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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were trending unchanged to higher. Trade sentiment was steady to firm in the East and South, steady elsewhere. Demand was light to fair into retail channels but improvements are expected for next week with planned features and possible first-of-the-month business. Food service was light to good, best for fast food. Supplies were sufficient to tight, at times ample in the Midwest. In the parts structure, interest for leg quarters and wings increased also due to upcoming features, and breast items continued to clear well. Availability was sufficient to close balanced. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range.

**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 11/01-11/06/99 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	TFEWR	—		
Chicago	51.00-53.00	49.00-61.00	52.89	23
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—		
Cleveland	TFEWR	—		
Denver	63.50	—		
Detroit	TFEWR	—		
Los Angeles	64.00	—		
New York	52.00-54.00	—		
Philadelphia	TFEWR	—		
Pittsburgh	TFEWR	—		
St. Louis	TFEWR	—		
San Francisco	64.50	—		
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	57.00-59.00	45.00-59.50	57.90	81

**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.
569	53.50-61.75	58.32

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD. AVG.	VOLUME
	(CENTS PER POUND)	(000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	148.00	3,895
BREASTS - WHOLE	76.00	1,733
THIGH MEAT - B/S	59.50	557
LEG QUARTERS	19.50	7,682
WINGS	58.50	2,645

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**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand was fair to good, best where featured. Supplies were well balanced and clearing. In the parts structure, trading activity increased due in part to retail ads planned or in progress. Movement was strongest for breast items, but some renewed interest was reported for wings and leg quarters. Availability was sufficient to short for breast items, adequate to fully adequate for the remaining items. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Preliminary majority prices unchanged from last week. The market tone was steady on regular commitments. Offerings in fairly good balance with the fair buyer interest. Retailer demand overall moderate for wholebody and fairly good for parts, best where featured. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances. The market tone was firm on breast fronts, leg quarters and thighs with balance of parts steady.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into Chicago were 3 to 4 cents higher and TFEWR elsewhere from last Monday's final. Trade sentiment was steady to firm. Movement into all channels was light to instances good, mostly fair. Floor stocks were mixed, mostly balanced with sizes desirable. Parts trading was irregular with wings, leg quarters and bone-in breasts moderately active. Supplies of whole breasts adequate to short of needs, balance of items at least adequate. Trade sentiment was fully steady to instances firm on bone-in breasts and wings, mostly steady on all other parts.

**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trucklot buying activity on ready to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly fair. Offerings were mixed in size and usually short of current needs. Retail and distributive movement was moderate to good with optimism noted for the beginning of the month. The market tone was fully steady to firm. In the parts market, bone-in breasts continued to be traded at premiums, and all other items were usually more than sufficient for immediate needs.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds remained good and continued to keep the bulk of offerings in good balance to well cleared. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights varied in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher at 54 to 66 cents. Trade sentiment was steady to firm. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts continued to clear well and sellers generally held offerings at full premiums. Boneless skinless breasts and wings were irregularly available. Leg items were fully adequate to barely 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	50-70
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	56.96
NO. OF BOXES	9,200
CUMULATIVE	10/25/99-10/29/99 55.68
	10/26/98-10/30/98 60.96
NO. OF BOXES	10/25/99-10/29/99 47,601
	10/26/98-10/30/98 37,876

\*6 of 8 plants reporting.

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**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

OCT 29, 1999

ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS				WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	695	123.00-185.00	135-140	140.38	690	135.00-185.00	140-145	142.62	3,336	140.96
TENDERLOINS	173	140.00-200.00	-	172.77	194	140.00-190.00	145-150	165.77	733	163.93
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				521	73.26
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				330	66.68
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				92	23.00-33.00	23-25	24.30	192	25.92
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	476	13.00-18.50	14-15	15.14	506	14.00-18.00	14.5-15.5	15.27	2,446	15.37
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,236	16.50-20.00	19-20	19.09	1,116	17.00-20.00	19-20	19.01	5,682	19.08
WINGS (WHOLE)	80	52.00-57.00	52-55	54.50	126	54.00-58.50	55-56	56.52	654	54.45
WINGS (CUT)	466	60.00-77.00	64-66	65.36	423	60.00-77.00	64-66	65.62	2,301	66.13
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				38	33.00
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				26	33.00
B/S THIGHS	62	50.50-68.00	-	54.33	81	52.00-68.00	-	54.17	330	54.26

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TRADING FOR OCT 28, 1999 — F.O.B. DOCK.

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TODAY'S		TODAY'S		5-DAY
RANGE	AVERAGE	RANGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE
34.00 - 43.25	39.21	35.25 - 46.50	42.05	40.96

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 activity had improved from earlier in the week, but was less than hoped for as the week ended. Bone-in breasts continued to be offered at premiums, and all other items were usually at least adequate for current trade requirements. Retail and distributive movement was seasonally slow. 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			WEEKLY		
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	135-140	142.83	357,840	140	143.83	527,120	142.33	1,921,960	
TENDERLOINS	140-145	144.88	42,520	140-145	145.88	108,400	145.45	302,920	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	67-68	74.21	251,760	68-69	74.14	242,720	73.24	1,069,720	
BREAST - LINE RUN	67	71.90	201,000	68	72.28	159,000	71.08	716,750	
LEGS	26-27	30.58	119,040	26-27	30.05	191,040	30.27	669,600	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	16-17	17.36	305,779	16-17	17.73	397,642	18.26	1,702,812	
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	32.00	92,870	34-35	32.74	96,270	31.54	436,150	
THIGHS	17-18	28.26	80,640	17-18	28.73	83,350	27.64	364,630	
B/S THIGHS	69-70	72.70	43,400	69-70	72.30	50,560	72.31	189,330	
WINGS (WHOLE)	57-58	66.47	172,200	57-58	65.64	281,800	66.58	1,041,500	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.22	27,840	10-12	12.14	42,480	12.11	143,760	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	59.66	45,472	55-60	59.46	56,248	57.64	207,327	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	50.02	32,240	40-45	49.62	47,400	49.62	165,870	

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	
	10/29	10/28	10/27	10/26	10/27	10/26	10/22	10/20
ALA	3,468	3,842	3,898	3,814	5.16	5.21	4,516	5.25
ARK	5,244	4,976	5,224	5,157	4.79	4.88	5,301	4.90
DELMARVA	2,320	2,363	2,473	2,394	5.00	5.15	2,280	5.03
KY-LA-TN	1,896	1,777	1,806	1,782	4.37	4.48	1,805	4.43
MISS	2,709	2,770	2,781	2,667	5.20	5.14	3,020	5.17
NC	2,700	2,591	2,542	2,547	5.76	5.79	2,751	5.80
TEXAS	2,174	2,148	2,096	2,129	4.88	4.86	2,323	4.81
TOTAL	20,511	20,467	19,980	20,490	5.03	5.08	21,996	5.08
MON-FRI	102,189(A)				102,821(A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 29-Oct and 30-Oct-99 is estimated to be 30,687,000 down 7.03 percent from a week ago and down 5.0 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 33,007,000; last year 32,303,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 30-Oct-99 is estimated to be 154,664,000 head unchanged from a week ago, and up 1.9 percent from a year ago

(Last week 154,030,000 Last year 151,795,000)

**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
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
DUCKS		149-166

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED** Under federal inspection, classified by live weight, week ending Oct. 16, 1999 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning  
Food service  
4.20 Lbs & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs 5.26 Lbs & Up  
-----THOUSANDS-----

Head	30,494	33,198	42,411
Avg Weight	3.85	4.89	6.16
% of total /1	29%	31%	40%
<b>COMPARISONS</b>			
Last week	26,867	35,085	39,120
Avg Weight	3.77	4.84	6.13
% of total /1	27%	35%	39%
Same week, yr ago /2	30,147	36,243	34,604
Avg Weight	3.84	4.89	6.01
% of total /1	30%	36%	34%
To date/1999	1,306,516	1,287,478	1,677,320
To date/1998	1,419,931	1,510,298	1,179,259

/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 23-Oct-99 (PRELIMINARY)

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

HEAD	154,030(A)	1,952	1,612	3,564	395
AVGWT	5.06	3.50	7.89	5.49	6.41
LAST WEEK	153,293	1,683	1,620	3,303	450
YR AGO	146,439	1,848	1,265	3,113	553
AVGWT	5.03	3.43	8.20	5.37	6.40
TO-DATE/1999	6,376,895	87,528	59,402	146,930	18,550
TO-DATE/1998	6,134,706	85,938	53,135	139,073	18,924

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 148.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 155.9 million head or 7.6 million head more than or 105 percent of estimated fryers available.

**EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION** OCT 26, 1999

PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

	RANGE	RANGE
Banty Hens	1.50 - 3.50ea.	Pekin Ducks .40 - .64
Banty Roosters	2.00 - 5.00ea.	Pigeons 1.75 - 2.35ea.
Bunnies	1.50 - 6.50ea.	Pullets 4-6 .60 - .74
Chukars	2.00 - 2.50ea.	Rabbits 4-6 .60 - 1.02
Crossbred Fowl 5-9	.40 - .68	Rabbits 7-11 .60 - 1.00
Crossbred Roosters 4-6	.50 - .78	Red Fowl 4-4.5 .30 - .54
Crossbred Roosters 7-11	.40 - .74	Red Fowl 5-6 .50 - .78
Doves	2.00 - 3.50ea.	Silkie 2.75 - 3.50ea.
Geese 9-14	.32 - .38	White Pigeons 2.25 - 2.75ea.
Goats	30.00 - 49.00ea.	
Guinea Fowl	2.25 - 2.75	
Guinea Pigs	4.00 - 7.50ea.	
Kid Goats	25.00 - 39.00ea.	
Leghorn Hens	.10 - .16	
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.40 - .62	
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.50 - .74	
Total Coops Sold	708	

**EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FED-STATE FOR WEEK OF 25-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	137	143
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)	63-64	
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	65-85	69-75
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. The market tone was steady. Demand was moderate to instances good. Weights were desirable. Plants ran normal slaughter schedules. Prices 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 25-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 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
23	155.9	148.3	105	5.06
YEAR TO DATE	6455.9	6390.0	101	
OCTOBER 30		148.5		
NOVEMBER 6		148.3		

**CALIFORNIA PLTRY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP** W/E 23-Oct-99

IN THOUSANDS  
Broilers 4,259 HD, 21,338 lbs., Light Hens 200 HD, 690 lbs., Heavy Hens 0 HD, 0 lbs.

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

W/E	10/30/99	10/23/99	%CHG	10/31/98	%CHG
Broilers	154,664	*154,030	0	*151,795	+02
Cattle	685	702	-02	*674	+02
Hogs	2,108	2,076	+02	*2,096	+01

Under Federal Inspection

\* ACTUAL

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL** Prices were irregular. However, values at the plant generally trended higher without freight cost included. Retail interest was seasonal active. Offerings were easily clearing even though the canner demand was moderate but unaggressive for any additional product at higher levels. The undertone was at least steady to occasionally firm.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
22-27.5 MAJORITY 25.25-26	32.75-37 MAJORITY 33.5-35

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
24-28.5 MAJORITY 26-27	31-39 MAJORITY 36-36.75

**EASTERN LIGHT** Prices were unchanged. Demand was unaggressive for short to about adequate offerings. Processing schedules ranged from less than normal to normal. Undertone remained steady.

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY HENS** Sales were too few to report prices. Offerings were about adequate to adequate. Demand was moderate. Some processing schedules were reduced, others were about normal. The undertone was generally steady.

**NORTH CENTRAL LIVE LIGHT HEN** Prices unchanged. Offerings were usually fully adequate for the light demand and somewhat slow to clear. Trade sentiment steady.

**WEST COAST LIGHT** Plant schedules heavy. 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