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Majority prices were unchanged in the West, higher elsewhere. Trade sentiment was steady to firm. Demand was light to fairly good, mostly moderate at best with increased movement where first of the month business was active and where featured. Supplies were in good balance to well cleared. In the parts structure, bone-in breasts were in the closest position with supplies close balanced to short. Demand for wings and leg quarters was mixed, but received increased interest, and the remaining items were usually sufficient with light movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range.

Final 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		LOADS
	MAJORITY	WTD	LOADS	WTD	
		AVG		AVG	
Bos/New Eng	54.00-55.00	54.64	22	56.65	46
Chicago	51.00-53.00	53.04	47	55.28	77
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	59.68	28
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	60.77	13
Denver	63.50	63.38	17	63.65	30
Detroit	51.00-54.00	53.79	12	55.59	45
Los Angeles	64.00	62.46	71	61.70	160
New York	52.00-54.00	52.75	28	58.20	63
Philadelphia	50.00-53.00	51.71	7	55.19	23
Pittsburgh	51.00-52.50	52.10	10	57.32	61
St. Louis	53.00	52.65	19	54.99	42
San Francisco	64.50	63.67	29	65.13	69

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	11/01/99	Change/Last Wk	10/25/99	11/02/98
657	58.81	1.46	57.35	64.18

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	57.00-61.00	58.08	33
Central	55.00-60.00	58.56	59
West	57.00-66.00	62.39	50

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	57.50-59.00	57.90	81
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES

The 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.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,144	50.00-62.00	57.69

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	147.50	4,119
BREASTS - WHOLE	75.00	2,093
THIGH MEAT - B/S	59.50	577
LEG QUARTERS	19.50	8,842
WINGS	59.00	3,030

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SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand into retail and food service was light to moderate, best where featured. Supplies were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, interest for breast items was mixed, strongest for fronts, leg quarters were fair to moderate, and all other items had fair demand. Supplies were balanced to fully sufficient, closest for fronts. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WEST COAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged. Offerings generally adequate. Demand by stores was moderate, good where features planned; particularly in the Northwest and Southern California. Demand by restaurants fairly good overall, best by fast food. Dealers reported moderate weekend carryovers. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was 57.36 down .02 with the volume reported at 23 loads down 21 percent from last Monday.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices for current week's deliveries into Chicago, St. Louis and Detroit were higher, and TFEWR elsewhere from last Monday's final. Trade sentiment was steady to firm, mostly steady. Movement into retail channels was slow to fair. Food service demand was light to fairly good, best for features. Floor stocks were adequate with sizes desirable to heavy. Parts trading was light to moderate with breast items and wings moving best. Supplies were at least adequate for all items with bone-in breasts adequate to short. Trade sentiment was steady to firm on whole breasts, generally steady on all other items.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly fair to good. Offerings of all sizes were usually tight and held confidently. Retail and distributive movement was generally good and expected to continue so as the first of the month began. The market tone was fully steady. In the parts market, bone-in breasts were short to adequate, and other items were about adequate.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds remained good and continued to keep seller offerings in good balance to well cleared. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed 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 55 to 67 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Bone-in breasts were generally no more adequate. Boneless skinless breasts were fully adequate to closely cleared. Leg quarters were tightening and additional offerings were held in firm hands. Wings were in closer balance, but were at least 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	50-75
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	57.98
NO. OF BOXES	10,799

*6 of 8 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity continued to improve slightly as the month began. Offerings of bone-in breasts were short to adequate. Other items were about adequate and in a better balance. Retail and distributive movement was mostly fair and numerous features on breast items this week were expected to enhance demand. The market tone was steady to fully 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	140	144.22	499,920
TENDERLOINS	140-145	144.82	62,840
BREAST - WITH RIBS	68-69	75.10	189,520
BREAST - LINE RUN	68	72.15	150,400
LEGS	26-27	29.19	194,040
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	18.10	260,124
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	32.58	85,910
THIGHS	17-18	28.16	60,920
B/S THIGHS	69-70	73.60	41,680
WINGS (WHOLE)	57-58	67.04	151,120
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.80	32,120
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	59.71	32,496
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	49.35	40,240

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	722	130.00-162.00	135-140	138.09
TENDERLOINS	114	140.00-179.00	140-150	154.69
BREAST - WITH RIBS	504	72.00-76.00	72	72.19
FRONT HALVES	760	49.00-58.00	54-58	55.32
LEGS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	300	17.00-19.00	18	17.73
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,222	18.00-20.00	18	18.10
WINGS (WHOLE)	117	47.00-65.00	52-53	50.92
DRUMSTICKS	95	31.00-45.00	31	33.23
THIGHS	202	12.00-39.00	12	12.20

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	11/01	10/28	10/28	10/25	10/21
ALA	4,039	3,554	5.15	3,735	5.11
ARK	5,082	4,881	4.71	5,126	4.76
DELMARVA	2,349	2,352	4.96	2,379	4.94
KY-LA-TN	1,688	1,686	4.37	1,743	4.47
MISS	2,730	2,757	5.20	2,752	5.11
NC	2,594	2,522	5.71	2,569	5.73
TEXAS	2,152	2,171	4.71	2,047	4.84
TOTAL	20,634	19,923	4.98	20,351	5.00
MON	20,634(A)		20,351(A)		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 01-Nov 1999 is estimated to be 30,871,000 up 1.09 percent from a week ago and up 2.62 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 30,539,000, last year 30,083,000)

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	507	135.00-193.00	145-150	154.01
TENDERLOINS	145	140.00-200.00	-	178.79
BREAST - LINE RUN	160	72.00-79.00	72-75	74.19
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	92	23.00-33.00	23-25	24.30
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	346	15.00-18.00	15-16	15.92
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,456	17.00-20.50	19-20	19.43
WINGS (WHOLE)	108	57.00-61.00	57-58	58.00
WINGS (CUT)	342	67.00-77.00	67-69	67.27
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR NOVEMBER 01, 1999 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
37.00 - 46.50	45.46	41.52

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 11/01-11/05/99

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	125.00 - 150.00	140.00 - 145.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	67.00 - 76.50	70.00 - 75.00
LEGS	26.00 - 36.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	16.00 - 23.00	17.00 - 19.00
DRUMSTICKS	23.00 - 47.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	50.00 - 61.00	51.00 - 53.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10.00 - 15.00	-
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25.00 - 45.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	30.00 - 50.00	-

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

CENTS PER POUND.	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	76-91
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	79-97
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	88-93
FROZEN DUCKS	135-149
FROZEN SQUABS	589

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	92-97
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104
	DRY PACK	112
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	98
	ICE PACK	91
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. OCTOBER 29, 1999

CHICKEN PRICES

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	16.00-18.00	-	17.00-18.00	17.00
WTD AVERAGE	16.97		17.45	17.00

1,536,000 pounds, this includes 320,000 pounds for export shipment.

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	18.00	-	17.00
WTD AVERAGE		18.00		17.00

440,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%				
RANGE	14.75-18.00	-	14.00	13.00-16.50
WTD AVERAGE	16.36		14.00	14.92

2,688,000 pounds, this includes 1,240,000 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 Trading levels were slightly higher. Demand was active for at least adequate offerings of heavy hens. Finished sales were seasonally active with current schedules adequate for sales requirements. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 LBS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER
THE WEEK OF 01-NOV-99

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
	CENTS/LB.		AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	10-19.5	11-13	13.35

* 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. OCTOBER 29, 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	19.00	19.25	14.00-15.00	15.00
WTD AVERAGE	19.00	19.25	14.33	15.00

263,200 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%				
RANGE	17.00	16.00	11.00-13.00	13.00-14.50
WTD AVERAGE	17.00	16.00	11.64	13.57

1,712,000 pounds, this includes 326,400 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 Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Offerings were about adequate to generally adequate. Demand was mostly moderate. Processing schedules were about normal. The undertone was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER
THE WEEK OF 01-NOV-99

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
	CENTS/LB.		AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-17 CENTS/LB.	8-14.5	11.51
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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