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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were mixed, mostly trending unchanged to higher; however, trade sentiment was reported as steady to about steady. Demand into retail was slow to fair, occasionally moderate. Food service was fair to fairly good. Supplies of smaller sized product were close balanced, but heavier weights were more available and slow to clear. In the parts structure, availability of breast items was irregular, but mostly adequate. The remaining items were usually sufficient with light demand. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy.

**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 10/11-10/16/99 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
(Including branded product)				
Bos/New Eng	TFEWR	—		
Chicago	43.00-46.00	40.00-60.50	46.24	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	57.00-58.00	39.50-59.50	57.18	82

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 58.50 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.
578	45.00-61.25	58.26

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	150.00	3,898
BREASTS - WHOLE	71.50	1,751
THIGH MEAT - B/S	58.00	554
LEG QUARTERS	19.50	7,675
WINGS	57.50	2,642

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**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was generally steady. Movement was fair to moderate, best where featured, with an increase in trading reported. Supplies were sufficient to close balanced for present needs. In the parts structure, trading was best for breast items with supplies well balanced to closely cleared. All other items were at least adequate with fair movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** The market tone was generally steady with the preliminary majority prices unchanged from last week. Offerings adequate to fully adequate for full trade needs. Lighter weights in the closest position and held with some confidence. Retailer demand was moderate overall, fairly good where features in progress. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend clearances. Parts were generally steady and adequate overall.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into Chicago were 2 to 3 cents higher and TFEWR elsewhere. Whole fryer trade sentiment was at least steady with offerings limited for the light buyer interest. Retail demand was below normal for the season. Movement into food service accounts was irregular, light to good, best where special events are occurring. Floor stocks were in balance to long. Sizes were desirable to heavy. Parts trading was mixed, best interest on breasts and wings. Supplies were adequate to short on breast items, fully adequate to ample on balance. Trade sentiment mostly steady on all parts.

**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trucklot buying interest on ready to-cook whole broiler/fryers continued about moderate. Larger sizes were mostly available and being discounted, and lighter weights were sufficient for current trade requirements. Retail and distributive movement was no better than fair. The market tone was about steady. In the parts market, breast items were appearing at discounted levels and the remainder of items were at least adequate.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally fair to moderate entering the weekend. Seller offerings varied from in close balance, mainly on the under 3 pound sizes, to ample and somewhat slow to clear on the larger sizes. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights varied, and were mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were just moderate as both planned and unplanned downtime was reported. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 48 to 60 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. Breast cuts, particularly boneless skinless were ample. Leg quarters were adequate. Wings were irregularly balanced.

\*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	47-66
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	51.89
NO. OF BOXES	9,102
CUMULATIVE	10/11/99-10/15/99 51.96
	10/12/98-10/16/98 64.19
NO. OF BOXES	10/11/99-10/15/99 48,298
	10/12/98-10/16/98 37,875

\*6 of 8 plants reporting.

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**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

OCT 15, 1999

ITEM	POUNDS				WTD AVG	POUNDS				WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD		(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	645	125.00-179.00	130-135	135.96	610	125.00-179.00	130-135	135.63	2,631	136.53	
TENDERLOINS	92	145.00-180.00	-	153.37	117	135.00-180.00	140-145	147.09	442	148.52	
BREAST - LINE RUN	83	67.00-73.00	-	67.36	72	68.00-72.50	68-69	68.31	394	68.15	
FRONT HALVES	55	48.00-50.00	-	48.73	45	46.00-51.00	-	47.11	245	48.47	
LEGS	88	23.00-33.00	23-24	23.91	86	22.00-33.00	22-23	23.23	350	23.74	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	349	14.00-18.00	14-15	14.91	427	14.00-18.00	14-15	15.28	1,554	15.19	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,218	16.00-20.00	18-19	18.93	1,261	16.50-20.00	18-19	18.94	4,555	18.95	
WINGS (WHOLE)	159	52.00-59.50	54-56	56.09	148	56.00-59.50	56-57	56.79	545	56.88	
WINGS (CUT)	413	61.00-77.00	64-66	64.04	494	61.00-77.00	64-66	64.39	1,800	65.22	
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				37	31.70	
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				59	20.12	
B/S THIGHS	60	51.00-68.00	-	52.77	66	50.00-57.00	-	53.14	295	52.98	

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 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS  
 TRADING FOR OCT 14, 1999 — F.O.B. DOCK.

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RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
31.00 - 34.00	31.82	30.00 - 34.50	31.20	31.71

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 about moderate heading into the weekend. Offerings of breast items were becoming more available and buyers sought lower prices; all other items were at least adequate for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was usually no better than fair. The market tone was barely steady to weak.

PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES. OCT 15, 1999

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD	CURRENT NEG			WTD
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	
BREAST - B/S	135	140.98	399,370	135	139.86	584,680	140.76	
TENDERLOINS	150	149.93	72,840	150	150.81	101,600	150.32	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	61-62	69.35	238,640	61-62	68.77	322,880	68.86	
BREAST - LINE RUN	61	64.30	92,200	61	63.68	172,360	64.01	
LEGS	25-26	28.15	213,360	25-26	28.92	274,240	29.17	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	16-17	17.47	502,515	16-17	18.14	565,131	17.56	
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	31.37	124,980	34-35	31.29	146,560	31.96	
THIGHS	17-18	29.11	87,240	17-18	32.23	141,960	28.65	
B/S THIGHS	69-70	73.20	47,120	69-70	74.67	47,080	73.44	
WINGS (WHOLE)	57-58	65.56	204,400	57-58	64.96	244,120	65.53	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.76	28,760	10-12	12.16	44,921	11.99	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	60.15	36,831	55-60	60.30	55,492	59.99	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	49.97	34,760	40-45	49.46	50,120	49.48	

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	
	10/15	10/14	10/13	10/12	10/13	10/12	10/08	10/06
ALA	3,888	3,838	3,898	3,775	5.14	5.22	4,317	5.19
ARK	4,898	4,930	5,224	5,072	4.91	4.91	6,123	4.93
DELMARVA	2,160	2,425	2,473	2,431	5.03	5.07	2,132	4.98
KY-LA-TN	1,793	1,787	1,806	1,802	4.41	4.47	1,901	4.44
MISS	2,719	2,801	2,781	2,751	5.16	5.17	2,996	5.32
NC	2,573	2,632	2,542	2,554	5.81	5.86	2,896	5.79
TEXAS	2,090	2,084	2,096	2,049	4.75	4.80	2,272	4.78
TOTAL	20,121	20,497	20,111	20,434	5.05	5.09	22,637	5.08
MON-FRI	102,480(A)				102,987(A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.  
 Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 15-Oct and 16-Oct-99 is estimated to be 30,103,000 down 11.38 percent from a week ago and down 5.9 percent from a year ago.  
 (Last week 33,969,000; last year 31,996,000)  
 Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 16-Oct-99 is estimated to be 153,977,000 head up 0.6 percent from a week ago, and up 3.4 percent from a year ago  
 (Last week 153,081,000 Last year 148,938,000)

**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	125-135
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	ICE PACK	104
	DRY PACK	112
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	98
	ICE PACK	91
DUCKS		149-166

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED** Under federal inspection, classified by live weight, week ending Oct. 02, 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	28,439	34,969	46,784
Avg Weight	3.82	4.73	6.11
% of total /1	26%	32%	42%
<b>COMPARISONS</b>			
Last week	27,728	41,082	41,556
Avg Weight	3.80	4.82	6.09
% of total /1	25%	37%	38%
Same week, yr ago /2	23,298	23,840	21,362
Avg Weight	3.85	4.75	6.01
% of total /1	34%	35%	31%
To date/1999	1,249,155	1,219,195	1,595,789
To date/1998	1,358,723	1,438,340	1,110,071

/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 09-Oct-99 (PRELIMINARY)

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

HEAD	153,081(A)	1,831	1,652	3,483	430
AVGWT	5.06	3.36	7.80	5.47	6.61
LAST WEEK	153,908	1,946	1,742	3,688	448
YR AGO	149,179	1,701	1,380	3,081	420
AVGWT	4.94	3.50	9.15	6.03	6.43
TO-DATE/1999	6,069,572	83,893	56,170	140,063	17,705
TO-DATE/1998	5,839,329	82,484	50,577	133,061	18,054

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 149.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 154.9 million head or 5.2 million head more than or 103 percent of estimated fryers available.

**EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION OCT 12, 1999**

PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

	RANGE	RANGE
Banty Hens	1.50 - 3.25ea.	Pekin Ducks .40 - .62
Banty Roosters	2.50 - 7.00ea.	Pigeons .50 - 1.25ea.
Bunnies	2.00 - 7.00ea.	Pullets 4-6 .60 - .74
Chukars	1.25 - 1.75ea.	Rabbits 7-11 .80 - 1.10
Crossbred Fowl 5-9	.50 - .74	Rabbits 4-6 .80 - 1.18
Crossbred Roosters 4-6	.50 - .84	Red Fowl 4-4.5 .40 - .58
Crossbred Roosters 7-11	.40 - .92	Red Fowl 5-6 .50 - .76
Doves	2.50 - 5.00ea.	Silkie 2.50 - 3.75ea.
Geese 9-14	.20 - .32	White Pigeons 2.00 - 2.50ea.
Goats	40.00 - 58.00ea.	
Guinea Fowl	1.55 - 2.10	
Guinea Pigs	5.00 - 7.50ea.	
Kid Goats	20.00 - 32.00ea.	
Leghorn Hens	.12 - .22	
Leghorn Roosters	.20 - .40	
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.70 - .82	
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.60 - .78	
Total Coops Sold	610	

**EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FED-STATE FOR WEEK OF 11-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 were unchanged. Trade sentiment remained steady. Demand was fair to fairly good.

Slaughter schedules were reduced some due to lower bird weight. 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 11-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
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
OCTOBER	2 155.8	151.8	103	4.94
	9 154.9	149.7	103	5.06
YEAR TO DATE	6144.8	6093.2	101	
OCTOBER	16 148.5	148.3		
	23 148.3			

**CALIFORNIA PLTRY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP W/E 09-Oct-99**

IN THOUSANDS

Broilers 3,872 HD, 19,747 lbs., Light Hens 150 HD, 530 lbs., Heavy Hens 0 HD, 0 lbs.

**BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**

W/E	10/16/99	10/09/99	%CHG	10/17/98	%CHG
Broilers	153,977	*153,081	+01	*148,938	+03
Cattle	711	723	-02	*676	+05
Hogs	2,109	2,032	+04	*2,066	+02

Under Federal Inspection

\* ACTUAL

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL** Majority prices were usually unchanged on light cannery and mostly unchanged to slightly higher on heavy cannery. Retail interest continued to improve. Canner interest ranged from light to moderate. Offerings were sufficient for full needs but product was clearing. Undertone was mostly steady, however slight improvement was noted.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
21-26 MAJORITY 25-25.5	32.5-34 MAJORITY 32.5-33.5

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
25-28 MAJORITY 25.75-27	31.25-36.5 MAJORITY 36-36.5

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

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY HENS** Trading was too few sales to report prices. Offerings were fully adequate for a moderate demand. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was steady.

**NORTH CENTRAL LIVE LIGHT HEN** Prices unchanged. Offerings were fully adequate to ample for the limited demand. Finished product was clearing at current values. Trade sentiment about steady.

**WEST COAST LIGHT** Plant schedules generally full. Offerings ample.

**LIVE HENS**

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

<b><u>HEAVY</u></b>	<b><u>RANGE</u></b>	<b><u>MAJORITY</u></b>
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(2)
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR	(1)

<b><u>LIGHT</u></b>	<b><u>RANGE</u></b>	<b><u>MAJORITY</u></b>
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