixed, ranging fully adequate to short. In the parts structure, movement was fairly good for mid week trading. Breast items were in good supply with boneless skinless breast, wings, and tenders barely adequate to tight and moving well. Dark meat items were well cleared with drums and thighs in the best position. 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 87.25 cents based on full truckload lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 77.25 cents last year on January 16, 2008.

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	170.50
BREASTS - B/S	126.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	73.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	111.50
THIGHS	52.00
DRUMSTICKS	56.00
LEG QUARTERS	33.00
WINGS	136.50

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

**SOUTHERN REGION** Trade sentiment was about steady to barely steady. Demand was fair at best with trading usually limited to regular commitments. Supplies of all sizes were more than adequate to satisfy current trade needs. In the parts structure movement was at least moderate for mid week trading. Breast items were sufficient with boneless skinless breast in a slightly better position. Wings, tenders and most darks meat items were well cleared to tight and moving satisfactorily. 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 light to no better than fair. Offerings of all sizes were available with light movement. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair. The market tone was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, wings and tenders were short. Dark meat cuts were adequate to well cleared with drums and legs in the best balance. Breast items were well cleared.

**MIDWEST REGION** The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was barely steady to weak with additional offerings fully available for the light trade call. Retail and food service demand was slow to moderate with best movement on wings and breast items. Floor stocks were mixed, ranging fully adequate to short; sizes were mostly desirable. Supplies of wings and tenders very tight, breast cuts close, and dark meat items adequate to close. Most trade interest continues to surround wings, tenders, drums, and thighs. The market tone on wings was firm, fully steady to firm on breast cuts, and steady on the balance of parts.

**WESTERN REGION** The market tone was generally steady on whole broilers and steady to barely steady on WOGs with some spot weakness noted on WOGs. Retail and food service demand moderate to good, best on parts and meats. Weights desirable to heavier than desired. Floor stocks adequate. Offerings of wings short, balance light to adequate. The market tone on boneless skinless breasts and bone-in breasts was steady to fully steady, dark items fully steady and wings fully steady to firm.

## BROILER -TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 6 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 202 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 10, 2009. This was down 6 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 6 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 10, 2009. Placements were down 6 percent from the comparable week a year earlier.

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

WEEK ENDING 01/10/09	2009	2008	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
	<i>Thousand</i>		
EGGS SET	201,624	215,444	-6
CHICKS PLACED	168,178	178,512	-6

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 21-Feb-09 is estimated at 155.1 million head. This compares to 153.9 million head the previous week and to 168.5 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 168.7 million head and the composite weighted average price was 80.95 cents per pound.

JAN 13

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

JAN 14

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	283	110.00-192.00	-	120.78	BREAST - B/S	318	118.00-195.00	-	130.10
TENDERLOINS	146	125.00-205.00	-	141.72	TENDERLOINS	199	136.00-215.00	-	155.55
BREAST - LINE RUN	101	70.00-75.00	-	72.23	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)	401	31.00-36.00	33-34	33.48	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	370	29.00-35.00	33-34	33.21
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	742	33.00-39.00	35-36	35.39	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	592	33.00-38.00	35-36	35.52
WINGS (WHOLE)	110	121.00-138.00	-	131.82	WINGS (WHOLE)	150	120.00-137.00	-	130.20
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
47.00 - 54.00	50.62	46.50 - 53.50	50.83	50.84

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 at least moderate to fairly good for midweek trading. Offerings of breast items, tenders and wings were in good balance to tight. Dark meat cuts were clearing well. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was fully steady to firm for breast items, tenders and wings; at least steady to instances firm for most dark meat cuts.

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

JAN 13	CURRENT NEG	WTD	VOL/LBS	JAN 14	CURRENT NEG	WTD	VOL/LBS
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG		ITEM	TRADING*	AVG	
BREAST - B/S	125-130	119.45	516,646	BREAST - B/S	130	118.39	264,686
TENDERLOINS	145	139.38	151,850	TENDERLOINS	145-150	142.55	69,080
BREAST - WITH RIBS	68-69	71.29	168,800	BREAST - WITH RIBS	70-71	80.33	74,320
BREAST - LINE RUN	68	70.64	59,400	BREAST - LINE RUN	70	72.00	64,800
LEGS	53-54	53.32	230,560	LEGS	54-55	54.45	170,360
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	33-34	33.87	332,440	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	33-34	35.18	269,400
DRUMSTICKS	54-55	60.05	101,000	DRUMSTICKS	55-56	60.98	87,680
THIGHS	52-53	57.02	100,000	THIGHS	52-53	58.47	75,040
B/S THIGHS	109-110	110.67	56,800	B/S THIGHS	110-111	109.56	30,760
WINGS (WHOLE)	135-136	140.77	120,280	WINGS (WHOLE)	136-137	143.57	122,360
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	13-15	15.00	21,280	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	13-15	15.00	19,600
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	48.62	20,000	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	47.95	6,640
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	74.39	31,480	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	75.62	20,960

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	
	01/14	01/13	01/12	01/09	01/12	01/09	01/07	01/05	
Alabama	3,604	4,113	3,953	3,601	5.31	5.15	3,616	5.33	
Arkansas	5,011	4,788	4,476	4,658	5.52	5.40	5,007	5.74	
Delmarva	2,095	2,157	2,169	2,156	5.98	5.80	2,186	6.06	
KY-LA-TN	2,168	2,181	2,296	2,148	5.14	4.87	2,285	5.27	
Mississippi	2,908	2,982	2,844	2,988	5.75	5.61	2,883	5.92	
North Carolina	2,844	2,806	2,770	3,595	7.00	6.87	2,719	7.04	
Texas	2,542	2,598	2,660	2,325	5.33	5.17	2,625	5.39	
Total	21,172	21,625	21,168	21,471	5.69	5.60	21,321	5.80	
Mon-Wed	64,285 (A)				64,336 (A)				

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 14-Jan-09 is estimated to be 31,676,000 head down 0.99 percent from a week ago and down -4.51 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,994,000, last year 33,171,000)

**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 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 17-JAN-09

Class	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	01/17/09 (1)	Thousand head	01/10/09	Thousand head
Broiler/fryer	165,189(2)		163,012	
Light hens	1,552		1,516	
Heavy hens	1,926		1,535	
Total	168,667		166,063	

(1)ESTIMATED

2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 17-Jan-09 is 153.2 million head compared to 170.6 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 165.5 million head or 12.3 million more than estimated available. For the week of 24-Jan-09 the estimated available is 157.2 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 01/12/09	86,742		96,391	
AM 01/01/09	80,044		87,169	
CHG	6,698		9,222	
PCT CHG	8		11	

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)**

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	01/12/09	01/05/08	01/14/08	01/12/09	01/05/08	01/14/08
<b>PACIFIC COAST</b>	561	546	2,922	7,313	7,207	8,039
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>	251	271	128	1,009	1,092	1,567

**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 JANUARY 12, 2008

HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	RANGE	
		75-86	75-94
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)		

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

	FOR 01/13/08			FOR 01/13/08		
	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.	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	1.60	3.20	2.00	RABBITS ea.	4.00	4.25
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.00	2.75
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	1.00	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-			
TOTAL COOPS	24					

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY**

Cents per pound for the week ending January 9, 2009

	Whole Chickens		Legs W/Thighs	Necks,Backs & Wings	Livers Gizzards	Hens
	Breasts					
<b>RAYON</b>						
Low	67.58	129.20	89.45	13.25	6.63	46.38
High	69.57	135.83	99.39	16.56	9.94	46.38
Mostly	69.57	132.52	96.08	16.56	6.63	46.38
<b>SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	66.92	125.89	86.14	13.25	3.31	46.38
High	69.57	132.52	96.08	16.56	6.63	46.38
Mostly	69.57	129.20	92.76	14.91	4.97	46.38
<b>NEW SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	67.92	129.20	89.45	16.56	6.63	49.69
High	70.57	139.14	96.08	19.88	9.94	49.69
Mostly	69.57	132.52	92.76	16.56	9.94	49.69
<b>BECERRA</b>						
Low	69.57	132.52	92.76	16.56	9.94	49.69
High	71.23	142.46	99.39	19.88	13.25	49.69
Mostly	69.57	139.14	96.08	18.22	9.94	49.69

**DELMARVA** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds ranged light to fair for mid-week business. Offerings were fully adequate to available for current trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but reported as mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged to one cent lower at 80 to 91 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, breast items were adequate and clearing well. Wings, tenders, and most dark meat cuts were in good balance to tight.

**BRANDED U.S. GRADE A**

RANGE	WEIGHTED AVERAGE	NO. OF BOXES
	59-95	(A)
		(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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