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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices in the major terminal markets for next week were trending higher. However, trade sentiment was reported in a range of cautiously steady to firm. Retail demand was light to fairly good, best where limited features were present. Food service was fair to fairly good. Supplies were generally adequate with heavier sizes in good balance to well cleared in the East. In the parts complex, breast items were adequate to occasionally short with rib-breast in the strongest and tightest positions. Wings were irregular, and the remaining of parts were mostly balanced for needs. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range, but mostly on the light side of desirable.

Preliminary report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 08/23-08/27/99 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	TFEWR	—		
Chicago	51.00-55.00	51.00-63.25	54.42	24.00
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—		
Cleveland	TFEWR	—		
Denver	65.50	—		
Detroit	TFEWR	—		
Los Angeles	66.00	—		
New York	53.00-55.00	—		
Philadelphia	TFEWR	—		
Pittsburgh	TFEWR	—		
St. Louis	TFEWR	—		
San Francisco	66.50	—		
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	60.50-62.00	52.50-64.00	60.64	86

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 60.75 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
579	53.50-69.50	60.66

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	186.50	3,356
BREASTS - WHOLE	88.50	1,818
THIGH MEAT - B/S	61.00	562
LEG QUARTERS	21.50	7,667
WINGS	51.50	2,445

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SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was at least steady. Demand was fair to good, best for features and fast food channels. Supplies were adequate to well cleared as intense heat continued to affect product availability and mortality rates. In the parts structure, breast items were close balanced to tight and clearing well, all other items were sufficient with fair movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to light, mostly desirable.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market was firm with prices trending higher. Offerings light with few discounts reported available. Buyers purchase close to needs. Retailer demand fairly good, best by restaurants and fast food. Dealers anticipated light to moderate weekend carryovers. Breasts firm, dark meat parts steady.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries were up 1 to 2 cents in Chicago and too few to report elsewhere. Whole fryer trade sentiment was mostly steady. Offerings were more available compared to early week. Retail demand was light to moderate, food service fair to fairly good. Floor stocks were mostly adequate. Weights were desirable. Supplies of parts were adequate to tight on breast items and wings, leg quarters were balanced. Market tone steady to firm on breast items with some buyer resistance, other items steady.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying interest on ready to-cook whole broiler/fryers was usually no better than fair. Offerings of lighter weights were at least adequate, and the heavier weights were short to adequate. Retail and distributive movement was generally seasonal in nature. The market tone continued about steady. In the parts market, breast items were usually short of needs and continued to be sold at premiums, and the remainder of items were adequate for current needs.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to good and best on the adequate to closely cleared supply of 3.5 and 4.0 pound sizes. 2.5 to 3.0 pound sizes were fully adequate. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were light to heavy, mostly light to desirable. Processing schedules were irregular, but remained moderately heavy in total. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 55 to 67 cents. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, breast items were well cleared to short of an active demand. Other items varied in availability from plant to plant, but were at least adequate overall.

*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	52-75
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	58.98
NO. OF BOXES	8,014
CUMULATIVE0	08/16/99-08/20/99 58.59
	08/17/98-08/21/98 75.25
NO. OF BOXES	08/16/99-08/20/99 40,756
	08/17/98-08/21/98 40,265

*6 of 8 plants reporting.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

AUG 20, 1999

ITEM	POUNDS			WTD AVG	POUNDS			WTD AVG	WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY		(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY		(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	806	170.00-215.00	175-185	194.73	776	170.00-219.00	180-190	198.74	1,583	196.70
TENDERLOINS	76	145.00-190.00	-	159.61	147	150.00-200.00	-	184.05	223	175.72
BREAST - LINE RUN	120	82.00-86.00	85-86	85.73	120	82.00-86.00	85-86	85.73	240	85.73
FRONT HALVES	55	83.00-96.00	-	83.39	51	84.00-96.00	-	84.53	106	83.94
LEGS	128	30.00-35.00	30	30.31	248	30.00-35.00	31	30.97	376	30.74
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	514	16.50-20.50	19-20	19.14	802	17.00-20.50	18-20	19.07	1,316	19.10
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,170	20.00-22.00	-	20.89	1,090	19.00-22.00	20-22	20.70	2,260	20.80
WINGS (WHOLE)	218	47.00-53.00	48-50	50.17	218	47.00-53.00	48-50	49.93	436	50.05
WINGS (CUT)	420	57.00-68.00	57-59	58.85	367	57.00-69.00	57-60	59.78	787	59.28
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				14	35.00
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				14	35.00
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				36	63.67

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
 TRADING FOR AUG 19, 1999 — F.O.B. DOCK.
 RANGE 49.75 - 58.25 TODAY'S AVERAGE 51.27

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
 TRADING FOR AUG 20, 1999 — F.O.B. DOCK.
 RANGE 50.50 - 58.25 TODAY'S AVERAGE 51.80 5-DAY AVERAGE 51.92
 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 interest heading into the weekend was mixed. Offerings of breast items were mostly short and continued to be sold at premiums, and the balance of items were adequate to handle immediate trade requirements. Retail and distributive movement was generally light and most traders reported a sense of further slowing. The market tone was fully steady to firm on breast items and steady on the balance. 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			WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	CURRENT NEG			WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	WEEKLY	
	TRADING*	WTD	AVG**			TRADING*	WTD	AVG**			WTD	AVG
BREAST - B/S	185	187.72	420,320	190	192.01	490,640	184.01	2,252,940				
TENDERLOINS	145-150	146.61	28,680	150-155	154.08	34,720	147.02	189,520				
BREAST - WITH RIBS	85-86	92.06	204,960	87-88	89.08	218,940	89.53	1,069,340				
BREAST - LINE RUN	85	88.44	105,200	87-87	87.22	232,280	85.72	365,120				30-31
LEGS	30-31	31.96	328,520	34.44	110,720	33.27	841,544					20-21
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21	21.73	401,733	22.06	505,612	21.44	1,997,799					34-35
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	34.68	74,950	36.51	49,870	34.86	336,390					20-21
THIGHS	20-21	28.70	73,090	29.76	118,890	29.79	380,250					70-71
B/S THIGHS	70-71	71.61	29,080	70.10	27,840	70.55	153,560					48-49
WINGS (WHOLE)	48-49	56.31	173,264	57.49	166,800	55.71	874,964					10-12
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.06	16,200	12.33	25,520	12.16	114,960					40-45
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	40-45	45.24	12,016	45.31	14,560	44.03	65,170					40-45
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.00	25,080	44.36	33,200	43.67	139,795					

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. 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 (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		AVG WTS	
	08/20	08/19	08/18	08/17	08/18	08/17	08/13	08/11
ALA	4,331	3,857	3,721	3,718	4.95	5.01	3,689	4.90
ARK	5,438	5,245	5,093	5,071	4.62	4.69	4,503	4.56
DELMARVA	2,590	2,457	2,478	2,443	4.89	4.90	2,358	4.99
KY-LA-TN	1,991	1,787	1,747	1,649	4.31	4.36	1,689	4.28
MISS	2,731	2,740	2,756	2,725	4.73	4.83	3,268	4.88
NC	3,210	2,457	2,491	2,443	5.45	5.48	2,582	5.48
TEXAS	2,045	2,058	1,906	2,004	4.50	4.54	2,797	4.47
TOTAL	22,336	20,601	20,192	20,053	4.79	4.85	20,886	4.80
MON-FRI	103,404(A)				101,822(A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.
 Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 20-Aug and 21-Aug-99 is estimated to be 33,417,000 up 6.62 percent from a week ago and down 2.2 percent from a year ago.
 (Last week 31,342,000; last year 34,175,000)
 Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 21-Aug-99 is estimated to be 154,592,000 head unchanged from a week ago, and up 1.4 percent from a year ago
 (Last week 153,926,000 Last year 152,481,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
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

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

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live weight, week ending August 7, 1999 (Preliminary),

	(A) Fast food/ Food service	(B) Retail	(C) Deboning
	4.20 Lbs & down	4.21-5.25 Lbs	5.26 Lbs & Up
-----THOUSANDS-----			

Head	35,511	38,302	29,304
Avg Weight	3.72	4.82	5.95
% of total /1	34%	37%	28%

COMPARISONS

Last week	32,632	38,259	32,381
Avg Weight	3.73	4.85	5.94
% of total /1	32%	37%	31%
Same week, yr ago /2	39,249	43,722	23,268
Avg Weight	3.85	4.70	6.13
% of total /1	37%	41%	22%
To date/1999	1,015,956	910,129	1,315,722
To date/1998	1,092,457	1,130,727	908,404

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 14-Aug-99 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					

HEAD	153,926(A)	1,910	1,542	3,452	467
AVGWT	4.85	3.45	7.66	5.33	6.41
LAST WEEK	152,521	2,025	1,427	3,452	434
YR AGO	148,754	2,048	1,249	3,297	431
AVGWT	4.77	3.26	7.87	5.01	6.46
TO-DATE/1999	4,851,642	68,878	43,635	112,513	14,178
TO-DATE/1998	4,664,757	67,365	40,383	107,748	14,445

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier 155.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 157.3 million head or 1.4 million more than or 101 percent of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY-- DATE OF AUCTION AUG 17, 1999

PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

	RANGE	RANGE
Banty Hens	1.00 - 3.25ea.	Pekin Ducks .27 - .52
Banty Roosters	2.00 - 6.50ea.	Pigeons 1.50 - 2.15ea.
Bunnies	.50 - 5.50ea.	Pullets 4-6 .60 - .88
Chukars	1.15 - 2.75ea.	Rabbits 4-6 .20 - .68
Crossbred Fowl 5-9	.30 - .86	Rabbits 7-11 .30 - .72
Crossbred Roosters 4-6	.40 - 1.10	Red Fowl 4-4.5 .10 - .34
Crossbred Roosters 7-11	.40 - 1.08	Red Fowl 5-6 .40 - .78
Doves	3.50 - 6.00ea.	Silkie 1.00 - 2.75ea.
Geese 9-14	.12 - .32	White Pigeons 1.75 - 2.75ea.
Guinea Pigs	3.00 - 6.50ea.	
Kid Goats	18.00 -28.00ea.	
Leghorn Hens	.10 - .22	
Leghorn Roosters	.05 - .24	
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.00 - 1.18	
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.00 - 1.14	

Total Coops Sold 868

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FED-STATE FOR WEEK OF 16-AUG-99

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	134	139-140
MIDWEST	117-119	118-120

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	66-67	
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	65-83	68-73

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-69.66
14 OZ.	66.96-76.14
16 OZ.	73.44-83.43

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

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices remained unchanged.

Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was fair to fairly good. Sizes were desirable to heavy. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18 oz

boneless breast at \$4.65-5.25, legs at \$2.80-2.95, bone in legs at \$1.15-1.70, leg quarters at \$1.08-1.15, gizzards \$1.30-1.40, and wings at \$0.40-.60.

PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 16-AUG-99

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	117-119	118
MOSTLY		

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG W	
JULY	10	137.9	154.6	89	4.94
	17	160.3	155.4	103	4.98
	24	156.9	155.7	101	4.9
	31	157.4	156.4	101	5.96
AUGUST 7	15	4.4	156.8	98	4.68
	14	157.3	155.9	101	4.85
YEAR TO DATE	4912.1	4873.2	101		
AUGUST	21	155.5			
	28	154.6			

CALIFORNIA PLTRY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP W/E 14-Aug-99

IN THOUSANDS

Broilers 3,646 HD, 19,142 lbs., Light Hens 201 HD, 704 lbs., Heavy Hens 34 HD, 249 lbs.

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

W/E	8/21/99	8/14/99	%CHG	8/22/98	%CHG
Broilers	154,592	*153,926	0	*152,481	+01
Cattle	721	710	+02	*692	+04
Hogs	1,854	1,864	-01	*1,907	-03

Under Federal Inspection
* ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL Majority prices were unchanged on light canners, but irregular on heavy type. Demand was moderate but unaggressive as traders watch further market developments. Offerings currently were sufficient for trade needs. Undertone unsettled.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS**(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)**

21.5-26 MAJORITY 25-26

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS**(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)**

25.5-29.5 MAJORITY 26-27

HEAVY CANNER HENS**(WITHOUT NECKS)**

33-36.75 MAJORITY 33-35

HEAVY CANNER HENS**(WITHOUT NECKS)**

33-38 MAJORITY 36-36.5

EASTERN LIGHT Prices were unchanged. Demand was light for reduced but fully sufficient offerings. Processing schedules for next week are less than normal at some locations. Undertone steady.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY HENS Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was light for ample offerings. Undertone was cautiously steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIVE LIGHT HEN Prices were unchanged. Offers at least fully adequate for current needs. Finished product movement was reported as rather sluggish. Schedules mixed but usually full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT Plants worked light to moderate schedules. Offerings ample.

LIVE HENS

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

<u>HEAVY</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(2)
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
<u>LIGHT</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Eastern Light	0	(1)
Eastern Light	TFEWR	(2)
So. Central Light	TFEWR	(2)
No. Central Light	TFEWR	(1)
No. Central Light	0-.5	(2)
(1) Buyer Loading	(2) Producer Loading	

(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT