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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were trending unchanged in the West, unchanged to higher elsewhere. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand covered the full range, best for features and promotional activity. Supplies were sufficient to close balanced for smaller sizes, fully adequate for heavier weights; however, reduced processing schedules for next week may affect availability. In the parts structure, bone-in breasts were in the closest position and received best interest. The remaining items were at least adequate with slow to fair movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, 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 10/25-10/30/99 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	TFEWR	—		
Chicago	47.00-50.00	45.00-61.00	49.58	25
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—		
Cleveland	TFEWR	—		
Denver	63.50	—		
Detroit	TFEWR	—		
Los Angeles	64.00	—		
New York	49.00-51.00	—		
Philadelphia	TFEWR	—		
Pittsburgh	TFEWR	—		
St. Louis	TFEWR	—		
San Francisco	64.50	—		
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	57.00-58.50	44.50-59.50	57.72	85

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.
556	46.25-61.25	58.32

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	149.00	3,040
BREASTS - WHOLE	73.00	1,749
THIGH MEAT - B/S	62.00	329
LEG QUARTERS	19.50	7,156
WINGS	58.00	2,259

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SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand was fair to moderately good, best for retail features and fast food promotions. Supplies were in good balance to barely adequate for trade needs. In the parts structure, all items were at least adequate with fair movement except bone-in breasts which were sufficient to well cleared and moving. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market was fully steady. Regular commitments traded at mainly unchanged prices but new negotiations took place at higher levels. Offerings in good balance with the moderate buyer interest and were held confidently. Retailer demand moderate to fairly good, best where features ran. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers. Parts steady.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into Chicago were 4 cents higher, all other areas TFEWR from last Monday's reported prices. Whole fryer trade sentiment was at least steady. Retail demand was seasonally slow to fair at best with Ohio and Chicago reporting some improvement for the weekend. Food service movement was mixed, slow to instances fairly good, best for fast food. Floor stocks adequate to ample with sizes desirable to heavy. Parts trading was limited with bone-in breasts and wings the best call. Supplies were adequate. Trade sentiment was about steady on all items.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying interest on ready to-cook whole broiler/fryers was about fair as the weekend approached. Offerings were usually more than adequate, however, 3 pound birds were occasionally tight. Retail and distributive movement was mostly moderate. The market tone was steady. In the parts market, bone-in breasts continued short to adequate and all remaining items were generally more than sufficient.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds entering the weekend was seasonally fair to good. Offerings varied from closely cleared to fully adequate and were generally more available on the larger sizes. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were reduced in instances and were just moderate in total. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 51 to 63 cents. Bone-in breasts were adequate to tight. Boneless skinless breasts and some tenders were available and slow to clear. Leg quarters were adequate to fully adequate and in fairly good balance. Wings remained ample.

*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	47-63
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	54.71
NO. OF BOXES	10,867
CUMULATIVE	10/18/99-10/22/99 53.26
	10/19/98-10/23/98 63.45
NO. OF BOXES	10/18/99-10/22/99 49,603
	10/19/98-10/23/98 41,960

*6 of 8 plants reporting.

OCTOBER 21, 1999

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

OCTOBER 22, 1999

ITEM	POUNDS				WTD AVG	POUNDS				WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY			(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	598	134.00-181.00	135-140		140.91	633	137.00-181.00	140-145	141.19	2,907	140.44
TENDERLOINS	91	140.00-180.00	140-145		150.49	272	140.00-200.00	-	160.88	654	162.95
BREAST - LINE RUN	79	68.00-75.00	68-69		69.04	88	73.00-75.00	-	73.27	381	69.65
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT					TOO FEW TO REPORT				255	54.79
LEGS	86	23.00-33.00	23-24		23.70	88	23.00-33.00	23-25	23.91	432	23.32
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	467	14.00-18.00	14-15		15.17	288	14.50-18.00	14.5-15.5	15.40	1,876	15.27
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,253	17.00-20.00	18-19		19.03	1,451	17.00-20.00	19-20	19.02	6,149	19.04
WINGS (WHOLE)	156	54.00-57.00	55-56		56.13	316	56.00-66.00	57-59	61.65	920	58.29
WINGS (CUT)	428	60.00-77.00	64-66		65.22	242	64.00-74.00	64-66	65.16	1,909	65.39
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT					TOO FEW TO REPORT				34	33.00
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT					TOO FEW TO REPORT				34	33.00
B/S THIGHS	91	51.00-68.00	-		53.82	91	51.00-68.00	-	53.49	437	53.66

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR OCTOBER 21, 1999 — F.O.B. DOCK.

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TRADING FOR JUNE 04— F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
32.50 - 40.00	35.84	41.25-48.00	41.74	35.56

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. Offerings of bone-in breasts remained adequate to short of needs, and all other items were at least adequate. Retail and distributive movement was no better than fair and little optimism was expressed for next week. The market tone was fully steady to firm on bone-in breasts and generally 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
	TRADING*					TRADING*				
BREAST - B/S	130-135			140.94	345,160	130-135			140.88	494,560
TENDERLOINS	145			145.33	80,280	145			144.90	61,990
BREAST - WITH RIBS	61-62			69.92	268,960	63-64			70.95	240,440
BREAST - LINE RUN	61			67.05	103,240	63			68.01	151,200
LEGS	25-26			30.33	170,000	26-27			30.11	187,680
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	16-17			17.84	353,229	16-17			19.01	406,322
DRUMSTICKS	34-35			31.72	107,420	34-35			31.59	98,790
THIGHS	17-18			28.57	93,390	17-18			28.88	73,920
B/S THIGHS	69-70			72.74	57,480	69-70			71.58	54,440
WINGS (WHOLE)	57-58			65.66	183,440	57-58			66.13	188,680
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12			12.04	29,080	10-12			12.14	29,200
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60			59.89	54,672	55-60			52.50	49,856
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45			50.00	37,360	40-45			49.07	27,000

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	
	10/22	10/21	10/20	10/19	10/20	10/19	10/15	10/13
ALA	4,181	3,918	3,898	3,819	5.25	5.22	3,774	5.14
ARK	5,346	5,222	5,224	5,146	4.90	4.92	4,672	4.91
DELMARVA	2,261	2,338	2,473	2,430	5.03	5.05	2,152	5.03
KY-LA-TN	1,780	1,796	1,806	1,809	4.43	4.50	1,810	4.41
MISS	2,786	2,790	2,781	2,796	5.17	5.23	3,030	5.16
NC	2,994	2,576	2,542	2,547	5.80	5.85	2,532	5.81
TEXAS	2,299	2,155	2,096	2,117	4.81	4.99	2,342	4.75
TOTAL	21,647	20,795	19,931	20,664	5.08	5.12	20,312	5.05

MON-FRI 103,965 (A) 101,951 (A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 22-Oct and 23-Oct-99 is estimated to be 32,386,000 up 6.25 percent from a week ago and up 4.3 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 30,480,000; last year 31,052,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 23-Oct-99 is estimated to be 156,987,000 head up 2.4 percent from a week ago, and up 7.2 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 153,293,000 Last year 146,439,000)

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

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	80-82
ROASTERS 4# & UP	82-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	83-88
DUCKS	125
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#	ICE PACK	91
	DRY PACK	98
DUCKS		149-166

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live weight, week ending October 9, 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	26,867	35,085	39,120
Avg Weight	3.77	4.84	6.13
% of total /1	27%	35%	39%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	28,439	34,969	46,784
Avg Weight	3.82	4.73	6.11
% of total /1	26%	32%	42%
Same week, yr ago /2	31,060	35,715	34,584
Avg Weight	3.84	4.88	6.02
% of total /1	31%	35%	34%
To date/1999	1,276,022	1,254,280	1,634,909
To date/1998	1,389,783	1,474,055	1,144,655

/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 16-Oct-99 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	153,293 (A)	1,683	1,620	3,303	450
AVGWT	5.08	3.45	7.63	5.50	6.53
LAST WEEK	153,081	1,831	1,652	3,483	430
YR AGO	148,938	1,606	1,293	2,899	317
AVGWT	4.96	3.40	7.84	5.38	6.65
TO-DATE/1999	6,222,865	85,576	57,790	143,366	18,155
TO-DATE/1998	5,988,267	84,090	51,870	135,960	18,371

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 148.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 155.2 million head or 6.7 million head more than or 105 percent of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY-- DATE OF AUCTION OCT. 19, 1999

PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

	RANGE	RANGE
Banty Hens	1.00 - 3.50 ea.	Pekin Ducks 2.50 -4.00
Banty Roosters	1.00 - 4.00 ea.	Pigeons 1.20 -2.00 ea.
Bunnies	2.50 - 6.00 ea.	Rabbits 4-6 .40 - .60
Crossbred Fowl 5-9	.40 - .60	Rabbits 7-11 .40 - .60
Crossbred Roosters 4-6	.50 - .78	Red Fowl 4-4.5 .30 - .60
Crossbred Roosters 7-11	.50 - .64	Red Fowl 5-6 .40 - .78
Doves	2.50 - 4.50 ea.	Silkie 2.50 -4.00ea.
Geese 9-14	.20 - .36	White Pigeons 1.90 -2.50ea.
Guinea Fowl	5.50 - 8.50	
Guinea Pigs	6.25 - 7.35 ea.	
Kid Goats	25.00 -30.00 ea.	
Leghorn Hens	.10 - .18	
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.40 - .70	
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.40 - .66	
Total Coops Sold	368	

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FED-STATE for WEEK OF OCT. 18, 1998

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	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 was steady. Overall demand was fair to fairly good. Slaughter schedules were back to normal levels. Weights desirable. 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, 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 18-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 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
16	155.2	148.5	105	5.08
YEAR TO DATE	6,300.0	6,241.7	101	
OCTOBER 23		148.3		
30		148.5		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

W/E	10/22/99	10/16/99	%CHG	10/23/98	%CHG
Broilers	156,987	*153,293	+2.4%	*146,439	+7.2%
Cattle	702	711	-01%	*687	+02%
Hogs	2,076	2,085	N/C	*2,059	+01%
Under Federal Inspection					
* ACTUAL					

CALIFORNIA PLTRY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP W/E 29-May-99

IN THOUSANDS

Broilers 3,827 HD, 20,015 lbs., Light Hens 150 HD, 516 lbs., Heavy Hens 0 HD, 0 lbs.

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL Majority prices were about unchanged on light canners and unchanged to slightly higher on heavy canners. Retail interest continued to improve. Canner interest ranged from light to improved. Offerings were sufficient for needs but product was clearing. Undertone was generally steady to fully steady on heavy canners and mostly steady on lights.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
20-27 MAJORITY 25-25.5	32.5-34 MAJORITY 33-34
CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED	

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
25-29 MAJORITY 26-27	32.25-36.75 MAJORITY 36.25-36.5

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

SOUTHEAST HEAVY HENS Trading were too few to report prices. Offerings were fully adequate but not as available as last week. Demand was moderate. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIVE LIGHT HEN Prices unchanged. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the light to moderate demand. Trade sentiment continues about steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT Plant schedules 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	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	0	(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