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Majority prices for next week are trending unchanged in the West, lower and too few to report elsewhere. Trade sentiment was generally steady, instances weak in the Midwest. Demand was mixed in the West and parts of the Northeast with slow movement not up to expectations, but all other areas had moderate to good interest with increased orders for the long holiday weekend. Supplies were at least sufficient to handle needs. In the parts structure, trading was fair, best for dark meat and light for breast items. Availability was more than adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, mostly 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 09/06-09/11/99 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	TFEWR	—		
Chicago	48.00-52.00	40.00-64.00	51.92	25
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—		
Cleveland	TFEWR	—		
Denver	65.50	—		
Detroit	TFEWR	—		
Los Angeles	66.00	—		
New York	50.00-53.00	—		
Philadelphia	TFEWR	—		
Pittsburgh	TFEWR	—		
St. Louis	TFEWR	—		
San Francisco	66.50	—		
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	59.00-61.00	43.50-61.50	60.04	82

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 61.50 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.
506	53.00-69.00	61.41

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	200.00	3,886
BREASTS - WHOLE	98.00	1,717
THIGH MEAT - B/S	59.00	558
LEG QUARTERS	23.00	7,695
WINGS	52.50	2,800

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SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was steady at best. Demand was light to fair with hopes of improvement over the extended holiday weekend. Supplies were in balance for current needs. In the parts structure, trading was mixed but mostly fair to fairly good. Supplies were close balanced to sufficient to handle buying interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was generally steady. Preliminary majority prices were unchanged from last week. Offerings adequate to ample. Labor day needs not up to expectations. Retailer demand was moderate overall, best to cover features. Dealers anticipated fair weekend clearances. The market tone was generally steady on all parts with trade sentiment barely steady on breasts.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries were 3 cents lower in Chicago and TFEWR elsewhere. Whole fryer trade sentiment was about steady, instances weak. Offerings were at least adequate for the limited trade needs. Retail movement was mixed, light to good. Food service demand was mostly moderate with Friday orders above normal due to the long holiday weekend. Floor stocks were in balance with sizes desirable to heavy. Supplies were adequate or available for the mostly light trading with dark meat items moving best. Trade sentiment was steady on wings and leg quarters, barely steady on the balance.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying interest on ready to-cook whole broiler/fryers was at least moderate entering the holiday weekend. Offerings were generally adequate on heavier sizes, fully adequate on smaller sizes. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair entering the weekend. The market tone was generally steady. In the parts market, breast items were adequate to fully adequate; adequate on the balance.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was moderate to good entering the holiday lengthened weekend. Offerings were adequate to well cleared and were in the closer balance on the heavier sizes. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were light to heavy, mostly desirable to light. Processing schedules were very heavy when combined with operations slated for Saturday; however, most plants planned to close Monday. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 53 to 65 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. In the parts complex, offerings varied from adequate to well cleared.

*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	50-73
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	56.83
NO. OF BOXES	8,118
CUMULATIVE0	08/30/99-09/03/99 57.80
	08/31/98-09/04/98 68.80
NO. OF BOXES	08/30/99-09/03/99 42,056
	08/31/98-09/04/98 41,691

*6 of 8 plants reporting.

SEP 02, 1999

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

SEP 03, 1999

ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS				WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	705	188.00-238.00	-	217.10	1,044	140.00-238.00	-	210.92	4,002	213.50
TENDERLOINS	149	150.00-200.00	150-155	182.62	244	135.00-200.00	150-155	155.78	698	168.75
BREAST - LINE RUN	116	96.00-97.00	-	96.91	102	95.00-97.00	-	95.20	556	96.63
FRONT HALVES	105	72.00-78.00	-	74.00	110	67.00-84.00	-	75.91	500	79.65
LEGS	88	31.00-37.00	31-32	31.55	16	31.00-37.00	31-32	34.00	368	31.65
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	276	18.00-21.00	19-20	19.26	321	18.00-21.50	19-20	19.51	1,545	19.41
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,558	20.00-24.00	21-23	22.17	1,271	20.00-24.00	22-23	22.59	7,063	22.19
WINGS (WHOLE)	96	51.00-54.00	51-53	52.35	94	53.00-54.00	-	53.36	502	54.24
WINGS (CUT)	406	59.00-71.00	60-61	62.38	548	56.00-71.00	60-61	62.59	1,970	62.69
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				36	37.00
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				24	37.00
B/S THIGHS	90	52.00-68.00	-	57.78	50	56.00-68.00	-	57.82	361	57.39

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

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TODAY'S		TODAY'S		5-DAY
RANGE	AVERAGE	RANGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE
45.00 - 49.50	46.63	42.50 - 52.75	47.71	49.75

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

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

Trucklot buying activity was fair to moderate entering the weekend. Offering of breast items were adequate to fully adequate, generally adequate on the balance. Retail and distributive was light to fair. The market tone was cautiously steady.

SEP 02, 1999	CURRENT NEG	WTD	VOL/LBS	SEP 03, 1999	CURRENT NEG	WTD	VOL/LBS	WEEKLY	
								WTD	VOL/LBS
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**		ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**		AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	195-200	201.81	398,560	BREAST - B/S	195-200	200.08	479,080	200.50	1,618,200
TENDERLOINS	155	153.76	35,440	TENDERLOINS	155	155.37	61,280	154.71	309,510
BREAST - WITH RIBS	92-93	100.30	202,560	BREAST - WITH RIBS	92-93	100.08	217,360	99.55	1,091,600
BREAST - LINE RUN	92	95.35	73,400	BREAST - LINE RUN	92	95.35	109,400	95.09	551,880
LEGS	30-31	34.27	275,960	LEGS	30-31	34.27	164,720	33.90	984,202
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21	21.61	348,820	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21	21.61	534,137	20.96	2,472,373
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	34.00	107,380	DRUMSTICKS	34-35	34.00	111,520	33.62	502,830
THIGHS	20-21	31.79	55,600	THIGHS	20-21	31.79	538,960	30.26	377,400
B/S THIGHS	70-71	72.08	20,920	B/S THIGHS	70-71	72.08	1,640	71.17	177,270
WINGS (WHOLE)	49-50	55.94	215,480	WINGS (WHOLE)	49-50	55.94	1,251,640	56.41	1,040,160
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.02	18,920	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.02	215,920	12.07	111,360
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	59.58	17,912	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	59.58	222,128	57.83	87,234
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.40	28,360	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.40	143,120	42.90	174,880

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	
	09/03	09/02	09/01	08/31	09/01	08/31	08/27	08/25
ALA	4,040	3,912	3,844	3,857	5.12	5.10	4,085	5.07
ARK	5,273	5,217	5,024	5,142	4.55	4.70	6,759	4.69
DELMARVA	2,971	2,478	2,533	2,559	4.96	5.01	2,688	5.00
KY-LA-TN	2,243	1,767	1,781	1,765	4.39	4.43	2,057	4.30
MISS	3,213	2,772	2,775	2,777	4.97	4.89	3,183	4.98
NC	3,099	2,621	2,569	2,474	5.50	5.45	3,176	5.51
TEXAS	2,434	2,015	2,036	1,895	4.56	4.60	2,823	4.47
TOTAL	23,273	20,782	20,562	20,469	4.87	4.90	24,771	4.88
MON-FRI	85,608(A)			84,955(A)				

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 03-Sep and 4-Sep-99 is estimated to be 34,819,000 down 6.33 percent from a week ago and up 2.1 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 37,171,000; last year 34,113,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 04-Sep-99 is estimated to be 157,483,000 head unchanged from a week ago, and up 4.0 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 157,438,000 Last year 151,451,000)

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

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	82-84
ROASTERS 4# & UP	84-90
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	DRY PACK 107 ICE PACK 93-98
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK 112 ICE PACK 104
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK 98 ICE PACK 92
DUCKS	149-166

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live weight, week ending August 21, 1999 (Preliminary),

	(A) Fast food/ Food service 4.20 Lbs & down	(B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs	(C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs & Up
-----THOUSANDS-----			
Head	30,060	36,720	32,146
Avg Weight	3.75	4.83	6.01
% of total /1	30%	37%	32%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	38,751	41,434	31,176
Avg Weight	3.77	4.83	5.99
% of total /1	35%	37%	28%
Same week, yr ago /2	35,307	43,010	26,113
Avg Weight	3.83	4.80	6.09
% of total /1	34%	41%	25%
To date/1999	1,084,768	988,283	1,379,043
To date/1998	1,165,831	1,223,771	955,721

COMPARISONS

/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 28-Aug-99 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	157,438 (A)	1,812	1,546	3,358	428
AVGWT	4.85	3.33	7.94	5.45	6.54
LAST WEEK	154,016	1,952	1,564	3,516	400
YR AGO	149,014	1,984	1,243	3,227	450
AVGWT	4.85	3.51	7.84	5.18	6.21
TO-DATE/1999	5,163,096	72,642	46,745	119,387	15,006
TO-DATE/1998	4,966,252	71,416	42,933	114,349	15,344

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 154.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 159.4 million head or 4.8 million head more than or 103 percent of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY-- DATE OF AUCTION AUG 31, 1999

PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

	RANGE	RANGE
Banty Hens	1.00 - 3.25ea.	Pekin Ducks .22 - .54
Banty Roosters	2.50 - 6.00ea.	Pigeons 1.75 - 2.25ea.
Bunnies	1.00 - 5.00ea.	Pullets 4-6 .60 - .98
Crossbred Fowl 5-9	.60 - .98	Rabbits 4-6 .60 - 1.10
Crossbred Roosters 4-6	.60 - 1.24	Rabbits 7-11 .60 - .98
Crossbred Roosters 7-11	.50 - 1.10	Red Fowl 4-4.5 .40 - .74
Doves	5.50 - 6.00ea.	Red Fowl 5-6 .50 - .94
Geese 9-14	.20 - .34	Silkie 1.25 - 2.25ea.
Goats	35.00 - 45.00ea.	White Pigeons 1.75 - 2.75ea.
Guinea Pigs	3.50 - 6.50ea.	
Kid Goats	20.00 - 38.00ea.	
Leghorn Hens	.10 - .24	
Leghorn Roosters	.10 - .34	
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.00 - 1.12	
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.20 - 1.42	

Total Coops Sold 662

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FED-STATE FOR WEEK OF 30-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
MOSTLY		
MIDWEST	119-124	120-125
MOSTLY	119-121	120-122

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	69-71

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.

Market tone steady. Demand was fair to at times fairly good. Sizes were desirable to heavy. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz 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 30-AUG-99

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	117-119	118
MOSTLY		

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

MILLION HEAD WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT	
JULY	24	156.9	155.7	101	4.90
	31	157.4	156.4	101	4.93
AUGUST	7	154.4	156.8	98	4.68
	14	157.3	155.9	101	4.85
	21	155.9	155.5	100	4.81
	28	159.4	154.6	103	4.85
YEAR TO DATE	5227.4	5183.3	101		
SEPTEMBER	4	152.7			
	11	150.8			

CALIFORNIA PLTRY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP W/E 28-Aug-99

IN THOUSANDS

Broilers 4,820 HD, 24,775 lbs., Light Hens 200 HD, 600 lbs., Heavy Hens 0 HD, 0 lbs.

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	9/04/99	8/28/99	%CHG	9/05/98	%CHG
Broilers	157,483	*157,438	0	*151,451	+04
Cattle	732	722	+01	*694	+05
Hogs	1,960	1,897	+03	*1,939	+01

Under Federal Inspection

* ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL Majority prices ranged from unchanged to slightly lower when compared to a week earlier. Offerings were clearing but adequate for trade needs. Demand was moderate. Undertone was steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
21.5-26.5 MAJORITY 25-26	33-39.75 MAJORITY 33-35
CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED	
LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
26-29 MAJORITY 25.5-27	33-39 MAJORITY 36-36.5

EASTERN LIGHT Prices were unchanged. Demand was light to fair for fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules for next week are generally on holiday schedules. Undertone remains steady.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY HENS Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were generally on holiday schedules for next week. Undertone irregular but barely steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIVE LIGHT HEN Prices remained unchanged. Offerings were fully adequate to ample for current processing needs. Finished product movement was rather sluggish. Schedules were reduced for next week. Trade sentiment about steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT Plants worked desired 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