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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



The market tone was steady overall. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate for mid week business. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to fully adequate to satisfy current trade needs. Floor stocks were balanced to occasionally long. In the parts structure, movement was light to moderate. Supplies of wings were heavy and slow to clear. Breast items were moderate to heavy and often discounted. Dark meat items were mostly heavy with drums in the weakest 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 83.25 cents based on full truckload lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 86.25 cents last year on February 25, 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	176.50
BREASTS - B/S	156.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	84.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	94.50
THIGHS	46.00
DRUMSTICKS	61.50
LEG QUARTERS	38.00
WINGS	168.00

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

SOUTHERN REGION The market tone was steady. Demand was fair to moderate with limited trading. Supplies of all sizes were sufficient to satisfy current trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was light to moderate for midweek trading. Wings were mostly heavy with discounting noted to help clear. Dark meat items were moderate to heavy with drums in the weakest position. Breast items were mostly moderate. In production areas live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

MIDWEST REGION The whole broiler/fryer market tone was mostly steady. Offers of whole birds were light to adequate on a nonaggressive trade call. Retail and food service demand was slow to moderate at best. Floor stocks were in balance to occasionally long; weights were in desirable range. Supplies of all parts were adequate to ample. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak on wings and steady to barely steady on the balance of parts.

WESTERN REGION The market tone on whole broiler fryers and WOGs was mostly steady. Offerings adequate with some spot shortages noted on lighter sized product. Retail and foodservice demand slow to moderate with Lent and end of the month affecting activity for some. Weights desirable. Floor stocks adequate to longer than desired. Offerings of parts items generally adequate with wings fully adequate to ample. Parts demand light to fair. The market tone on most parts items was generally steady with weakness noted on wings.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was no better than fair during midweek trading. Offerings of three pound and heavier sizes were about adequate; smaller sizes were more than sufficient for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, drums and wings were readily available and slow to clear. Breast items and tenders were moderate to heavy. Other cuts were moderate for current needs.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 207 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 20, 2010. This was up 1 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 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 166 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 20, 2010. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 3, 2010 through February 20, 2010 were 1.16 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

WEEK ENDING 02/20/10	2010	2009	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
	<i>Thousand</i>		
EGGS SET	206,901	204,603	+01
CHICKS PLACED	165,873	163,431	+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 03-Apr-10 is estimated at 152.2 million head. This compares to 150.9 million head the previous week and to 155.5 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 155.8 million head and the composite weighted average price was 75.80 cents per pound.

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER 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.

FEB 23, 2010					FEB 24, 2010				
ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	335	121.00-185.00	-	131.76	BREAST - B/S	300	124.00-182.00	-	130.80
TENDERLOINS	186	123.00-191.00	-	134.80	TENDERLOINS	160	123.00-195.00	-	137.00
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)	398	31.00-36.00	-	34.09	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	356	31.00-35.00	-	33.88
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	902	34.00-38.00	-	36.24	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	727	35.00-38.00	-	36.34
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			WINGS (WHOLE)	150	131.00-146.00	-	138.80
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 FEB 23, 2010-- F.O.B. DOCK.

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RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
55.00 - 59.50	57.93	54.50 - 59.00	56.71	57.12

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 generally unaggressive for midweek trading. Supplies of breast items and tenders were mostly moderate to heavy with light movement. Drums and wings were readily available and often discounted where product was in excess. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was weak for drums and wings. Other items were steady at best.

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

FEB 23, 2010				FEB 24, 2010			
ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS	ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	140-145	136.65	504,560	BREAST - B/S	140-145	135.78	372,600
TENDERLOINS	135	137.01	130,520	TENDERLOINS	135	132.42	79,280
BREAST - WITH RIBS	78-79	88.98	65,200	BREAST - WITH RIBS	78-79	90.51	54,800
BREAST - LINE RUN	78	81.08	66,920	BREAST - LINE RUN	78	80.51	75,360
LEGS	52-53	47.16	178,760	LEGS	52-53	50.23	155,640
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	36-37	36.10	291,400	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	36-37	37.13	176,880
DRUMSTICKS	47-48	59.40	74,040	DRUMSTICKS	46-47	55.38	68,840
THIGHS	40-41	53.07	51,600	THIGHS	40-41	52.76	33,680
B/S THIGHS	94-95	96.83	75,120	B/S THIGHS	94-95	95.04	48,880
WINGS (WHOLE)	158-159	157.76	179,640	WINGS (WHOLE)	155-156	151.55	190,440
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	13-15	15.00	24,080	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	13-15	15.00	20,160
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	45.65	4,560	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	48.15	9,040
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	58.00	5,640	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	59.60	21,200

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, RI, AND PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG 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	
	02/24	02/23	02/22	02/19	02/22	02/19	02/17	02/15	02/17	02/15
Alabama	3,986	4,069	3,881	3,909	5.49	5.39	3,786	5.43		
Arkansas	5,401	4,966	5,140	3,770	5.52	5.11	4,550	5.48		
Delmarva	2,280	2,256	2,255	2,433	5.82	5.89	2,214	6.12		
KY-LA-TN	2,270	2,353	2,316	2,253	5.08	5.05	2,377	5.07		
Mississippi	2,885	2,842	2,847	3,118	6.05	6.45	2,837	6.08		
North Carolina	2,716	2,755	2,487	2,831	6.98	7.08	2,568	7.08		
Texas	2,280	2,615	2,558	2,273	5.59	5.39	2,266	5.57		
Total	21,818	21,856	21,484	20,587	5.75	5.75	20,598	5.78		
Mon-Wed	65,849	(A)					63,591	(A)		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 24-Feb-10 is estimated to be 32,642,000 head up 5.61 percent from a week ago and up 7.98 percent from a year ago. (Last week 30,909,000, last year 30,231,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED 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, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	170
DRY PACK	159
ICE PACK	117
ROASTERS 4# & UP	
DRY PACK	
ICE PACK	
HENS OVER 5#	116
DRY PACK	125
ICE PACK	
DUCKS	262-265

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 27-Feb-10

Class	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	02/27/10 (1)	02/20/10
	----- Thousand head -----	
Broiler/fryer	159,868(2)	152,849
Light hens	1,531	1,415
Heavy hens	1,269	1,231
Total	162,668	155,495

(1)ESTIMATED

2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 27-Feb-10 is 156.2 million head compared to 156.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 160.2 million head or 4.0 million more than estimated available. For the week of 06-Mar-10 the estimated available is 156.9 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 02/22/10	114,787	55,370
AM 02/01/10	103,658	60,250
CHG	11,129	-4,880
PCT CHG	11	-8

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	02/22/10	02/15/10	02/23/09	02/22/10	02/15/10	02/23/09
PACIFIC COAST LOS ANGELES	3,063	3,030	655	7,440	7,331	7,741
	278	251	211	900	861	1,053

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 02/23/10

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW HIGH AVG				LOW HIGH AVG		
HEAVY FOWL lb.	1.15	1.45	1.27	HEAVY FOWL ea.	6.00	8.50	6.75
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.	-	1.60	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	1.50	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	.70	1.70	1.42	RABBITS ea.	-	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	2.50	-	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.	-	9.50	-	PEACOCKS ea.	-	-	-
PARTRIDGES ea.	-	-	-	COCKATIELS ea.	-	-	-
DOVES ea.	-	-	-	PHEASANTS ea.	25.00	27.50	26.25
TOTAL COOPS	20						

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending February 19, 2010

	Whole Chickens		Legs	Necks,Backs & Wings	Livers	Gizzards	Hens
	Breasts	W/Thighs					
RAYON							
Low	69.03	141.61	74.34	14.16	3.54	77.88	
High	79.65	145.15	77.88	17.70	8.85	77.88	
Mostly	74.34	143.38	74.34	15.93	7.08	77.88	
SAN JUAN							
Low	74.34	138.07	70.80	10.62	3.54	77.88	
High	77.88	141.61	74.34	15.93	8.85	77.88	
Mostly	74.34	138.07	72.57	14.16	7.08	77.88	
NEW SAN JUAN							
Low	69.03	141.61	67.26	12.39	3.54	77.88	
High	79.65	148.69	77.88	17.70	8.85	77.88	
Mostly	74.34	145.15	74.34	14.16	7.08	77.88	

BECERRA

Low	69.03	145.15	74.34	10.62	5.31	72.57
High	83.19	152.23	81.42	19.47	8.85	72.57
Mostly	69.03	148.69	77.88	17.70	7.08	72.57

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 22, 2010

HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	RANGE
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	79-86
		79-90

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally light to fair. Offerings were at least sufficient for the selective buying demand. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but reported as desirable. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 83 to 92 cents. The market tone was mostly steady. In the parts complex, breast items were moderate to heavy. Dark meat cuts ranged moderate to readily available with drums in the longest position. Wings were heavy and discounted to help move.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	84-97
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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