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Majority prices in New York were 6 cents lower, Chicago 1 cent lower, and Los Angeles unchanged when compared to last Friday's values. Demand was light and unaggressive for fully adequate to ample offerings. Supplies of lighter weights were reported as in balance too available. Three-pound and up were usually available and competitive priced. Retail movement was irregular, but generally good where features were in progress, elsewhere only fair. Food service interest was still good, but still somewhat slower than the past few weeks. In the parts structure, interest on most breast items was active in the South, but slow and disappointing in the Eastern region. Supplies of wings were adequate, leg quarters ranged from adequate to ample. Overall, movement in the Eastern region was slow to clear the available offerings. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, but 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 07/10-07/14/00 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Chicago	44.00-49.00	38.00-61.25	48.13	22
Los Angeles	65.00			
New York	48.00-53.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	59.00-60.00	44.00-62.00	59.65	81

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 60.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRERELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
626	57.00-62.25	59.77
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	137.50	4,230
BREASTS - WHOLE	63.50	1,205
THIGH MEAT - B/S	78.00	725
LEG QUARTERS	23.00	8,090
WINGS	58.00	2,765

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SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was mixed. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were reported as in close balance to ample. In the parts structure, interest for breast items continued to increase as supplies were usually being held for slightly higher levels. Wings were usually adequate. Dark meat items were generally sufficient with movement noted as only fair. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at usually desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices unchanged. Trading for next week's deliveries reported at unchanged prices on regular commitments, with new negotiations of WOGs over 3 pounds at unchanged to lower prices and WOGs under 3 pounds at unchanged to higher prices. Offerings adequate to ample with heavy weights in the longest position. Retail demand fairly good overall, best to cover features. Ads noted: Southern California - whole body 49-78, leg quarters 99, whole legs 99, wings 89-99, thighs 67-99, drumsticks 67-99, bone-in breasts 79-169, boneless breasts 167-258, boneless thighs 149-169 and boneless leg meat 98-99.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS The preliminary majority price for next week's deliveries into Chicago was 1 cent lower from last Monday's majority. Trade sentiment on whole fryers steady to barely steady. Additional product offerings fully sufficient for the selective and very limited trade needs. In Chicago, retail and food service demand was fair to good, elsewhere movement continued slow to fair at best. Heavy rains in the St. Louis area diminishing shopper interest. Floor stocks fully adequate and many distributors noted inventories building. Weights were in a desirable range. Parts trading was generally light. Offerings mostly adequate for trade needs with boneless/skinless breasts and tenderloins in the shortest position. Trade sentiment steady to instances firm on boneless/skinless breasts, about steady on the remainder of parts.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was generally light and disappointing. Offerings were usually ample, and the larger sizes were long. Movement into retail and distributive channels remained slow. The market tone continued weak. In the parts market, boneless-skinless breasts were fully steady to instances firm, bone-in breasts were no better than steady, and the balance of items were barely steady to weak.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds increased slightly entering the weekend but remained disappointingly short of clearing the ample offerings of over 3 pound sizes. Lighter weights were adequate and in fairly good balance. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavier than desired. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent lower at 46 to 63 cents. Trade sentiment was generally unsettled. In the parts complex, breast items were adequate to closely cleared. Other cuts were adequate to ample for the light to moderate and selective buying interest.

*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	43-66	
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	51.95	
NO. OF BOXES	7,791	
CUMULATIVE		
	07/24/00-07/28/00	53.74
	07/26/99-07/30/99	54.62
NO. OF BOXES		
	07/24/00-07/28/00	40,568
	07/26/99-07/30/99	30,758

*7 of 8 plants reporting.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS				WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	605	130.00-180.00	132-138	133.47	545	130.00-176.00	135-140	137.11	3,049	135.02
TENDERLOINS	170	170.00-210.00	170-175	177.57	311	170.00-210.00	170-175	184.76	1,130	182.14
BREAST - LINE RUN	120	61.00-65.00	61-62	61.27	226	65.00-69.00	65-67	65.71	599	63.58
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				122	54.00-60.00	-	58.28	374	56.75
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				46	28.00-40.00	28-29	29.57	254	29.73
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	547	18.00-21.50	19-20	19.05	520	18.00-21.00	19-20	20.29	2,408	19.31
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,233	21.00-24.00	22-23	22.26	1,155	21.00-24.00	22-23	22.09	5,632	22.09
WINGS (WHOLE)	90	53.00-58.00	55-57	55.84	119	55.00-58.00	55-57	56.60	515	55.57
WINGS (CUT)	503	64.00-73.00	65-67	66.41	569	62.00-69.00	64-66	64.65	2,496	66.56
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				166	35.52
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				133	28.23
B/S THIGHS	46	57.00-77.00	57-59	58.98	50	56.00-62.00	-	59.00	226	58.56

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS*****
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TRADING FOR JULY 27, 2000 F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S

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TODAY'S**5-DAY****RANGE****AVERAGE****RANGE****AVERAGE****AVERAGE**

35.50 - 40.75

37.78

36.00 - 40.50

39.29

37.97

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 was usually improved entering the weekend, but no better than typical for a Friday. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts were mostly short to adequate. Bone-in breasts were becoming more available, with much less trading noted at premium levels. The balance of items remained more than adequate. Retail and distributive movement was about fair, with planned features expected to increase buying activity. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm on boneless-skinless breasts, about steady on bone-in breasts, and barely steady to weak 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.

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG			CURRENT NEG			WEEKLY		
	TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS	
BREAST - B/S	130-135	136.09	483,440	130-135	136.42	658,390	133.25	2,626,970	
TENDERLOINS	170-175	183.00	119,710	175-180	184.71	139,560	180.00	645,670	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	56-57	63.28	215,780	56-57	62.94	309,920	62.40	1,160,660	
BREAST - LINE RUN	56	60.42	99,200	56	60.60	129,200	60.65	673,880	
LEGS	34-35	35.56	243,840	33-34	34.73	228,120	35.04	1,252,000	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21	21.84	365,430	20-21	22.65	499,552	22.02	2,204,814	
DRUMSTICKS	35-36	37.40	115,190	34-35	34.51	153,310	34.99	675,850	
THIGHS	21-22	24.96	264,170	21-22	23.18	133,400	28.28	860,080	
B/S THIGHS	69-70	74.94	45,720	69-70	74.59	66,120	75.02	268,470	
WINGS (WHOLE)	57-58	65.47	283,800	57-58	65.54	350,680	65.33	1,550,730	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.13	72,120	10-12	12.00	86,200	12.05	391,640	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	34.77	36,920	30-35	34.14	58,728	33.18	243,398	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.88	65,160	40-45	43.93	106,560	44.51	399,970	

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 ACTUAL WTS	
	07/28	07/27	07/26	07/25	07/26	07/25	07/21	07/19
ALA	3,927	3,933	3,770	3,860	4.99	5.03	4,012	4.79
ARK	5,848	5,025	5,184	4,945	4.84	4.80	5,292	4.76
DELMARVA	2,356	2,388	2,387	2,310	5.12	5.12	2,553	5.11
KY-LA-TN	2,075	2,050	2,039	2,006	4.36	4.42	1,959	4.36
MISS	2,689	2,832	2,732	2,760	4.97	5.01	3,151	4.95
NC	2,983	2,673	2,670	2,619	5.86	6.01	2,685	5.83
TEXAS	2,359	2,388	2,341	2,330	4.64	4.67	2,313	4.67
TOTAL	22,237	21,289	21,123	20,830	4.98	4.99	21,965	4.92
MON-FRI107,195(A)	105,796(A)							

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 28-Jul & 29-Jul-00 is estimated to be 33,269,000 up 6.72 percent from a week ago and down 0.7 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,173,000; last year 33,510,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 29-Jul-00 is estimated to be 155,290,000 head down 1.8

percent from a week ago, and unchanged from a year ago

(Last week 158,155,000 Last year 155,473,000)

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

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	79-83
ROASTERS 4# & UP	65-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	68
DUCKS	125
RABBITS-WHOLE	294
RABBITS-CUT UP	299

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK 102-104 ICE PACK 92-96
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 106-111 DRY PACK 112-119
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK 98 ICE PACK 94
DUCKS	148-160

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live weight, week ending July 15, 2000 (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	30,713	37,156	34,847
Avg Weight	3.73	4.79	5.96
% of total /1	30%	36%	34%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	31,470	35,327	34,107
Avg Weight	3.76	4.80	6.10
% of total /1	31%	35%	34%
Same week, yr ago /2	30,806	37,011	34,463
Avg Weight	3.77	4.73	6.08
% of total /1	30%	36%	34%
To date/2000	926,240	905,076	1,148,964
To date/1999	907,672	798,692	1,215,162

/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 22-Jul-2000 (PRELIMINARY)

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

HEAD	158,155 (A)	1,959	1,609	3,568	400
AVG WT	4.92	3.45	8.09	5.54	6.49
LAST WEEK	161,559	1,882	1,428	3,310	455
YR AGO	155,059	2,217	1,507	3,724	456
AVG WT	4.90	3.35	8.08	5.27	6.25
TO-DATE/2000	4,479,024	56,984	40,635	97,619	13,002
TO-DATE/1999	4,389,722	62,846	39,396	102,242	12,860

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 157.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 160.1 million head or 2.7 million head more than or 102 percent of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: JULY 25, 2000

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.00 - 1.40	Silkie	3.00 - 3.75ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.00 - 1.28	Geese 9-14	.12 - .32
Pekin Ducks	.40 - .54	Pigeons	2.00 - 2.75ea.
Red Fowl 4-4.5	.40 - .62	White Pigeons	2.25 - 2.75ea.
Red Fowl 5-6	.50 - .78	Rabbits 4-6	.90 - 1.22
Crossbred Fowl 5-9	.50 - .82	Rabbits 7-11	.40 - .92
Crossbred Roosters 4-6	.50 - 1.12	Bunnies	1.00 - 4.50ea.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11	.40 - 1.10	Guinea Pigs	.50 - 4.00ea.
Guinea Fowl	.30 - 1.25	Goats	40.00 -47.50ea.
Banty Roosters	3.00 - 7.00ea.	Kid Goats	25.00 -45.00ea.
Banty Hens	2.50 - 3.75ea.	Doves	3.50 - 5.50ea.
Leghorn Hens	.12 - .24	Pullets 4-6	.60 - .92
Leghorn Roosters	.40 - .74		
		Total Coops Sold	748

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY for THE WEEK OF 24-JUL-2000

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)	41-49	44-48
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	63-83	63-66

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 remained unchanged. The market tone was steady. Demand was moderate to at times good. Some slaughter schedules were full-time this week. Sizes were desirable. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.65-5.20, boneless legs at \$2.80-2.95, bone in leg at \$1.45-1.70, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$.50-.75, and leg quarters at \$1.15-1.28, livers at \$1.25-1.50.

PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 24-JUL-2000

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	121-123	124
MOSTLY		

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT	
JUNE	17	161.7	158.5	102	4.90
	24	161.6	158.8	102	5.03
JULY	1	167.0	158.7	105	5.01
	8	137.3	157.7	87	4.98
	15	137.3	157.4	87	4.98
	22	160.1	157.4	102	4.92
YEAR TO DATE	4370.1	4306.1	101		
JULY	29		157.6		
AUGUST	5		157.6		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	07/29/00	07/22/00	%CHG	07/24/99	%CHG
Broilers	155,290	158,155	-02	155,473	0
Cattle	696	706	-01	689	+01
Hogs	1,767	1,803	-02	1,815	-03

Under Federal Inspection

* ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL Prices were about unchanged to lower on both light and heavy cannery when compared to a week earlier. Supplies of cannery were fully adequate to ample for trade needs. Demand was light and unaggressive. The undertone was unsettled but generally cautious and barely steady to weak.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
25- MAJORITY	24.5-27.25 MAJORITY 26-27.25
CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED	
LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
24-25.5 MAJORITY 25-25.5	26.5-29 MAJORITY 28-29

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Supplies were adequate for processors needs, however offerings were not available as a week earlier. Processing schedules for next week were about normal. Finished product was fully adequate for trade requirements. The undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was light for at least to fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were slow. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was no better than steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices unchanged. Offerings ample to burdensome for the mostly moderate demand. A large number of excess birds were making their way into alternative processing facilities as schedules in slaughter plants are full. Trade sentiment barely steady.

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 f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	(2)
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	0

(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was at best fair for fully adequate to ample offerings. Processing schedules for next week are normal to heavy. The market tone continued to be barely steady to weak.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Offerings of spent heavy hens had declined in volume, however remained fully adequate for needs. Finished sales remained moderate at best with current schedules easily covering needs. Trade sentiment was about steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked desired schedules. Offerings ample.

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