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Majority prices were unchanged to lower, mostly lower when compared to previous week. Trade sentiment was steady at best. Retail demand was slow to fair with some improvements due to first of the month and cooler temperatures in the Midwest. Food service was fair to fairly good, best into restaurants and fast food accounts. Supplies were at least adequate with larger sizes instances short in parts of the Northeast. In the parts structure, trading was light and spotty with all items more than sufficient to handle needs. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were light to heavy, but mostly desirable.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 08/02-08/07/99 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	47.50	47.25	18	53.05	30
Chicago	41.00-46.00	45.96	47	48.45	77
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	58.22	22
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	60.87	15
Denver	64.50	64.40	17	62.80	43
Detroit	39.00-47.00	46.54	17	50.45	46
Los Angeles	65.00	64.46	57	61.18	137
New York	42.00-48.00	46.22	52	49.99	87
Philadelphia	43.00-45.00	44.23	13	46.76	28
Pittsburgh	43.50-45.00	44.40	10	53.07	63
St. Louis	46.00	45.77	18	49.06	43
San Francisco	65.50	64.95	30	67.09	61

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	08/02/99	Change/Last Wk	07/26/99	08/03/98
652	54.56	-2.61	57.17	71.09

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	48.00-54.00	50.69	36
Central	47.00-54.00	53.26	59
West	45.00-68.00	58.57	60
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent			
Mississippi	57.00-59.00	58.21	84

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES

The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 60.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,237	41.00-64.00	58.86

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice pack parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	155.00	4,408
BREASTS - WHOLE	73.00	2,345
THIGH MEAT - B/S	60.50	588
LEG QUARTERS	20.50	9,238
WINGS	52.00	3,216

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SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was steady at best. Demand was slow to fair with light trading and mixed opinions for improvement throughout the week. Food service was fair to moderate, best into fast food accounts. Supplies were sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, availability of all items was at least adequate with movement mostly light to fair. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable.

WEST COAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market was weak. Final majority prices were 1 cent lower than last week. Offerings were adequate to ample. Buying interest increased to cover first-of-the month needs. Retailer demand was fairly good overall, best where features planned. Dealers reported moderate weekend carryovers. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG averages was 46.86 down 2.31 and the reported volume was up 20 percent at 30 loads. Trade sentiment was barely steady.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices for this week's deliveries were 3 cents lower into Chicago, St. Louis and Detroit and TFEWR elsewhere. Whole fryer trade sentiment was barely steady, instances weak. Offerings were at least adequate for trade needs. Retail demand was fair in Chicago, slow to light in all other areas. Food service movement was fair to fairly good, best into fast food and restaurants. Floor stocks were in a full range with weights mostly desirable. Parts trading was mostly of a light and spotty nature for the fully adequate supplies. Parts trade sentiment was generally steady on all items.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying interest on ready to-cook whole broiler/fryers was irregular. Offerings continued to easily satisfy current needs. Retail and distributive movement was slow, but hoped to improve as the week advances. The market tone was barely steady to weak in instances. In the parts market, product was generally more than adequate to cover the limited and cautious buyer interest.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was generally noted as light to fair for delivery of fill-in needs, cautious thereafter. Offerings were readily available on the smaller sizes; adequate to short on the over 3 pound sizes. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were light to heavy, mostly light to desirable. Processing schedules was moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 48 to 60 cents. Trade sentiment was steady but cautious. In the parts complex, machine cut wings were readily available and difficult to place. Other items were at least adequate but were generally under less pressure to sell. *BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA. **BRANDED U.S. GRADE A**

RANGE	46-66
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	52.27
NO. OF BOXES	6,893

*6 of 8 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying interest was light as fill-in orders were limited. Offerings were generally in a good balance to cover immediate trade needs. Retail and distributive movement was slow, but some improvement was expected as the week progresses and as cooler temperatures were forecast. The market tone was about steady.

PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES.

ITEM	CURRENT NEG		VOL/LBS
	TRADING*	WTD AVG**	
BREAST - B/S	130-140	157.39	428,720
TENDERLOINS	130-135	134.66	69,600
BREAST - WITH RIBS	55-56	64.12	189,600
BREAST - LINE RUN	55	58.64	124,000
LEGS	27-28	32.18	185,160
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	16-17	18.63	445,880
DRUMSTICKS	30-31	30.07	80,270
THIGHS	17-18	27.57	64,120
B/S THIGHS	70-71	70.60	28,200
WINGS (WHOLE)	49-50	54.31	168,240
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.03	17,680
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	28.86	13,120
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35-40	38.69	28,480

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED 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.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG
	(000)	RANGE		
BREAST - B/S	659	138.00-170.00	140	144.17
TENDERLOINS	121	140.00-196.00	140-148	152.08
BREAST - WITH RIBS	400	57.00-60.00	60	58.90
FRONT HALVES	560	55.00-69.00	55-62	60.43
LEGS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	236	15.00-20.00	15	15.76
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,183	20.00-21.00	20	20.05
WINGS (WHOLE)	256	39.00-57.00	40-45	43.16
DRUMSTICKS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
THIGHS	NO TRADING REPORTED			

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE		ACTUAL		AVG WTS
	08/02	07/29	07/29	07/26	
ALA	3,865	3,889	4.93	3,824	5.01
ARK	5,163	5,006	4.65	5,055	4.86
DELMARVA	2,410	2,476	4.95	2,442	5.04
KY-LA-TN	1,771	1,829	4.33	1,691	4.40
MISS	2,773	2,821	4.80	2,711	4.97
NC	2,572	2,504	5.48	2,484	5.64
TEXAS	2,072	2,041	4.72	2,054	4.67
TOTAL	20,626	20,566	4.84	20,261	4.96
MON	20,626(A)			20,261(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 02-Aug 1999 is estimated to be 30,859,000 up 1.50 percent from a week ago and up 6.56 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 30,404,000, last year 28,959,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	812	135.00-171.00	135-140	143.43
TENDERLOINS	222	130.00-200.00	-	163.42
BREAST - LINE RUN	206	59.00-64.00	63-64	62.61
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	96	24.00-35.00	24-25	25.83
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	446	13.50-18.50	14-15	15.15
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,220	17.00-21.00	17-18.5	18.26
WINGS (WHOLE)	136	47.00-55.00	47-48	50.55
WINGS (CUT)	437	54.00-68.00	57-59	59.06
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	58	52.00-67.00	-	54.79

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR AUGUST 02, 1999 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
34.25 - 42.25	37.64	37.10

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.

MIDWEST REGION PARTS PRICES PER LB., ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 08/02-08/06/99

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	135.00 - 170.00	140.00 - 145.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	59.00 - 73.00	61.00 - 63.00
LEGS	21.50 - 36.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	15.00 - 25.00	17.00 - 19.00
DRUMSTICKS	32.00 - 50.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	44.00 - 65.00	44.00 - 46.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10.00 - 12.00	-
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25.00 - 39.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	30.00 - 46.00	-

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

CENTS PER POUND. RANGE

WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	78-91
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	81-97
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	88-93
FROZEN DUCKS	145-149
FROZEN SQUABS	589
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)	
FRESH FRYERS	81-83
ROASTERS 4# & UP	82-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	83-91
DUCKS	135
RABBITS-WHOLE	309-334
RABBITS-CUT UP	326-351

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	92-97
	DRY PACK	107
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104
	DRY PACK	112
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	98
	ICE PACK	92
DUCKS		149-166

EASTERN REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. July 30,1999

CHICKEN PRICES

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	16.00-18.00	17.00-20.00	16.00-18.00	18.00
WTD AVERAGE	17.40	18.97	17.37	18.00
1,422,500 pounds, this includes 80,000 pounds for export shipment.				

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	15.00-15.50	16.50	15.00	17.00
WTD AVERAGE	15.28	16.50	15.00	17.00
520,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.				

15-20%				
RANGE	16.00	12.50-17.00	12.50-15.50	12.00-17.00
WTD AVERAGE	16.00	14.80	14.19	13.78
1,852,040 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.				

20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	13.50	12.75-14.00
WTD AVERAGE			13.50	13.17
1,360,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.				

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT Prices were slightly lower compared to the past week. Demand was fair for at least adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were moderate with current production at least adequate for sales needs. Trade sentiment was no better than steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 LBS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 02-AUG-99

	RANGE		
	CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	10-18	14-16	15.46

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

CENTRAL REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. July 30,1999

CHICKEN PRICES

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				
0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.				

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	18.00	13.00-15.00	-
WTD AVERAGE		18.00	14.43	
183,600 pounds, this includes 40,800 pounds for export shipment.				

15-20%				
RANGE	12.00	14.00-17.00	11.00-13.00	13.00-16.00
WTD AVERAGE	12.00	15.10	11.30	14.00
2,110,800 pounds, this includes 612,000 pounds for export shipment.				

20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				
0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.				

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to occasionally moderate for fully adequate to ample offerings. Undertone was cautiously steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 02-AUG-99

	RANGE		
	CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-18.5	16-17	15.25
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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