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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were irregular, but mostly trending unchanged. Trade sentiment was mixed, mostly about steady. Demand was light to fairly good as features and extended weekend needs helped stimulate interest. Supplies were closer balanced to fully sufficient for needs. In the parts structure, breast items were adequate to at times short of an active call for bone-in. All other items were more than sufficient with light movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

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 10/04-10/09/99 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	TFEWR	—		
Chicago	40.00-44.00	35.00-61.25	44.04	23
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—		
Cleveland	TFEWR	—		
Denver	63.50	—		
Detroit	TFEWR	—		
Los Angeles	64.00	—		
New York	45.00-48.00	—		
Philadelphia	TFEWR	—		
Pittsburgh	TFEWR	—		
St. Louis	TFEWR	—		
San Francisco	64.50	—		
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	55.00-57.50	35.00-59.50	56.94	83

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 58.75 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.
659	37.00-62.00	58.45

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	147.00	4,127
BREASTS - WHOLE	70.00	2,111
THIGH MEAT - B/S	59.00	575
LEG QUARTERS	19.50	8,835
WINGS	58.00	3,021

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SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was steady to instances fully steady. Demand had improved due to first of the month business, retail specials, and trade securing last minute weekend needs. Supplies were better balanced to closely cleared for increased buyer interest. In the parts structure, demand for breast items improved with supplies adequate to barely adequate. Wings were sufficient and moving, and dark meat items were more than sufficient with light movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable to sometimes heavier.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was about steady. Preliminary majority prices were unchanged from last week. Offerings were adequate overall with light weights in the closest position. Demand improved by stores and restaurants to cover the extended weekend needs. Dealers anticipated light to moderate weekend carryovers. The market tone was firm on breasts and about steady on balance of parts.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into Chicago were generally unchanged and TFEWR elsewhere. Offerings were adequate for trade needs. Whole bird trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Retail demand was fair as first of the month and features helped to stimulate movement. Food service demand was mostly moderate. Floor stocks were adequate with sizes desirable to heavy. Parts trading was fair on breast and leg quarters, slow to light for all other parts. Supplies were adequate to ample with bone-in breasts in close balance. Trade sentiment fully steady on whole breasts, steady on the balance.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying interest on ready to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair. Offerings were generally adequate and easily covered demand. Retail and distributive movement was about moderate with dealers cautious as they looked ahead. The market tone remained about steady. In the parts market, product was usually adequate to cover current trade requirements with bone-in breasts in the closest position.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds increased entering the weekend and was generally noted as seasonally fair to good. Seller offerings were irregularly available, affected in some instances by plant downtime, but fully sufficient overall. Live supplies remained at least moderate; weights varied in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were just moderate in total. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 48 to 60 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. In the parts complex, interest continued to center on the well balanced to tight supply of bone-in-breasts. Other items were fully adequate.

*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		43-70
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		52.12
NO. OF BOXES		8,508
CUMULATIVE	10/04/99-10/08/99	51.97
	10/05/98-10/09/98	63.78
NO. OF BOXES	10/04/99-10/08/99	44,467
	10/05/98-10/09/98	37,926

*6 of 8 plants reporting.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

OCT 08, 1999

ITEM	POUNDS				WTD	POUNDS				WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG		(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	647	124.00-170.00	129-135	134.18	627	129.00-170.00	130-140	135.92	2,975	135.67	
TENDERLOINS	277	140.00-195.00	145-147	149.87	232	140.00-200.00	140-145	166.98	865	161.39	
BREAST - LINE RUN	101	60.00-74.00	60-62	60.69	81	66.00-74.00	66-68	66.49	485	61.77	
FRONT HALVES	75	44.00-47.00	-	45.60	75	45.00-51.00	-	48.20	445	46.58	
LEGS	87	25.00-34.00	25-26	25.72	88	24.00-33.00	24-25	24.82	276	25.86	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	396	14.00-18.00	15-16	15.27	429	14.00-20.00	14-15	15.41	1,773	15.48	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,178	16.50-21.00	19-20	19.40	1,338	16.50-20.00	18-19	19.03	5,867	19.06	
WINGS (WHOLE)	148	52.00-58.00	54-55	55.22	124	56.00-58.00	-	56.85	645	55.50	
WINGS (CUT)	441	61.00-77.00	64-66	65.05	1,201	63.00-77.00	63-65	63.97	2,988	65.57	
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				48	33.92	
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				64	20.16	
B/S THIGHS	84	50.00-68.00	-	53.24	55	51.00-68.00	-	53.91	402	53.97	

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
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RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
29.00 - 32.50	30.44	29.50 - 39.50	31.81	30.95

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 was moderate and generally reported as typical for a Friday. Offerings were in closest balance on bone in breasts, at least adequate on the balance. Retail and distributive movement was fair with dealers still cautious as they looked ahead. 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.

OCT 07, 1999

CURRENT NEG WTD

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OCT 08, 1999 WEEKLY

ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	135	139.82	412,280	135	136.16	662,080	138.55	2,503,720
TENDERLOINS	150	150.07	72,960	150	150.61	81,400	152.78	318,270
BREAST - WITH RIBS	57-58	67.77	216,080	59-60	66.32	247,280	65.69	1,677,800
BREAST - LINE RUN	57	60.00	81,800	59	62.31	128,680	58.68	628,280
LEGS	25-26	30.99	149,320	25-26	30.39	226,800	30.82	919,440
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	15-16	17.03	598,351	15-16	17.92	402,040	17.03	2,157,089
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	32.85	97,760	34-35	32.83	121,300	32.63	555,920
THIGHS	18-19	28.62	76,960	18-19	27.85	100,340	28.06	464,620
B/S THIGHS	69-70	71.59	53,560	69-70	72.97	37,400	72.01	225,770
WINGS (WHOLE)	55-56	63.37	230,480	55-56	63.44	228,920	63.82	1,056,520
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.36	23,960	10-12	12.27	32,960	12.21	126,560
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	60.17	22,136	55-60	59.16	41,232	59.56	148,816
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	49.26	52,840	40-45	49.89	63,280	49.56	299,700

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	
	10/08	10/07	10/06	10/05	10/06	10/05	10/01	09/29
ALA	4,132	3,805	3,898	3,800	5.19	5.21	4,175	5.15
ARK	4,970	4,719	5,224	4,931	4.93	4.91	5,066	4.70
DELMARVA	2,122	2,429	2,473	2,430	4.98	5.09	2,260	5.03
KY-LA-TN	1,968	1,578	1,806	1,761	4.44	4.54	1,842	4.41
MISS	3,190	2,801	2,781	2,378	5.32	5.13	3,481	4.98
NC	2,816	2,457	2,542	2,516	5.79	5.77	3,178	5.77
TEXAS	2,293	2,117	2,096	2,104	4.78	4.91	1,939	4.71
TOTAL	21,491	19,906	20,380	19,920	5.08	5.09	21,941	4.97
MON-FRI	102,967(A)				103,559(A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 08-Oct and 9-Oct-99 is estimated to be 32,153,000 down 2.34 percent from a week ago and up 3.6 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,925,000; last year 31,039,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 09-Oct-99 is estimated to be 154,786,000 head up 0.6 percent from a week ago, and up 3.8 percent from a year ago

(Last week 153,908,000 Last year 149,179,000)

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

FRESH FRYERS	80-82
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	91-96
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK	112
	ICE PACK	104
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	98
	ICE PACK	91-92
DUCKS		149-166

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live weight, week ending Sep. 25, 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	27,728	41,082	41,556
Avg Weight	3.80	4.82	6.09
% of total /1	25%	37%	38%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	24,073	42,288	40,075
Avg Weight	3.84	4.75	6.07
% of total /1	23%	40%	38%
Same week, yr ago /2	32,052	42,448	33,285
Avg Weight	3.79	4.83	6.01
% of total /1	30%	39%	31%
To date/1999	1,220,716	1,184,509	1,549,005
To date/1998	1,335,425	1,414,500	1,088,709

/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 02-Oct-99 (PRELIMINARY)

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

HEAD	153,908(A)	1,946	1,742	3,688	448
AVGWT	4.94	3.44	7.86	5.52	6.79
LAST WEEK	155,941	1,994	1,657	3,651	506
YR AGO	145,051	1,809	1,312	3,121	465
AVGWT	4.92	3.31	7.76	5.18	6.53
TO-DATE/1999	5,916,491	82,062	54,518	136,580	17,275
TO-DATE/1998	5,690,150	80,783	49,197	129,980	17,634

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 151.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 155.8 million head or 4.0 million head more than or 103 percent of estimated fryers available.

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FED-STATE FOR WEEK OF 04-OCT-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	121-125	122-126
MOSTLY	121-123	122-124

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

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	65-68	65-66
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	65-83	69-75

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 unchanged. Market tone steady. Demand was moderate to instances good. Slaughter schedules at normal levels this week. Weights were desirable. 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, gizzards \$1.30-1.40, wings at \$0.40-.60, and leg quarters at \$1.08-1.15.

PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 04-OCT-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 WT
AUGUST	28 159.4	154.6	103	4.85
SEPTEMBER	4 157.9	152.7	103	4.86
	11 136.8	150.8	91	4.91
	18 154.2	151.7	102	4.87
	25 157.8	153.2	103	5.04
	2 155.8	151.8	103	4.94
YEAR TO DATE	5989.9	5943.5	101	
OCTOBER	9	149.7		
	16	148.5		

CALIFORNIA PLTRY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP W/E 02-Oct-99

IN THOUSANDS

Broilers 4,271 HD, 21,355 lbs., Light Hens 201 HD, 718 lbs., Heavy Hens 0 HD, 0 lbs.

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

W/E	10/09/99	10/02/99	%CHG	10/10/98	%CHG
Broilers	154,786	*153,908	+01	*149,179	+04
Cattle	723	719	+01	*669	+08
Hogs	2,037	2,060	+02	*2,060	+02

Under Federal Inspection

* ACTUAL

***EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY ----- NO REPORT ISSUED
INFORMAION UNAVAILABLE
AUCTIONS CLOSED OCTOBER 5, 1999***

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL Prices were again irregular when compared to a week earlier. However, some improvement was noted on heavy cannery as retail interest increases. Demand was moderate for usually adequate offerings. Undertone was steady on light cannery, and steady to fully steady on heavy cannery. CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
21-25.5 MAJORITY	25-25.5 MAJORITY
	33-34 MAJORITY

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
25-27 MAJORITY	32-36.5 MAJORITY
	35.75-36.25

EASTERN LIGHT Prices were unchanged. Demand was light for ample offerings. Processing schedules were mostly normal for next week. Finished product sales were clearing. Undertone was steady.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY HENS Sales were too few to report prices. Offerings were fully adequate for a light to moderate demand. Processing schedules were mostly normal for next week. The undertone was usually steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIVE LIGHT HEN Prices were unchanged. Offerings were excessive for the light demand. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady at best.

WEST COAST LIGHT Plant schedules fairly heavy. 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 f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	(2)
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