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Majority prices were unchanged in the West, unchanged to lower elsewhere, mostly lower. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak in the Midwest, about steady in all other areas. Demand was slow to fair, and tapering as dealers in the Northeast evaluated effects of last week's hurricane and current religious holiday on demand. Supplies were adequate to ample and slow to clear. In the parts structure, wings were in the best position with sufficient to close balanced supplies. The remaining items were at least adequate with light movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights mostly desirable but trending heavier due to the onset of cooler weather.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 09/20-09/25/99 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	52.00-54.00	53.03	18	54.79	26
Chicago	43.00-47.00	47.32	48	50.95	83
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	55.73	23
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	59.85	13
Denver	65.50	65.41	17	63.42	42
Detroit	42.00-46.00	46.50	13	53.80	38
Los Angeles	66.00	65.29	56	60.80	144
New York	50.00-53.00	51.47	38	53.41	67
Philadelphia	43.00-50.00	48.14	7	47.87	19
Pittsburgh	45.50-50.00	47.60	10	53.63	57
St. Louis	47.00-47.50	47.38	20	48.42	38
San Francisco	66.50	65.64	32	65.87	79

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	09/20/99	Change/Last Wk	09/13/99	09/21/98
629	55.77	-2.06	57.83	70.47

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	50.00-59.00	52.08	34
Central	50.00-55.75	55.39	53
West	46.00-68.00	57.46	60
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent			
Mississippi	57.00-59.00	58.79	85

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES

The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 61.00 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
1,194	40.00-64.00	58.61

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	181.00	4,236
BREASTS - WHOLE	86.00	2,140
THIGH MEAT - B/S	59.00	578
LEG QUARTERS	22.00	9,195
WINGS	56.50	3,416

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SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was no better than steady. Demand was slow and unaggressive to fair with few trades occurring. Supplies were more than sufficient with additional product available due to some plants processing over the weekend. In the parts structure, wings were in the strongest position with supplies adequate to close balanced. All other parts were sufficient to ample with movement moderate at best, mostly fair. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WEST COAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged from last week. Trading on WOGs for this week's delivery in a wide range, unchanged to lower. The market tone was barely steady. Offerings fully adequate overall. Steep discounts stimulated some additional buying interest. Retailer demand was good where features planned for later in the week, moderate otherwise. Dealers reported moderate weekend carryovers. The market tone was weak on breasts, firm on wings and generally steady on balance of parts. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was down 10.37 at 43.90 with the volume reported at 28 loads up 4 percent.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS The final majority price into Chicago was 3 to 4 cents lower, Detroit down 4 cents, St. Louis decreased 3.5 cents and Cleveland and Cincinnati were TFEWR from last Monday's final majorities. Offers of additional whole fryers available. Retail demand generally slow. Food service movement mixed and overall noted as tapering. Floor stocks adequate to instances fully adequate. Sizes desirable. Supplies of breast items adequate to fully adequate, wings and leg quarters adequate. Trade sentiment about steady on breast items, steady on leg quarters and wings.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers remained slow. Offerings were at least adequate for current needs, however, heavier sizes were becoming more available due to cooler weather and some reduced plant activity last week caused by the weather. Retail and distributive movement continued quiet. The market tone was generally steady. In the parts market, offerings were generally sufficient for trade needs, except wings which were short to adequate.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was generally no better than fair, and was typical of end-of-the month activity. Seller offerings ranged closely cleared to ample and slow to clear on the over 3.0 pound sizes. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were desirable to heavier than desired. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 53 to 65 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. In the parts complex, wings were generally no more adequate. Leg quarters were fully adequate to ample. Breast items remained available for the light and unaggressive buyer.

*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	52-73
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	57.57
NO. OF BOXES	8,841

*6 of 8 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity continued slow as dealers assessed the effects of recent weather and this week's religious holiday on demand. Offerings of wings were short to adequate and the balance of items were variable but mostly adequate for immediate needs. Retail and distributive movement continued quiet. The market tone was cautiously 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 TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	150-160	162.66	446,700
TENDERLOINS	150-155	154.42	56,240
BREAST - WITH RIBS	70-71	81.00	195,440
BREAST - LINE RUN	70	74.45	50,520
LEGS	29-30	34.95	144,880
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	19-20	21.38	336,153
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	34.78	83,320
THIGHS	19-20	30.82	60,120
B/S THIGHS	70-71	69.39	43,360
WINGS (WHOLE)	54-55	63.26	145,720
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.00	17,400
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	64.05	16,216
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	47.04	56,410

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	676	125.00-206.00	145-155	148.97
TENDERLOINS	160	160.00-196.00	-	174.88
BREAST - WITH RIBS	635	70.00-102.00	70-73	73.09
FRONT HALVES	990	48.00-84.00	55-60	58.34
LEGS	NO TRADING REPORTED -			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	241	16.00-21.00	16	16.84
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,113	19.75-22.00	19.75	19.94
WINGS (WHOLE)	237	47.00-69.00	52-57	55.06
DRUMSTICKS	NO TRADING REPORTED -			
THIGHS	NO TRADING REPORTED -			

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	09/20	09/16	09/16	09/13	09/09
ALA	3,899	3,894	5.08	3,835	5.03
ARK	5,224	5,217	4.92	5,127	4.82
DELMARVA	2,469	1,141	5.08	2,477	4.98
KY-LA-TN	1,787	1,789	4.41	1,802	4.37
MISS	2,765	2,764	4.93	2,664	4.94
NC	1,648	819	5.44	2,434	5.53
TEXAS	2,129	2,112	4.70	2,047	4.73
TOTAL	19,921	17,736	4.91	20,386	4.93
MON	19,921 (A)			20,386 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 20-Sep 1999 is estimated to be 29,804,000 down 2.57 percent from a week ago and up 0.64 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 30,591,000, last year 29,615,000)

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	875	135.00-195.00	145-155	155.20
TENDERLOINS	172	150.00-200.00	-	179.74
BREAST - LINE RUN	104	77.00-90.00	77-79	78.00
FRONT HALVES	105	49.00-62.00	-	53.33
LEGS	86	31.00-37.00	31-32	31.42
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	379	15.00-19.50	16-17	16.70
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,498	17.00-24.00	19-21	20.28
WINGS (WHOLE)	243	48.00-57.50	49-52	52.67
WINGS (CUT)	536	59.00-74.00	62-64	62.80
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	90	50.00-68.00	-	56.11

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR SEPTEMBER 20, 1999 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
32.00 - 40.75	35.02	36.23

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 07/05-07/09/99

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	135.00 - 165.00	155.00 - 160.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	70.00 - 83.50	74.00 - 78.00
LEGS	32.00 - 40.00	34.00 - 35.00
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	19.00 - 27.00	19.00 - 20.00
DRUMSTICKS	27.50 - 50.00	28.00 -
WINGS (WHOLE)	48.00 - 69.00	50.00 - 52.00
BACKS AND NECKS	10.00 - 12.00	-
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25.50 - 32.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	30.00 - 42.50	-

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

CENTS PER POUND.	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	78-92
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	80-97
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	88-93
FROZEN DUCKS	145-149
FROZEN SQUABS	589

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

FRESH FRYERS	82-84
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	ICE PACK	92-98
	DRY PACK	107
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK	112
	ICE PACK	104
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	98
	ICE PACK	91-92
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.
September 17,1999

CHICKEN PRICES

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	16.00-17.00	-	17.00-18.00	-
WTD AVERAGE	16.20		17.50	
1,200,000 pounds, this includes 320,000 pounds for export shipment.				

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	14.00	17.50	-	16.00-17.00
WTD AVERAGE	14.00	17.50		16.63
820,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.				
15-20%				
RANGE	13.25-17.00	14.00-18.00	13.00-15.00	13.00-15.00
WTD AVERAGE	16.42	16.00	13.48	14.28
2,106,000 pounds, this includes 746,000 pounds for export shipment.				
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	13.50	-
WTD AVERAGE			13.50	
120,000 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 lower compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were slow with production fully adequate for needs. Trade sentiment was weak.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 LBS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 20-SEP-99

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
	CENTS/LB.		AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-19.5	11-14	12.73

* 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.
September 17,1999

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	17.00-19.00	20.00	-	-
WTD AVERAGE	18.33	20.00		
81,600 pounds, this includes 40,800 pounds for export shipment.				
15-20%				
RANGE	14.00-15.50	15.00-21.00	10.00-12.75	13.00-14.00
WTD AVERAGE	14.40	15.86	11.17	13.40
1,387,200 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 Prices were irregular when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to fair for fully adequate to ample offerings. Processing schedules were mostly normal, although some were down for the holiday. Undertone was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 20-SEP-99

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
	CENTS/LB.		AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5.75-16.5	10-14.5	12.48

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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