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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices for next week's trading were overall trending unchanged in the West, irregular, but mostly unchanged to higher elsewhere. Trade sentiment in the East was steady to fully steady, instances firm, and steady in the remaining areas. Retail demand was fair to good, best for ads; however, storms and power outages in the Midwest affected movement. Food service was light to good, best for fast food, restaurants and catering services. Supplies of smaller product was short to balanced, heavy weights were adequate to closely cleared. In the parts structure, breast items were tight to adequate, mainly bone-in breasts, wings were balanced to short, and dark meat was adequate to fully adequate. Trading was best for white meat, fair for all other parts. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, 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 08/21-08/25/00 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Chicago	44.00-49.00	44.00-62.50	48.08	24
Los Angeles	65.00			
New York	45.00-48.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	59.50-61.00	45.00-64.00	60.29	84

**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.
615	56.40-62.50	59.74
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	150.50	4,225
BREASTS - WHOLE	76.50	1,195
THIGH MEAT - B/S	80.50	735
LEG QUARTERS	23.50	8,075
WINGS	58.50	2,757

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**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady, instances firm. Demand was improved entering the weekend ranging fair to fairly good, best where features and fast food promotions were active. Supplies were balanced to short with reports of weather and reduced schedules being a factor. In the parts structure, breast items were in the firmest position with availability tight and clearing. Interest for wings and dark meat was mixed, but mostly fairly good; supplies were sufficient to close balanced. In production areas, live supplies were mostly moderate. Weights were usually desirable.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Preliminary majority prices were unchanged. Trading for next week's deliveries mixed. Offerings were adequate. Buying activity was only fair. Demand by stores moderate to fairly good best where featured, restaurants light to moderate. The market tone was generally steady on parts. Dealers anticipated fair weekend clearances. Ads noted: Southern California - whole body California grown 69-99 and Southern grown 59-89, leg quarters 32-69, whole legs 129, thighs 79-129, drumsticks 79-129, wings 79-129, bone-in breasts 89-100, boneless breasts 269-549, boneless thighs 129-149, boneless leg meat 87-99 and cornish hens 159 [twin pack]; Northern California: whole body California grown 89, thighs 119-129, drumsticks 119-129, wings 129, bone-in breasts 139, boneless breasts 249-349, cornish hens 199-229, and roasters 109.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Preliminary majority prices for next week's trading into Chicago were 1 cent higher from last Monday's final. Trade sentiment on whole fryers mostly steady. Additional product offerings generally sufficient for limited trade needs as most distributors satisfied with regular commitments. Retail demand slow to moderate. St. Louis was irregular due to severe overnight storms causing power outages and disrupting services. Food service movement was light to good with good demand noted into sit down restaurants and catering in Michigan, best into fast food outlets in Chicago and Ohio and irregular in St. Louis due to storm damage. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate, sizes mostly desirable. In the parts complex, trading was fair with breast items most active. Supplies of all items balanced to tight with wings, bone-in breasts and tenderloins in the shortest position. Trade sentiment steady to firm on breast items, wings steady to fully steady and steady on the balance.

**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers had increased, but was mostly moderate to fairly good approaching the weekend. Offerings of 2.5 pound birds were limited, and the balance of sizes were irregular and ranged adequate to closely balanced. Movement into retail and distributive channels was moderate to good. The market tone was fully steady. In the parts market, offerings of bone-in breasts were better balanced in some locations but remained limited overall. Boneless-skinless breasts were at least adequate, legs were fully adequate, and the balance of items were generally sufficient.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds ranged fair to good entering the weekend. Seller offerings were in good balance to short on the small sizes; at least adequate on the larger sizes. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to heavy and reflected some operations planned for Saturday. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher at 48 to 65 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady. Bone-in breasts were in good balance and clearing satisfactorily. Boneless skinless breast and leg items 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		43-65
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		50.86
NO. OF BOXES		11,255
CUMULATIVE	08/14/00-08/18/00	49.81
	08/16/99-08/20/99	58.59
NO. OF BOXES	08/14/00-08/18/00	52,336
	08/16/99-08/20/99	40,756

\*7 of 8 plants reporting.

AUGUST 17, 2000

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

AUGUST 18, 2000

ITEM	AUGUST 17, 2000				AUGUST 18, 2000					
	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	WEEKLY (000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	629	145.00-200.00	150-155	151.78	700	141.00-195.00	150-155	152.35	3,279	150.89
TENDERLOINS	189	185.00-235.00	195-200	203.49	251	195.00-235.00	195-200	200.95	1,130	201.03
BREAST - LINE RUN	100	67.00-74.00	68-69	73.44	100	67.00-74.00	68-69	73.44	640	69.40
FRONT HALVES	110	58.00-66.00	-	62.45	115	59.00-66.00	-	63.22	565	61.72
LEGS	87	28.00-40.00	29-30	28.97	87	28.00-40.00	29-30	28.97	433	28.55
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	566	18.00-22.00	18.5-19.5	18.93	566	18.00-22.00	18.5-19.5	18.93	2,770	18.83
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,124	21.00-24.00	22-23	22.31	1,444	21.00-24.00	22-23	22.36	6,524	22.30
WINGS (WHOLE)	80	51.00-56.00	55-56	54.85	108	55.00-58.00	55-57	56.44	660	58.32
WINGS (CUT)	537	64.00-86.00	65-67	67.37	672	65.00-86.00	66-68	70.63	2,710	68.24
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				35	40.00
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				70	29.03
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				231	71.61

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 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS  
 TRADING FOR AUG 17, 2000 F.O.B. DOCK.

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**TODAY'S AVERAGE**

RANGE	AVERAGE
38.00 - 44.00	40.69

**TODAY'S 5-DAY AVERAGE**

RANGE	AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
38.50 - 44.00	41.08	40.30

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 improved entering the weekend, but was generally rated as typical overall. Offerings of bone-in breasts were no more than adequate to instances tight. Boneless-skinless breasts were at least adequate, and the balance of items were generally sufficient. Movement through retail and distributive channels was moderate. The market tone was fully steady on bone-in breasts, 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	AUGUST 17, 2000			AUGUST 18, 2000		
	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	145-150	149.26	554,200	145-150	151.06	530,080
TENDERLOINS	180	202.61	146,680	180	207.10	189,360
BREAST - WITH RIBS	68-69	76.75	275,880	68-69	76.97	276,200
BREAST - LINE RUN	68	73.94	179,600	68	74.12	133,600
LEGS	33-34	36.12	193,000	33-34	33.52	291,040
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21	21.47	553,642	20-21	22.09	448,241
DRUMSTICKS	31-32	35.22	181,300	31-32	35.23	142,170
THIGHS	24-25	27.32	259,180	24-25	34.38	136,570
B/S THIGHS	72-73	79.05	62,960	72-73	78.37	90,400
WINGS (WHOLE)	53-54	62.42	410,420	53-54	63.70	334,600
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.09	98,235	10-12	12.02	112,040
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	34.42	62,840	30-35	34.53	81,240
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.86	111,000	40-45	44.93	124,760

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		ACTUAL WTS	
	08/18	08/17	08/16	08/15	08/16	08/15	08/11	08/09
ALA	4,114	3,944	3,811	3,870	4.97	5.00	4,036	4.90
ARK	5,276	5,234	5,128	5,220	4.71	4.75	5,978	4.67
DELMARVA	2,578	2,445	2,472	2,374	4.97	5.04	2,668	4.99
KY-LA-TN	2,136	2,070	2,085	1,995	4.29	4.33	2,220	4.32
MISS	2,926	2,858	2,824	2,813	4.93	5.00	2,809	5.03
NC	2,873	2,688	2,621	2,605	5.80	6.01	2,668	5.67
TEXAS	2,302	2,296	2,289	2,309	4.56	4.60	2,511	4.51
TOTAL	22,205	21,535	21,230	21,186	4.89	4.92	22,890	4.87
MON-FRI108,143(A)	107,657(A)							

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 18-Aug & 19-Aug-00 is estimated to be 33,221,000 up 6.57 percent from a week ago and down 0.0 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,173,000; last year 33,229,000) Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 19-Aug-00 is estimated to be 156,001,000 head down 1.9 percent from a week ago, and up 1.3 percent from a year ago (Last week 159,036,000 Last year 154,016,000)

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

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	80-83
ROASTERS 4# & UP	65-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	68
DUCKS	125
RABBITS-WHOLE	284
RABBITS-CUT UP	289

**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 Aug 05, 2000 (Preliminary),

	(A) Fast food/ Food service	(B) Retail	(C) Deboning
	4.20 Lbs & down	4.21-5.25 Lbs	5.26 Lbs & Up
-----THOUSANDS-----			
Head	27,507	40,081	36,292
Avg Weight	3.80	4.78	6.04
% of total /1	26%	39%	35%
<b>COMPARISONS</b>			
Last week	31,931	39,173	44,028
Avg Weight	3.79	4.77	6.03
% of total /1	28%	34%	38%
Same week, yr ago /2	35,510	38,301	29,304
Avg Weight	3.72	4.82	5.95
% of total /1	34%	37%	28%
To date/2000	1,021,921	1,024,727	1,267,987
To date/1999	1,015,956	910,129	1,315,721

/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 12-Aug-2000 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	159,036(A)	1,964	1,749	3,713	407
AVG WT	5.01	3.43	7.83	5.50	6.48
LAST WEEK	155,250	1,838	1,814	3,652	390
YR AGO	153,926	1,910	1,542	3,452	467
AVG WT	4.85	3.45	7.66	5.33	6.41
TO-DATE/2000	4,952,528	62,585	45,921	108,506	14,227
TO-DATE/1999	4,851,642	68,878	43,635	112,513	14,178

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 158.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 163.3 million head or 4.7 million head more than or 103 percent of estimated fryers available.

**EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: AUG 15, 2000**

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.10 - 1.22	Silkie	3.00 - 3.75ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.00 - 1.24	Geese 9-14	.20 - .32
Pekin Ducks	.40 - .56	Pigeons	1.50 - 2.10ea.
Red Fowl 4-4.5	.36 - .48	White Pigeons	1.75 - 2.25ea.
Red Fowl 5-6	.50 - .64	Rabbits 4-6	.50 - .92
Crossbred Fowl 5-9	.50 - .82	Rabbits 7-11	.40 - .82
Crossbred Roosters 4-6	.60 - .92	Bunnies	.50 - 5.00ea.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11	.20 - .88	Guinea Pigs	.50 - 4.00ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.10 - 1.25	Goats	42.00 - 90.00ea.
Banty Roosters	2.50 - 6.00ea.	Kid Goats	25.00 - 40.00ea.
Banty Hens	1.50 - 3.50ea.	Doves	2.00 - 5.50ea.
Leghorn Hens	.14 - .24	Pullets 4-6	.60 - .84
Leghorn Roosters	.30 - .42		
Total Coops Sold 764			

**EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY for THE WEEK OF 14-AUG-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
<b>ROASTERS:</b> PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED		
	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MOSTLY</b>
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	59-62	61-62
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	60-83	63-66
<b>SQUABS:</b> 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 were unchanged. The trade

sentiment was steady. Demand was fair to at times good. Schedules were full-time. Sizes were mostly desirable to instances light. 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 14-AUG-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	
JULY	8	137.3	157.7	87	4.98
	15	163.5	157.4	104	4.98
	22	160.1	158.1	101	4.92
	29	161.2	157.6	102	5.00
AUGUST	5	157.1	157.9	99	4.90
	12	163.3	158.6	103	5.01
YEAR TO DATE	5015.2	4938.3	102		
AUGUST	19	157.2			
	26	154.3			

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

	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	08/19/00	08/12/00	% CHG	08/21/99	% CHG
Broilers	156,001	159,036*	-02	154,016*	+01
Cattle	692	693	0	723*	-04
Hogs	1,862	1,810	+03	1,870*	0
Under Federal Inspection					

\* ACTUAL

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL** Prices were irregular on canners when compared to a week earlier. Supplies were sufficient but clearing. Demand was moderate with some forward commitments taking place. The undertone was generally steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
25- MAJORITY	25-27.75 MAJORITY

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
23.5-25 MAJORITY 25	26.75-28.5 MAJORITY 26.75-28

**EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices were unchanged. Supplies were sufficient but not burdensome. Demand was light and unaggressive as finished product sales were slow. Processing schedules for next week are about normal. The undertone was steady.

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Trading levels were too few to report. Demand for spent leghorn fowl was moderate with offerings in better balance from production areas. Finished sales have seen some improvement due to seasonal expectations. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices unchanged. Offerings generally fully adequate to occasionally ample for current needs. The number of spent fowl heading into alternative slaughter facilities is reducing at this call. Trade sentiment about steady.

### **LIVE HENS**

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

<b>HEAVY</b>	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR (1)	
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR (2)	
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR (1)	
<b>LIGHT</b>	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
Eastern Light	0 (1)	
Eastern Light	0 (2)	
So. Central Light	TFEWR (2)	
No. Central Light	TFEWR (1)	
No. Central Light	0-.25 (2)	0
(1) Buyer Loading	(2) Producer Loading	

(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was moderate for adequate to ample offerings. Processing schedules for next week are about normal. The market tone was steady.

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for spent heavy hens. Seasonal reductions in flock size have slowed to slaughter plants. Finished sales were fair and viewed as improving. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plants generally worked desired schedules. Offerings spotty.

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