Delmarva **Broiler/Frver** ATLANTA, GA.

July 1, 2003 Report Supplied By USDA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds ranged fair to good. Offerings of the 3.5 pound and heavier birds were in close balance to tight; 3 pound sizes were fully sufficient. Live supplies were moderate; weights were in a full range of light to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 59 to 68 cents. Trade sentiment was generally steady to fully steady. Breasts items were well cleared. Dark meat items were adequate and in fairly good balance. Tenderloins were readily available

ACTUAL SLAUGHTER WEEK ENDING 06/28/03 WAS 12,431,140 5.30 ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER/FRYERS IN DELMARVA (000)

ESTIMATED ACTUAL AVG. WEIGHT ACTUAL AVG. WEIGHT 07/01 06/27 06/27 06/24 06/20

2,287 3,090 5.33 2,383 5.19

BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NE-GOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDI-ATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF **BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO** NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A RANGE 57-78 WEIGHTED AVERAGE 62,20 **NO. OF BOXES 8,770**

Northeast Broiler Fryer Parts Part I

ATLANTA, GA. July 2, 2003

Report Supplied by USDA

Trucklot buying activity continued fair to fairly good during midweek trading. Offerings of bone-in breasts remained in tight balance and boneless-skinless breasts were closely cleared. Dark meat cuts ranged adequate to balanced. Distributive draw was moderate to fairly good. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm on breast items and dark meat cuts. Tenderloins and wings were about steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RE-CEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND. ITEM CURRENT NE-GOTIATED TRADING BREAST - B/S 165-170 TENDERLOINS 140 BREAST -WITH RIBS 85-86 BREAST - LINE **RUN 85 LEGS 36-37 LEG QUARTERS** (BULK) 25-26 DRUMSTICKS 32-33 THIGHS 28-29 B/S THIGHS 69-70 WINGS (WHOLE) 64-65 BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED) 10-12 LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS) 25-30 GIZZARDS (HEARTS) 35-40

Northeast Broiler Fryer Parts Part II

ATLANTA, GA. July 1, 2003

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ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RE-CEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT OUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND CURRENT NEGOTIAT-ED WTD VOLUME ITEM TRADING AVG /LBS BREAST - B/S 160-165 163.29 738,030 TENDERLOINS 140 137.78 164,340 BREAST - WITH RIBS 84-85 88.08 227.920 BREAST - LINE RUN 84 86.97 147,160 LEGS 35-36 33.51 419,520 LEG QUARTERS (BULK) 25-26 25.56 683,220 DRUMSTICKS 31-32 34.13 243,240 THIGHS 27-28 35.21 116,250 B/S THIGHS 69-70 73.09 113,260 WINGS (WHOLE) 64-65 68.73 309,200 BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED) 10-12 12.17 25,760 LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS) 25-30 24.77 14,340 GIZZARDS (HEARTS) 35-40 36.67 31,310

Eastern Corn Belt Direct Hogs

Des Moines, Iowa July 1, 2003

Report Supplied By USDA EASTERN CORN BELT DIRECT DAILY HOGS, for Tuesday, July 1, as of 1:30 p.m.

CURRENT VOLUME TODAY, AC-TUAL: PRODUCER SOLD: Negotiated 13,535; Other Market Formula 4,414; Swine or Pork Market Formula: 29,342; Other Purchase Arrangement: 12,620. PACKER SOLD (All purchase types):

NEGOTIATED PURCHASES (including packer sold): BARROWS AND GILTS (Carcass Basis): 7,754 head. Compared to prior day's close, .50 lower. Base Market Hog, 185 lb Carcass Basis, Plant Delivered (-0.9-1.1 inch backfat, 6 sq. in. loin/2.0 depth): Base Price Range: \$52.00 - 61.89, wtd. avg. \$59.99.

5-Day Rolling Average Market Hog: 192.45 lb carcass, plant delivered (0.77 inch backfat, 6.53 sq.in. loin/2.18 inch loin depth). FFLI: 50.72%; price range \$56.00 - 67.71.

Purchase Volume by State of Origin: Alabama 357; Georgia 419; Illinois 15,433; Indiana 15,628; Kentucky 1,374; Maryland 116: Michigan 4,319: Mississippi 1.637; New York 192; North Carolina 5,050; Ohio 10,564; Pennsylvania 2,390; South Carolina 595; Tennessee 782; Virginia 115; Wisconsin 888.

Westminster Hay

Westminster, Maryland **Report Supplied By Auction** Tuesday, July 1, 2003 Hay-Straw-Grain

168 LOTS. ALFALFA: 1.30-4.20 BALE. ALFALFA MIX: 1.10-3.00 BALE. ALFALFA ROUND: 29.00. TIMOTHY: 1.00-3.70 BALE TIMOTHY MIX: .70-2.50 BALE. TIMOTHY ROUND: 32.50. GRASS MIX: .80-1.80 BALE. GRASS ROUND: 25.00-30.00. STRAW: .40-2.50 BALE. MULCH: .05-.60. OATS: 2.50-3.00 BAG. GROUND CORN: 5.50-6.00.

East Fluid Milk And Cream Review

Madison, Wis. July 1, 2003 Report Supplied by USDA

SPOT PRICES OF CLASS II CREAM, dollars per lb butterfat: F.O.B. producing plants: Northeast: 1.4973-1.6662. Delivered Equivalent: Atlanta: 1.5086-1.7112 mostly 1.6212-1.6887.

PRICES OF CONDENSED SKIM. dollars per lb. wet solids, F.O.B. producing plants: Northeast: Class II, includes monthly formula prices: .8500-.9300. Class III, spot prices: .7400-.8200.

SPOTS SHIPMENTS OF GRADE A MILK: FLORIDA: This Week: In 0, Out 52; Last Week In 0, Out 96; Last Week In 0. Out 64. SOUTHEAST STATES: This Week: In 0, Out 0; Last Week In 0, Out 0; Last Week In 0, Out 0.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Due to changes in milk supply agreements, milk import/ export totals are not directly comparable to year ago figures and to shipments prior to April 1, 2003.

This week, there have been a lot of conversations and discussions about a national organization's self-help program and the pending vote, by their board of directors, to approve the plan. Apparently, there wasn't enough support for the original plan and another, less aggressive plan was adopted. Contacts close to the issue, citing sharply higher cheese prices, lower cow numbers, and below year ago milk output feel that the plan may be beyond reviving at this time.

Milk production is easing lower in the northern parts of the region; noticeably lower in Florida and other Gulf Coast States. Hot weather in Florida the past few days has taken its toll on the cows and milk output. The number of loads of milk shipped out of state for processing has dropped significantly in the past two weeks. In most other parts of the region, temperatures and humidity are rising, which is having an adverse effect on milk production. Off- farm loads are lighter weights and haulers are consolidating routes. Contacts continue to report low butterfat and protein tests on incoming milk. Bottled milk sales are generally slow to fair. The improved, summer-like weather is expected to increase tourists to the shore and bottlers report some long awaited improvement in orders from res-

taurants and other outlets along the Coast. Fluid milk supplies are lighter and easily handled. Surplus milk volumes are easing lower and following early week trading at the CME, contacts feel that more milk will now be moving through cheese plants.

The condensed skim market is mostly steady, but recent price increases on cheese at the CME have many producers saving that if the cheese price holds, prices for wet solids will be going up in the near future. Demand for condensed skim is often improved now that soft serve mix orders are increasing. Also, cheese makers that have increased production are taking some extra loads.

The fluid cream market remains very strong. Supplies are tight and demand is good. Spot prices are higher as multiples are now routinely in the 140's and the CME average did increase slightly last week. More reports of cream loads being delivered at multiples in the 150's are noted this week. Cream loads are moving greater distances to supplement Eastern supplies. Some easing of demand from ice cream makers was noted as many of them will be closed an extra day this holiday weekend. Soft serve production is significantly higher as the hot weather has triggered demand up and down the East Coast. The hot weather has set off a number of load rejections due to high arriving temperatures. These loads usually cleared easily as long as acidity levels were within tolerances. Bottled cream sales are improving as the strawberry season progresses north. Churning activity is lighter at most plants.

Kirkwood Hay Kirkwood, Pa.

Report Supplied By Auction Tuesday, July 1, 2003

35 LOTS

MIXED HAY: 1ST CUTTING 55.00-142.00.

TIMOTHY: 120.00-185 00

ALFALFA: 1ST CUTTING 55.00-126 00, 2ND CUTTING 180.00, 3RD 165.00.

GRASS: 85.00-160.00. WHEAT STRAW: 100.00-145.00. BARLEY STRAW: 91.00-110.00. SALE DAY TUES. 10 A.M.

Penn State's annual showcase event, Ag Progress Days, is scheduled Aug. 19-21 this year at the research farm in Rockspring. We have exclusive photos and information about the event scheduled in our annual Ag Progress Issue, one of our largest issues, on Aug. 16. Look for special schedules, maps, and a photo review of the year's major agriculture showcase!

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