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Prices were unchanged in the West, unchanged to higher elsewhere. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand was light to fairly good into all channels as trade focused on assessing market, evaluating current needs, and refilling pipelines following the extended holiday weekend. Supplies were close balanced to adequate and at times held with confidence in some areas. In the parts structure, all items were generally well cleared to sufficient and clearing well, particularly breast items. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, 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 09/04-09/08/00 (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	55.64
Chicago	48.00-53.00	51.79	44	54.85	84
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	63.04	27
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	60.70	14
Denver	65.50	65.43	17	62.95	37
Detroit	50.00-54.00	51.36	11	58.51	49
Los Angeles	66.00	64.94	57	62.64	134
New York	48.00-51.00	49.95	42	54.70	79
Philadelphia	48.00-50.00	49.10	10	50.93	22
Pittsburgh	48.00-51.00	49.80	10	56.66	64
St. Louis	51.50-52.00	51.09	18	55.33	47
San Francisco	66.50	66.26	25	66.28	60

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	09/04/00	Change/Last Wk	08/28/00	09/06/99
649	58.34	0.94	57.40	58.40

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	54.00-60.00	57.08	45
Central	54.00-61.00	57.55	57
West	57.00-67.75	61.80	56

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	60.00-62.00	61.59	79
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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 61.00 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
1,125	48.00-62.75	59.53

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	169.50	4,189
BREASTS - WHOLE	80.50	1,547
THIGH MEAT - B/S	80.50	777
LEG QUARTERS	25.50	8,605
WINGS	59.00	2,879

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was good over the holiday weekend, but entering the week was generally no better than moderate as dealers assessed the market situation. Offerings were irregular, particularly on the 3 pound birds which were limited at times. Other sizes were usually adequate to instances available. Retail and distributive movement was moderate. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, all items were generally sufficient to well cleared, however bone-in breasts were usually the most closely balanced item.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was at least steady. Demand was inactive to fair as market and trade needs were evaluated following the Labor Day weekend; however, supplies were short to balanced with reduced holiday schedules further limiting availability. In the parts structure, supplies were well cleared to adequate. Movement was fair to good and clearing. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trading reported for this week's deliveries were at unchanged prices on regular commitments and unchanged to higher on new negotiations. Offerings in close balance and confidently held. Some buyers started to resist higher prices. Demand by stores fairly good where features in progress or planned, elsewhere fair. Demand by restaurants and fast food moderate. Dealers reported fairly good weekend clearances. The market tone was firm on bone-in breasts and leg quarters. Reported parts trading for delivery into California: leg quarters bulk 26.5-29 and 4/10's 29.5-30, bone-in breasts 81-89 and boneless breasts 165-175. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was 57.18 up 1.45 from last week with the volume reported up 3 percent to 31 loads.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER The final majority prices into Chicago, St. Louis and Detroit for this week's trading were higher with Ohio too few to report from last Monday's final majority. Whole fryer trade sentiment mostly steady. Offering very limited with most buyers assessing needs after long weekend. Movement into all channels was light to fairly good and as expected for the holiday. Floor stocks adequate, sizes desirable. Parts trading was light, supplies generally balanced to well cleared with offerings limited. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fairly good through the holiday lengthened weekend and this morning sellers concentrated on replenishing pipelines. Offerings were adequate to tight mainly on the 3.0 and 3.5 pound sizes. Live supplies were moderate; weights were 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. In the parts complex, supplies were generally noted as clearing satisfactorily, particularly leg quarters.

*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	37-69
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	53.87
NO. OF BOXES	9,936

*7 of 8 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity fair to no better than moderate as dealers assessed post-holiday needs. Supplies of all items usually adequate to well cleared. Offerings of bone-in breasts sufficient, although trading at premiums where additional product was required. Other items at least adequate. Movement through retail and distributive channels fair to moderate. The market tone 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	160-165	167.85	592,780
TENDERLOINS	180-185	204.85	98,760
BREAST - WITH RIBS	74-75	80.51	261,880
BREAST - LINE RUN	74	79.17	172,800
LEGS	33-34	36.21	299,040
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	25-26	26.24	598,062
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	34.92	129,620
THIGHS	27-28	34.82	90,460
B/S THIGHS	77-78	81.87	40,720
WINGS (WHOLE)	53-54	59.97	372,884
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.01	77,000
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	34.21	47,960
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.52	77,720

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	867	148.00-167.00	155-160	156.21
TENDERLOINS	113	209.00-242.00	-	218.77
BREAST - WITH RIBS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
FRONT HALVES	320	63.00-74.00	68-74	68.87
LEGS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	663	20.00-23.00	22-23	22.38
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,364	23.00-25.00	25	24.94
WINGS (WHOLE)	160	46.00-56.00	46-50	49.50
DRUMSTICKS	120	23.00-24.00	24	23.67
THIGHS	1,093	24.00-39.00	25	25.09

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS) FOR MONDAY 4-SEP-00

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	09/04	08/31	08/31	08/28	08/24
ALA	(A)	3,877	4.82	3,877	4.89
ARK	(A)	4,931	4.63	5,159	4.58
DELMARVA	Holiday	2,466	5.00	2,460	5.01
LA-TENN	(A)	2,029	4.19	2,046	4.28
MISS	Holiday	2,694	4.94	2,775	5.06
NC	(A)	2,581	5.66	2,611	5.83
TEXAS	(A)	2,289	4.50	2,263	4.47
TOTAL		4,260	20,867	4.82	21,191
MON		4,260(B)		21,191(B)	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 04-Sep 2000

is estimated to be 6,373,000 down 79.96 percent from a week ago and up 57.32 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,799,000, last year 4,051,000)

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	557	155.00-220.00	165-170	170.99
TENDERLOINS	240	200.00-250.00	205-215	206.88
BREAST - LINE RUN	60	75.00-79.00	75-77	78.47
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	86	30.00-41.00	32-33	30.77
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	566	22.00-26.00	23-24	22.93
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,338	25.00-27.00	26-27	26.31
WINGS (WHOLE)	60	51.00-55.00	-	53.13
WINGS (CUT)	612	62.00-87.00	66-68	70.41
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 SEPTEMBER 05, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
46.00 - 51.00	48.07	48.13

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 08/14-08/18/00

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	160.00 - 185.00	170.00 -
BREAST - LINE RUN	75.00 - 90.00	75.00 - 80.00
LEGS	30.00 - 42.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	23.00 - 32.00	24.00 - 26.00
DRUMSTICKS	25.00 - 35.00	-
THIGHS	23.00 - 35.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	52.00 - 68.00	52.00 - 54.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	15.00 - 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)

FRESH FRYERS	81-84
ROASTERS 4# & UP	65-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	68
DUCKS	125
RABBITS-WHOLE	284
RABBITS-CUT UP	289-299

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK 103-105
	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	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. 01-SEP-00

CHICKEN PRICES

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	17.00	21.00	18.00	-
WTD AVERAGE	17.00	21.00	18.00	

464,000 pounds, this includes 104,000 pounds for export shipment

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	15.50-17.00	-	18.00	17.00
WTD AVERAGE	16.53		18.00	17.00

1,120,900 pounds, this includes 240,000 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%				
RANGE	13.00-15.50	-	12.50-15.00	14.00
WTD AVERAGE	13.95		14.02	14.00

1,340,000 pounds, this includes 260,000 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	12.50
WTD AVERAGE				12.50

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 slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent heavy fowl. Finished sales were improving but were usually no better than moderate. Schedules were sufficient for product needs. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 04-SEP-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	4-10	5-8	7.31

* 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. 01-SEP-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	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%				
RANGE	14.00-16.50	16.00-17.50	11.00-14.00	14.00-15.00
WTD AVERAGE	14.70	16.63	12.15	14.09

2,162,400 pounds, this includes 489,600 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 slightly lower than a week earlier. Demand was fair but still unaggressive as offerings were adequate to ample for reduced holiday schedule needs. The market tone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 04-SEP-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	.25-9.5	2-6	4.96
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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