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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were unchanged to higher when compared to last week. Trade sentiment was at least steady. Retail demand ranged light to good, best where features were planned. Food service was fair to good, best for fast food. Supplies were usually sufficient for current needs. In the parts complex, breast items were in close balance to short. Leg quarters were in balance and well cleared. Other items were at least adequate. In production areas, live supplies were mostly moderate with weights ranging desirable to light, 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 08/09-08/14/99 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)			COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	48.00-49.00	48.33	18	52.74	30
Chicago	43.00-48.00	47.43	51	50.21	79
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	58.52	20
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	60.50	16
Denver	64.50	64.40	17	61.36	44
Detroit	42.00-49.00	48.22	15	52.00	43
Los Angeles	65.00	64.36	59	62.96	117
New York	45.00-48.00	47.58	48	53.77	92
Philadelphia	42.00-45.00	44.86	7	45.18	19
Pittsburgh	44.50-45.00	45.00	10	52.46	59
St. Louis	47.00-48.00	47.06	19	51.17	42
San Francisco	65.50	65.17	26	63.74	120

### Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	08/09/99	Change/Last Wk	08/02/99	08/10/98
681	55.82	1.26	54.56	72.34

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	49.00-54.00	50.75	35
Central	49.00-56.00	54.59	51
West	51.00-67.00	61.31	52
<b>Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent</b>			
Mississippi	57.00-59.00	58.11	85

### GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES

The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 59.75 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
1,216	44.00-69.00	58.69

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	157.50	4,610
BREASTS - WHOLE	72.00	3,075
THIGH MEAT - B/S	60.50	618
LEG QUARTERS	20.00	9,635
WINGS	50.50	3,503

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**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand increased and was mostly fair, best where features were planned. Supplies were sufficient to close balanced for current needs. In the parts complex, breast items were in close balance to instances tight, leg quarters were adequate. All other items were at least adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable.

**WEST COAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** The market tone was about steady. Final majority prices were unchanged. Offerings were barely adequate on weights over 2.75 pounds with lighter weights readily available. Demand by stores was good in Northern California to cover planned feature activity, moderate elsewhere. Demand by restaurants fairly good overall, best by fast food. Dealers reported fair weekend carryovers. The market remained strong on breasts and generally steady on balance of parts. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was 52.11 up 5.25 from last Monday with the volume reported at 21 loads down 30 percent.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Final majority prices for this week's deliveries were higher into all areas, except Ohio reporting TFEWR. Whole fryer trade sentiment was at least steady. Offerings were light for the moderate buyer interest. Retail and food service demand improved overall, mostly fair and fairly good into fast food accounts. Floor stocks were adequate with good clearing over the weekend. Weights were desirable. Parts trading was mixed, mostly moderate with breast items best call. Supplies were somewhat tight on breast items and fully adequate on the balance. Trade sentiment was fully steady on breast items, barely steady all other items.

**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trucklot buying interest on ready to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair at best. Offerings were irregularly available, but were usually adequate to handle current trade requirements. Retail and distributive movement was about moderate with some out front cautiousness noted. The market tone was cautiously steady. In the parts market, the breast complex remained under pressure while the balance of items were generally in good balance to cover needs.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds for fill-in needs was good. Seller offerings were generally well balanced to instances short on the heavier sizes. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights varied and were often lighter than desired. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher at 49 to 61 cents. Trade sentiment was steady to firm. In the parts complex, both bone-in and boneless skinless breasts were short of an active inquiry. Leg quarters continued to clear well at most plants. Wings remained both in heaviest supply and slowest to clear.

\*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	45-66
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	52.09
NO. OF BOXES	7,555

\*6 of 8 plants reporting.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying interest was generally moderate as dealers replenished the pipelines following the weekend. Offerings were extremely tight to short on bone-in breasts, closely cleared on boneless, and usually adequate on the balance. Demand through most retail and distributive outlets was fair with some traders cautious as they looked forward. The market tone was steady on all items except for the breast complex which was strong.

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 TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	155	156.23	282,180
TENDERLOINS	130-135	135.15	53,720
BREAST - WITH RIBS	67-68	71.77	172,440
BREAST - LINE RUN	67	69.26	140,360
LEGS	27-28	31.88	187,640
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	18.83	364,939
DRUMSTICKS	30-31	31.62	87,710
THIGHS	17-18	28.45	57,520
B/S THIGHS	70-71	70.90	24,280
WINGS (WHOLE)	45-46	52.17	136,520
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.85	20,160
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	33.71	15,840
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	39.86	22,160

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 (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	519	138.00-163.00	155-160	153.62
TENDERLOINS	149	140.00-195.00	140-148	155.71
BREAST - WITH RIBS	368	60.00-77.00	60	62.22
FRONT HALVES	480	58.00-70.00	58-62	63.67
LEGS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	249	14.00-19.00	14	14.82
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,010	17.50-21.00	17.5	17.59
WINGS (WHOLE)	174	36.00-58.00	36-42	42.12
DRUMSTICKS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
THIGHS	NO TRADING REPORTED			

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

	ESTIMATE		ACTUAL		WTS
	08/09	08/05	08/05	08/02	
ALA	3,860	3,772	4.88	3,690	4.93
ARK	5,105	5,042	4.65	4,988	4.65
DELMARVA	2,443	2,476	4.94	2,373	4.95
KY-LA-TN	1,662	1,720	4.30	1,723	4.33
MISS	2,797	2,672	4.83	2,719	4.80
NC	2,575	2,506	5.40	2,483	5.48
TEXAS	2,079	2,061	4.58	2,047	4.72
TOTAL	20,521	20,249	4.81	20,023	4.84
MON	20,521(A)		20,023(A)		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 09-Aug 1999 is estimated to be 30,702,000 up 2.18 percent from a week ago and up 6.32 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 30,047,000, last year 28,878,000)

**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	523	135.00-187.00	145-150	152.12
TENDERLOINS	199	131.00-200.00	-	166.71
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	87	26.00-34.00	26-27	27.10
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	121	14.00-18.50	-	16.19
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,400	17.00-20.00	18-19	18.39
WINGS (WHOLE)	167	47.00-53.00	48-49	49.94
WINGS (CUT)	559	50.00-68.00	57-59	58.36
DRUMSTICKS	88	24.00-34.00	-	24.91
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	205	55.00-71.00	-	61.50

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR AUGUST 09, 1999 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
35.00 - 42.00	38.47	37.57

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 08/09-08/13/99

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	140.00 - 159.00	150.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	59.00 - 75.00	64.00 - 65.00
LEGS	26.00 - 34.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17.00 - 21.00	17.00
DRUMSTICKS	18.00 - 50.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	38.00 - 57.00	42.00 - 44.00
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	77-91
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	80-97
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	88-93
FROZEN DUCKS	145-149
FROZEN SQUABS	589
<b>DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)</b>	
FRESH FRYERS	81-83
ROASTERS 4# & UP	82-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	83-88
DUCKS	135
RABBITS-WHOLE	309
RABBITS-CUT UP	326

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**

**DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	107
	ICE PACK	92-97
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK	112
	ICE PACK	104
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.  
August 06, 1999

**CHICKEN PRICES**

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	16.00-20.00	17.50-18.00	16.00-18.00	-
WTD AVERAGE	16.47	17.83	17.54	
1,633,000 pounds, this includes 320,000 pounds for export shipment.				

**CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN**

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	16.00	-	15.00	17.00
WTD AVERAGE	16.00		15.00	17.00
560,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.				
15-20%				
RANGE	14.00-17.00	14.00	12.00-15.50	12.00-14.00
WTD AVERAGE	15.77	14.00	14.10	13.26
3,052,000 pounds, this includes 556,000 pounds for export shipment.				
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	13.50	-
WTD AVERAGE			13.50	
640,000 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 higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of heavy fowl. Seasonal reduction in flock size are beginning to place more numbers weekly to slaughter plants. Current schedules are increasing both in hours per day with weekend kills starting soon. Finished sales were fair with plant production building at most points. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 LBS AND UP) \*  
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 09-AUG-99

	RANGE	CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	12-19.5		16-17	16.25
* 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.  
August 06, 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	19.00	16.50	15.00-16.00	-
WTD AVERAGE	19.00	16.50	15.13	
126,800 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.				
15-20%				
RANGE	14.00	-	11.00-13.00	13.00-15.00
WTD AVERAGE	14.00		11.86	13.73
2,086,000 pounds, this includes 312,000 pounds for export shipment.				
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	14.00	-
WTD AVERAGE			14.00	
30,000 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 trading was unchanged to slightly lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings were fully adequate to ample. Undertone was cautiously steady.  
HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 09-AUG-99

	RANGE	CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	10-18.5		15-17	15.43
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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