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Majority prices in New York were 6 cents lower, Chicago 1 cent lower, and Los Angeles unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to moderate with traders unaggressive for fully adequate offerings. Supplies were in close balance to fully adequate for trade needs. Retail movement was irregular, but generally ranged fair to good, best where features were in progress. Food service interest improved, but was still somewhat slower than the past few weeks. In the parts structure, interest on most breast items was still fairly active in the South, but slow and disappointing in the Eastern region. Supplies of wings were adequate but clearing easily, dark meat items ranged from adequate to ample. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 7/31-08/04/00 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)			COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	45.50-46.50	45.81	16	52.11	28
Chicago	43.00-48.00	47.43	47	50.47	79
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	54.46	26
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	59.03	15
Denver	64.50	64.43	17	63.03	37
Detroit	42.00-44.00	46.54	19	53.05	54
Los Angeles	65.00	63.43	61	60.49	154
New York	43.00-46.00	44.65	31	53.40	82
Philadelphia	43.00-45.00	43.63	8	46.79	26
Pittsburgh	43.50-45.50	44.80	10	52.69	60
St. Louis	46.50-46.75	46.04	20	50.78	46
San Francisco	65.50	64.40	29	66.60	59

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	07/31/00	Change/Last Wk	07/24/00	08/02/99
666	55.43	-0.82	56.25	54.56

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	50.00-61.75	55.47	42
Central	51.00-56.00	53.76	53
West	49.00-67.25	58.25	74

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	59.00-60.50	60.09	81
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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.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,215	43.00-62.25	58.20

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	137.50	4,470
BREASTS - WHOLE	64.00	1,685
THIGH MEAT - B/S	77.50	785
LEG QUARTERS	23.00	9,250
WINGS	58.00	3,045

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was generally light as the week began. Offerings of all sizes were fully adequate to ample. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair at best. The market tone was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, boneless-skinless breasts remained fully steady to firm, bone-in breasts were fully steady, and the balance of items were no better than steady to weak.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment improved and was generally steady on whole product. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were reported in a range of a better balance to occasionally available. In the parts structure, interest for breast items continued to improve and was in a range of fair to good, wings were usually adequate but clearing, and dark meat items were generally sufficient for needs. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at usually desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices unchanged. The market tone was generally steady. Offerings easily adequate with lighter weights in the closest position. Demand by stores moderate to good, best where features planned particularly in the southwest, demand by restaurants moderate. Dealers reported satisfactory week-end clearances. Reported trading on parts delivered into California: leg quarters bulk 22-24 and 4/10's 22.25-28, bone-in breasts 65-69 and boneless breasts 135-140. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was up .40 to 50.42 with the volume reported at 25 loads up 19 percent.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices for this week's trading were lower into all areas with Ohio TFEWR from last Monday's final. Whole fryer trade sentiment mostly steady. Offerings of wogs and whole birds adequate for limited trade needs. Retail and food service demand improved somewhat in Ohio and Chicago, fair to fairly good with light to fair at best noted in St. Louis and Michigan. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate, sizes desirable. Supplies of most items adequate. Boneless/skinless breasts and tenderloins clearing well and in tightest position with wings more available. Trade sentiment fully steady on breast items, and steady on the balance.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to fair at best following the weekend. Offerings of 3 pound and heavier sizes were fully adequate to ample. Lighter weights were adequate and in fairly good balance. Live supplies were at least moderate with weights mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 46 to 63 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, breast items were in close balance and clearing. Other cuts were adequate to ample for the mostly light to moderate 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	44-64
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	50.48
NO. OF BOXES	8,070

*7 of 8 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was generally fair entering the week, but was generally unaggressive as most dealers assessed first of the month needs. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts remained limited. Bone-in breasts were about adequate. The balance of items remained more than adequate. Retail and distributive movement was about fair, best for the scattered feature 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.

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	135-140	138.60	563,120
TENDERLOINS	175-180	184.41	172,920
BREAST - WITH RIBS	56-57	63.44	334,920
BREAST - LINE RUN	56	58.90	50,480
LEGS	33-34	34.04	350,760
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21	21.65	564,563
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	36.19	114,600
THIGHS	21-22	26.36	196,520
B/S THIGHS	69-70	74.42	65,880
WINGS (WHOLE)	57-58	66.11	314,560
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.04	92,600
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	34.65	45,560
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.23	83,960

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	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	819	118.00-140.00	125-130	128.59
TENDERLOINS	151	181.00-216.00	-	186.90
BREAST - WITH RIBS	280	53.00-83.00	56-59	60.29
FRONT HALVES	320	54.00-61.00	55-58	57.00
LEGS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	780	18.00-20.00	18-19	18.32
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,352	20.50-22.00	21	20.55
WINGS (WHOLE)	275	45.00-63.00	50-51	49.43
DRUMSTICKS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
THIGHS	1,004	20.00-40.00	22	21.60

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	07/31	07/27	07/27	07/24	07/20
ALA	3,921	3,788	4.93	3,873	4.77
ARK	5,181	5,083	4.85	5,138	4.66
DELMARVA	2,342	2,389	5.07	2,373	5.06
KY-LA-TN	2,038	1,939	4.27	2,010	4.32
MISS	2,647	2,823	4.97	2,752	4.87
NC	2,647	2,577	5.86	2,546	5.84
TEXAS	2,354	2,348	4.64	2,269	4.59
TOTAL	21,130	20,947	4.95	20,961	4.86
MON	21,130(A)		20,961(A)		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 31-Jul 2000 is estimated to be 31,613,000 up 0.51 percent from a week ago and up 6.00 percent from a year ago. (Last week 31,454,000, last year 29,824,000)

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. **POUNDS**

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	484	140.00-180.00	142-145	145.22
TENDERLOINS	261	175.00-225.00	175-180	190.43
BREAST - LINE RUN	151	61.00-68.00	63-65	64.71
FRONT HALVES	62	54.00-60.00	58-59	59.76
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	348	18.00-21.00	18-19	18.30
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,632	21.00-24.00	22-23	22.23
WINGS (WHOLE)	358	53.00-59.00	55-57	58.51
WINGS (CUT)	453	64.00-69.00	65-67	66.57
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	59	57.00-59.00	-	57.81

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR JULY 31, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

	TODAY'S RANGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
	36.00 - 40.50	39.03
		38.31

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 07/24-28/00

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	120.00 - 150.00	130.00 - 140.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	55.00 - 69.00	60.00 - 68.00
LEGS	29.00 - 42.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	18.00 - 24.00	20.00 -
DRUMSTICKS	25.00 - 36.00	-
THIGHS	20.00 - 28.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	46.00 - 60.00	52.00 - 54.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	17.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	25.00 - 39.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 48.00	-

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

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	77-89
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	80-87
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	73
FROZEN DUCKS	135
FROZEN SQUABS	589
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)	
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

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

EASTERN REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 28-JUL-00

CHICKEN PRICES

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	16.00	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE	16.00			

200,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	14.00-16.00	15.00-18.00	17.00	16.00-17.40
WTD AVERAGE	15.63	16.00	17.00	16.62

1,165,000 pounds, this includes 248,000 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%				
RANGE	12.00-15.00	-	12.00-12.50	12.00-15.00
WTD AVERAGE	13.71		12.36	13.79

1,772,280 pounds, this includes 472,000 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	12.75
WTD AVERAGE				12.75

320,000 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 Trading levels were lower compared to the past week. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were slow. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was barely steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 31-JUL-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	3-9	4-7	6.42

* 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. 28-JUL-00

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	-	20.00	14.00	-
WTD AVERAGE		20.00	14.00	

121,600 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%				
RANGE	-	17.00	11.00-13.00	12.50-22.00
WTD AVERAGE		17.00	11.30	14.34

1,426,400 pounds, this includes 40,800 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 Majority prices were unchanged to lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light for fully adequate to ample offerings. Processing schedules for current week are normal to heavy. The market tone continued to be barely steady to weak.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 17-JUL-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	1.75-9.75	2.75-7	5.30

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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