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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was steady to about steady in the West, steady elsewhere. Retail and food service demand was light to instances fairly good, best into fast food, sports bars, and where features were active. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to ample to satisfy current trade needs. Floor stocks were balanced to long. In the parts structure, movement was light to at least moderate for mid week trading. Breast items were adequate to long with tenders in the weakest position. Wings, bone-in breast and most dark meat items were in good supply and moving well. In production areas live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.

GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading declined .25 cent to 86.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 79.75 cents last year on February 20, 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	183.00
BREASTS - B/S	130.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	78.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	117.00
THIGHS	54.00
DRUMSTICKS	60.00
LEG QUARTERS	35.00
WINGS	149.50

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

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail and food service demand was mostly fair with limited trading. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to satisfy current trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate for mid week trading. Breast items were sufficient, but tenders were adequate to readily available. Wings and most dark meat items were in good supply and moving well. 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 fair during midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes were at least sufficient for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was also light to fair. The market tone was generally steady. In the parts complex, wings dark meat cuts and bone-in breast were generally sufficient for current needs. Boneless skinless breast were at least adequate and tenders were readily available and competitively priced.

MIDWEST REGION Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady. Producer offerings were adequate on light trade call. Retail and food service demand was light overall, occasionally moderate and fairly good into sports bar/restaurants. Floor stocks were in balance to ample; weights desirable to heavy. Part's trade centered on wings, otherwise limited interest noted. Supplies of all parts were adequate for needs; wings in tightest position and tenders long. Trade sentiment was weak on tenderloins, steady to firm on wings and steady on the balance of parts.

WESTERN REGION Trade sentiments overall steady. Offerings light to ample. Weights trended heavy. Discounts noted to help place excess product. Retailer demand generally good. Floor stocks in fairly good balance with current needs.

BROILER -TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 7 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 204 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 14, 2009. This was down 7 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 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 14, 2009. Placements were down 6 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2008 through February 14, 2009 were 1.24 billion, down 6 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

WEEK ENDING 02/14/09	2009	2008	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
	<i>Thousand</i>		
EGGS SET	203,511	218,479	-7
CHICKS PLACED	166,662	177,543	-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 28-Mar-09 is estimated at 153.9 million head. This compares to 153.8 million head the previous week and to 166.6 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 162.2 million head and the composite weighted average price was 78.16 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	279	108.00-125.00	-	114.82
TENDERLOINS	137	161.00-170.00	-	162.82
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	382	34.00-35.00	34	34.10
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	664	36.00-37.00	-	36.57
WINGS (WHOLE)	110	145.00-147.00	-	145.73
WINGS (CUT)	106	160.00-167.00	-	162.64
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 NOVEMBER 12, 2008 -- F.O.B. DOCK

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
50.50 - 51.00	50.55	51.48

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 to fair during early week trading. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts were at least sufficient for current needs; tenders were available and competitively priced. Bone-in breasts, wings and dark meat cuts were balance to adequate. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair. The market tone was barely steady to weak for tenders. Other items were mostly steady.

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

FEB 17 ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS	FEB 18 ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	125	121.63	575,740	BREAST - B/S	125	113.00	495,620
TENDERLOINS	160	157.04	133,210	TENDERLOINS	160	158.51	62,920
BREAST - WITH RIBS	76-77	78.79	158,560	BREAST - WITH RIBS	76-77	85.34	73,640
BREAST - LINE RUN	76	78.16	57,600	BREAST - LINE RUN	76	77.94	59,400
LEGS	56-57	54.38	146,280	LEGS	56-57	53.86	244,560
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	35-36	35.64	381,200	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	35-36	36.80	176,400
DRUMSTICKS	58-59	62.18	114,321	DRUMSTICKS	58-59	64.38	66,120
THIGHS	53-54	58.52	83,640	THIGHS	53-54	61.04	45,800
B/S THIGHS	112-113	116.62	80,840	B/S THIGHS	112-113	113.98	27,520
WINGS (WHOLE)	146-147	151.74	196,280	WINGS (WHOLE)	146-147	152.92	199,879
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	13-15	15.00	17,600	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	13-15	15.00	15,360
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	48.35	11,520	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	48.26	8,840
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	74.63	19,080	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	74.63	13,560

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 WTS
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	
Alabama	02/18	02/17	02/16	02/13	02/16	02/13	02/11	02/09	
Arkansas	3,540	4,185	3,534	3,836	5.41	5.24	3,110	5.24	
Delmarva	4,780	4,988	4,634	3,683	5.40	5.34	4,893	5.29	
KY-LA-TN	1,923	2,183	2,094	2,363	5.75	5.61	2,157	5.92	
Mississippi	2,279	2,268	2,239	1,916	5.08	4.53	2,229	5.16	
North Carolina	2,769	2,793	2,699	2,826	5.68	5.66	2,735	5.76	
Texas	2,628	2,754	2,611	2,643	6.99	6.79	2,399	7.04	
Total	2,588	2,643	2,630	2,600	5.40	5.19	2,590	5.50	
Mon-Wed	20,507	21,814	20,441	19,867	5.64	5.49	20,113	5.64	
	62,904 (A)						62,137 (A)		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 18-Feb-09 is estimated to be 30,681,000 head up 1.65 percent from a week ago and down -9.04 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 30,182,000, last year 33,731,000)

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
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 159
	DRY PACK 136
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 21-FEB-09

Class	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	02/21/09 (1)	Thousand head	02/14/09	Thousand head
Broiler/fryer	157,138(2)		159,496	
Light hens	1,288		1,236	
Heavy hens	1,304		1,533	
Total	159,730		162,265	

(1)ESTIMATED

2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 21-Feb-09 is 158.5 million head compared to 168.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 157.5 million head or 1.0 million less than estimated available. For the week of 28-Feb-09 the estimated available is 158.1 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 02/16/09	108,842		87,615	
AM 02/01/09	102,864		94,005	
CHG	5,978		-6,390	
PCT CHG	6		-7	

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	02/16/09	02/09/09	02/18/08	02/16/09	02/09/09	02/18/08
PACIFIC COAST	675	640	2,911	7,807	7,310	8,318
LOS ANGELES	210	210	98	1,084	1,025	1,368

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 FEBRUARY 16, 2009

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

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

	FOR 02/17/09		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	.40	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	1.50	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	1.90	2.80	2.34
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-
TOTAL COOPS	20		

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending February 13, 2009

	Whole Chickens		Legs	Necks,Backs & Wings	Livers Gizzards	Hens
	Breasts	W/Thighs				
RAYON						
Low	73.17	125.61	84.79	21.98	12.56	79.76
High	75.37	135.03	91.07	28.26	15.70	79.76
Mostly	73.17	131.89	87.93	25.12	15.70	79.76
SAN JUAN						
Low	72.85	122.47	87.93	21.98	12.56	79.13
High	74.42	131.89	94.21	28.26	15.70	79.13
Mostly	72.85	128.75	87.93	21.98	14.13	79.13
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	72.23	125.61	84.79	25.12	12.56	80.08
High	76.62	131.89	94.21	28.26	18.84	80.08
Mostly	72.23	128.75	91.07	25.12	15.70	80.08
BECERRA						
Low	72.85	125.61	87.93	25.12	15.70	81.65
High	77.25	135.03	97.35	31.40	18.84	81.65
Mostly	72.85	131.89	94.21	28.26	15.70	81.65

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to fair for midweek trading. Seller offerings were at least sufficient for the limited buyer demand. Live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights. Processing schedules were mostly moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 76 to 87 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, tenders were fully adequate to readily available and competitively priced. The remainder of parts ranged sufficient to in good balance.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	WEIGHTED AVERAGE	NO. OF BOXES
		73-89
		(A)
		(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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