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Majority prices were higher when compared to previous week; however, trade sentiment was reported as fully steady on smaller sizes, steady on the balance in the Northeast, steady to fully steady in the Midwest, fully steady to firm in the South, and firm in the West. Demand was noted as mostly slow to moderate as holiday requirements were assessed, but interest improved in the West and is expected to increase further as Labor Day nears. Supplies were well cleared to sufficient and held with confidence. In the parts structure, availability was adequate to tight. Trading was light and cautious to moderate with purchases limited until pre-holiday needs are evaluated. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 08/28-09/01/00 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	50.50-52.00	50.97	16	55.49	34
Chicago	47.00-52.00	50.61	47	53.58	81
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	59.27	28
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	63.02	21
Denver	65.50	65.50	16	64.62	34
Detroit	49.00-49.50	50.39	19	57.08	56
Los Angeles	66.00	64.69	58	62.41	154
New York	48.00-51.00	49.74	38	52.49	69
Philadelphia	48.00-50.00	48.06	9	49.20	20
Pittsburgh	48.00-51.00	49.40	10	55.43	59
St. Louis	50.50-50.75	49.95	20	53.43	47
San Francisco	66.50	65.38	29	65.92	73

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	08/28/00	Change/Last Wk	08/21/00	08/30/99
676	57.40	2.01	55.39	59.84

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	54.00-62.00	59.21	44
Central	53.00-59.00	56.44	59
West	56.00-67.75	61.34	63

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	60.00-62.00	61.20	83
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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 60.50 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
1,170	47.00-63.00	59.38

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	155.50	4,475
BREASTS - WHOLE	79.00	1,685
THIGH MEAT - B/S	79.50	790
LEG QUARTERS	24.00	8,845
WINGS	58.50	3,056

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair at best entering the week. Offerings of the 2.5 to 3 pound birds were closely cleared, but the larger birds were fully adequate to instances ample. Retail and distributive movement was no better than fair. The market tone was fully steady on the smaller sizes, steady on the balance. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were in a better balance, and boneless-skinless breasts were adequate. The balance of items were usually sufficient for the cautious and selective buyer interest, with most dealers gauging pre-holiday developments closely.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Demand for product improved as Labor Day needs increased. Supplies were close balanced to short of an active call. In the parts structure, availability was no more than adequate for all items and held with confidence where shortages were noted. Movement was fair to good, best where holiday retail features and promotional ads were present. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trading on regular commitments generally 1 cent higher with new negotiations sharply higher. Offerings light and confidently held. Buying activity improved to cover the combined first-of-the month and Labor day weekend anticipated needs. Retail demand fairly good overall. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was up 6.30 to 55.73 with the volume reported up 50 percent to 30 loads.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER The final majority prices into Chicago, St. Louis and Detroit for this week's deliveries were higher with Ohio too few to report from last Monday's final majority. Whole fryer trade sentiment steady to fully steady. Offerings very light with most buyers working off regular commitments and assessing needs. Movement into all channels was slow to fair, occasionally fairly good in Ohio, best into fast food accounts. Floor stocks in a full range, mostly adequate, sizes desirable. Parts trading was limited, supplies generally balanced and held with confidence. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady, undertone firm.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was generally noted as no better than fair following the weekend. Seller offerings were in good balance to closely cleared on the 2.5 to 3.5 pound sizes; ample on the heavier sizes. Live supplies were moderate; weights varied and were mostly desirable to heavy, Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 51 to 68 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady on the smaller sizes; about steady on the larger. In the parts complex, demand remained good on leg quarters. Other items were adequate for a somewhat light and cautious 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	43-68
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	54.13
NO. OF BOXES	9,670

*7 of 8 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was light to fair entering the week, with most dealers working on a hand-to-mouth basis as pre-holiday needs were cautiously assessed. Offerings of bone-in breasts had moved into a better balance in most locations, but remained no more than adequate to close. Boneless-skinless breasts were about adequate. Other items were usually sufficient as buyers worked to ensure adequate floor stocks were maintained during the upcoming holiday period. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair. The market tone was steady. ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	CURRENT		VOLUME
	NEGOTIATED	WTD	
	TRADING*	AVG**	/LBS
BREAST - B/S	150-155	160.68	401,280
TENDERLOINS	180-185	215.12	107,320
BREAST - WITH RIBS	73-74	80.36	232,600
BREAST - LINE RUN	73	76.71	143,000
LEGS	33-34	35.24	258,520
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	22-23	23.41	391,392
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	32.93	128,660
THIGHS	25-26	31.51	161,780
B/S THIGHS	75-76	81.68	41,880
WINGS (WHOLE)	53-54	64.41	284,620
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.29	103,300
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	34.01	55,480
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	45.14	58,880

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

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	1,048	140.00-165.00	145-150	146.56
TENDERLOINS	198	205.00-250.00	-	221.40
BREAST - WITH RIBS		NO TRADING	REPORTED	
FRONT HALVES	400	62.00-72.00	66-70	67.40
LEGS		NO TRADING	REPORTED	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	727	20.00-23.00	21-22	21.93
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,694	21.00-23.00	22-23	22.35
(WHOLE)	178	49.00-64.00	49-53	52.30
DRUMSTICKS		NO TRADING	REPORTED	
THIGHS	1,045	22.00-31.00	22	22.05

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	08/28	08/24	08/24	08/21	08/17
ALA	3,989	3,879	4.89	3,871	4.82
ARK	5,348	5,094	4.58	4,964	4.60
DELMARVA	2,483	2,447	5.01	2,402	4.98
KY-LA-TN	2,022	2,008	4.28	1,962	4.28
MISS	2,808	2,827	5.06	2,753	4.93
NC	2,650	2,620	5.83	2,610	5.68
TEXAS	2,312	2,241	4.47	2,260	4.58
TOTAL	21,612	21,116	4.87	20,822	4.83
MON	21,612(A)			20,822(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 28-Aug 2000 is estimated to be 32,334,000 up 3.49 percent from a week ago and up 6.74 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,245,000, last year 30,292,000)

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	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD
	(000)	RANGE		AVG
BREAST - B/S	624	155.00-220.00	160	160.06
TENDERLOINS	245	200.00-245.00	200-205	204.69
BREAST - LINE RUN	110	80.00-85.00	81-83	81.96
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	86	30.00-41.00	30-32	30.77
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	820	20.00-23.00	21.5-23	22.01
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,370	23.00-25.00	24-25	24.57
WINGS (WHOLE)	109	55.00-60.00	55-57	57.15
WINGS (CUT)	500	68.00-87.00	68-70	73.06
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 AUGUST 28, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
42.50 - 47.50	45.37	44.07

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 BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 28-AUG-2000 TO 01-SEP-2000, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	148.00 - 170.00	155.00 - 160.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	75.00 - 86.00	75.00 - 82.00
LEGS	28.75 - 42.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	19.00 - 27.00	21.00 - 23.00
DRUMSTICKS	25.00 - 40.00	-
THIGHS	23.00 - 33.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	51.00 - 61.00	53.00 - 55.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	25.00 - 38.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 48.00	-

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

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	78-90
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)

FRESHFRYERS	81-84
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

FRESHFRYERS	DRY PACK	103-105
	ICE PACK	92-96
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	106-111
	DRY PACK	112-119
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	94
	DRY PACK	98
DUCKS		149-165

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

CHICKEN PRICES

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	16.25	-	17.00-17.40	-
WTD AVERAGE	16.25		17.03	

740,000 pounds, this includes 240,000 pounds for export shipment

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	14.25-17.00	-	-	16.00
WTD AVERAGE	15.96			16.00

564,000 pounds, this includes 104,000 pounds for export shipment.

FAT CONTENT	15-20%		20% OR MORE	
	13.00-15.00	15.50	12.00-12.75	13.00-15.00
RANGE	13.00-15.00	15.50	12.00-12.75	13.00-15.00
WTD AVERAGE	13.88	15.50	12.52	14.33

1,300,000 pounds, this includes 260,000 pounds for export shipment.

200,000 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 was generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings of heavy hens. Sales were slow with schedules sufficient for needs. Trade sentiment was steady at best.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER
THE WEEK OF 28-AUG-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	4-10.25	5-6	5.84

* 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.

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

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	20.00	14.00-16.00	-
WTD AVERAGE		20.00	14.28	

153,600 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

FAT CONTENT	15-20%		20% OR MORE	
	13.00	16.50-17.00	11.00-14.00	14.50-15.50
RANGE	13.00	16.50-17.00	11.00-14.00	14.50-15.50
WTD AVERAGE	13.00	16.75	12.82	15.00

1,809,800 pounds, this includes 40,000 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 generally unchanged but slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair but still unaggressive as offerings were adequate to ample for current needs. Processing schedules were about normal. The market tone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER
THE WEEK OF 28-AUG-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	.25-9.75	2.25-6	4.97

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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