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Majority prices were unchanged in the West, unchanged to lower elsewhere. Trade sentiment was mixed, ranging steady to weak. Retail demand was seasonally slow to fair and not quite up to expectations. Food service was fair to moderate aided by holiday parties, catering services, and fast food promotions. Supplies were adequate to ample with smaller sizes in the East and some wogs sharply discounted. In the parts structure, wings were more available, but still clearing. Dark meat was in good balance and moving, but breast items were in the longest position with light interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were irregular.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 12/06-12/11/99 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	54.50-56.00	54.68	14	57.75	27
Chicago	51.00-53.00	53.20	47	55.51	77
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	59.31	27
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	60.54	13
Denver	63.50	63.38	17	62.48	29
Detroit	52.00-54.00	54.59	11	56.47	44
Los Angeles	64.00	62.80	61	61.44	149
New York	52.00-56.00	52.29	41	55.93	78
Philadelphia	51.00-54.00	51.75	8	57.10	37
Pittsburgh	53.00-53.50	53.60	10	58.44	63
St. Louis	53.00-53.50	53.03	18	55.29	44
San Francisco	64.50	63.10	34	66.58	55

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	12/06/99	Change/Last Wk	11/29/99	12/07/98
643	58.62	-1.20	59.82	60.85

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	57.50-59.00	58.71	40
Central	56.00-60.00	58.90	58
West	50.00-68.50	60.59	49

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	57.50-59.00	57.89	85
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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
1,163	50.00-63.00	57.38

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	134.00	4,099
BREASTS - WHOLE	69.50	2,090
THIGH MEAT - B/S	69.00	610
LEG QUARTERS	20.00	8,830
WINGS	74.50	3,028

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready to-cook whole broiler/fryers was generally quiet. Offerings were adequate to ample and smaller sizes were readily available at attractive prices. Movement into retail and distributive channels was seasonally light. The market tone was barely steady to weak with smaller birds in the least desirable position. In the parts market, offerings were more than adequate on all items and demand was limited.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was steady at best. Demand was light and unaggressive to fair with little trading. Supplies were at least adequate and readily available for immediate needs. In the parts structure, wings and dark meat items were well balanced and moving, and breast items were more than adequate with light movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was barely steady. Offerings ample. Retailer demand only fair, best to cover features and fast food. Weekend carryovers moderate. The Los Angeles negotiated wog average was 53.06, down 3.45 from last Monday with 22 loads reported, down 19%.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices for this week's trading were unchanged to lower into Detroit and St. Louis, unchanged into Chicago and TFEWR elsewhere from last Monday's final. Trade sentiment was steady to weak. Movement into retail channels was slow and below expectations. Food service demand was fair at best with some improvement noted into catering and fast food accounts. Floor stocks were adequate, sizes desirable to instances heavy. Parts trading was mixed, mostly light, best for wings. Supplies were more available on wings, balance fully adequate. Trade sentiment fully steady on wings, cautiously steady on all other items.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally light and unaggressive. Seller offerings varied from adequate and in fairly decent balance to readily available, competitively priced and slow to clear. Live supplies were generally moderate; weights varied in a full range of light to heavy, and were mostly desirable to light. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent lower at 55 to 67 cents. Trade sentiment was at best steady and cautious. In the parts complex, wings generally cleared well. Other items were at least adequate with leg cuts in best balance.

*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		52-72
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		59.03
NO. OF BOXES		10,333

*6 of 8 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying interest was quiet and most traders were disheartened as a first of the month increase had not materialized. Offerings of all items were more than adequate for the limited needs. Movement into retail and distributive outlets was slow with few features noted to stimulate interest. The market tone was barely 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	130	132.77	535,560
TENDERLOINS	130	132.54	85,120
BREAST - WITH RIBS	60-61	70.95	228,600
BREAST - LINE RUN	60	63.83	108,000
LEGS	26-27	30.94	144,160
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	16-17	19.04	300,214
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	31.05	121,020
THIGHS	19-20	25.90	127,800
B/S THIGHS	70-71	73.63	44,480
WINGS (WHOLE)	71-72	80.95	213,720
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.91	68,800
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	40-45	44.31	56,010
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	59.83	76,280

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	591	115.00-134.00	130-131	128.50
TENDERLOINS	101	130.00-179.00	130-135	141.72
BREAST - WITH RIBS	389	65.00-83.00	65	66.56
FRONT HALVES	400	50.00-59.00	53-54	52.80
LEGS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	356	16.00-19.00	16	16.30
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,025	18.75-20.00	18-19	18.78
WINGS (WHOLE)	164	61.00-73.00	68-69	68.87
DRUMSTICKS	99	31.00-45.00	31	33.66
THIGHS	NO TRADING REPORTED			

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	12/06	12/02	12/02	11/29	11/25
ALA	3,902	3,749	5.06	3,869	0.00
ARK	5,141	5,022	4.79	4,982	0.00
DELMARVA	2,298	2,185	5.14	2,226	0.00
KY-LA-TN	1,849	1,765	4.47	1,809	0.00
MISS	2,779	2,757	5.09	2,657	0.00
NC	2,596	2,611	5.83	2,600	0.00
TEXAS	1,973	2,196	4.69	2,144	0.00
TOTAL	20,538	20,285	5.01	20,287	0.00
MON	20,538(A)			20,287(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.
 Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 06-Dec 1999 is estimated to be 30,727,000 up 0.93 percent from a week ago and up 2.84 percent from a year ago.
 (Last week 30,443,000, last year 29,879,000)

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	544	120.00-183.00	125-135	140.81
TENDERLOINS	134	125.00-200.00	130-135	178.67
BREAST - LINE RUN	79	66.00-70.50	66-68	66.46
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	87	24.00-34.00	24-25	24.80
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	421	15.00-19.00	15-16	16.20
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,221	17.50-22.00	19-20	20.10
WINGS (WHOLE)	142	64.00-74.50	66-67	69.85
WINGS (CUT)	440	83.00-90.00	85-87	85.89
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	51	62.00-72.00	-	65.33

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR DECEMBER 06, 1999 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
38.50 - 44.50	41.10	38.08

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 12/06-12/10/99

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	120.00 - 137.00	130.00 - 135.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	63.00 - 72.00	65.00 - 70.00
LEGS	26.00 - 36.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	16.00 - 22.00	18.00
DRUMSTICKS	29.00 - 50.00	36.00 - 37.00
WINGS (WHOLE)	62.00 - 77.00	69.00 - 72.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10.00 - 12.00	-
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	27.50 - 40.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	30.00 - 48.00	-

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

	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
FRESH FRYERS	78-82
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	88
DUCKS	125
RABBITS-WHOLE	309
RABBITS-CUT UP	326

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK 104
	ICE PACK 92-98
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 104-107
	DRY PACK 112
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK 98
	ICE PACK 91
DUCKS	149-162

EASTERN REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 03-DEC-99

CHICKEN PRICES

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	16.00-17.50	19.50	17.00-18.00	-
WTD AVERAGE	16.50	19.50	17.46	

1,076,000 pounds, this includes 320,000 pounds for export shipment.

CHICKEN PRICES. WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	18.50	-	16.00-17.00
WTD AVERAGE		18.50		16.43

600,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%				
RANGE	15.00-17.50	18.00	13.00-16.00	13.00-15.00
WTD AVERAGE	17.01	18.00	13.93	14.26

2,324,000 pounds, this includes 1,174,000 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 Prices were lower compared to the past week. Offerings of spent hens were at least adequate for a moderate demand. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was no better than steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 06-DEC-99

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9-18	10-12	11.87

* 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. 03-DEC-99

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	18.00	20.25	-	-
WTD AVERAGE	18.00	20.25		

81,600 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%				
RANGE	14.00	17.00-22.00	11.00-12.00	13.00-17.00
WTD AVERAGE	14.00	19.50	11.47	14.60

1,413,600 pounds, this includes 434,400 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 lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was only fair for adequate offerings. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was mostly steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 06-DEC-99

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-16.5	8-12.5	10.74

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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