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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices for next week's trading was mostly trending higher. Trade sentiment was steady to firm, mostly fully steady to firm. Demand was mixed with some disappointment reported with first of the month business, some buyers satisfied with regular commitments, and others reporting fair to moderate interest; however, supplies were well cleared to sufficient. In the parts structure, boneless skinless breasts were adequate to fully adequate, and the balance of items were mostly close to tight. Trading was irregular as some took a wait and see attitude and others had difficulty seeking product. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range.

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 09/11-09/15/00 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Chicago	49.00-54.00	49.00-64.00	52.68	25
Los Angeles	67.00			
New York	50.00-53.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	61.50-63.00	49.00-65.00	62.21	84

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 61.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
613	56.80-62.75	60.99

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:

ITEM	(CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	171.00	3,525
BREASTS - WHOLE	82.50	1,195
THIGH MEAT - B/S	80.00	735
LEG QUARTERS	27.00	7,275
WINGS	59.50	2,444

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SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Demand was fair to moderate, best for retail features and fast food promotions. Supplies were well cleared to sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, breast items were short to close balanced and sought. The remaining items were mostly no more than adequate with fairly good movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The preliminary majority prices were 1 cent higher than last week's levels. The market tone was firm with trading for next week's deliveries at higher prices. Offerings adequate for full trade needs. Buyers interest limited to regular commitments. Demand was fair to fairly good best to cover feature activities. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances. Ads noted: Southern California - wholebody 47-69, leg quarters 39, whole legs 139, drumsticks 77-139, thighs 77-139, wings 99-139, bone-in breasts 109-199, boneless breasts 175-349, boneless thigh meat 169-179 and roasters 119; Northern California - whole legs 109, thighs 99, drumsticks 99 and bone-in breasts 99.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices into Chicago for next week's trading increased 1 cent from last Monday's final. Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment steady. Offerings of additional Wogs and whole birds adequate or available for trade needs, buyers currently satisfied with regular commitments. Movement into retail channels was slow to fair with many receivers disappointed in first of the month demand. Retail features noted in Ohio on whole birds at 50 cents and split breasts at 89 cents. Food service demand was mixed, slow to fairly good with fast food orders generally less than expected. Floor stocks balanced to fully adequate with sizes desirable to heavier than desired. Parts trading limited with buyers cautious and taking a wait and see attitude. Supplies adequate to tight on most items with boneless/skinless breasts more available. Trade sentiment fully steady on whole breasts and leg quarters, mostly steady on the remainder of items.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly good entering the weekend. Supplies were mixed and irregular, with 2.5 pound sizes about adequate and the 3 pound and larger birds no more than adequate to tight. Movement into retail and distributive channels was about moderate. The market tone was fully steady to firm. In the parts market, bone-in breasts remained closely balanced to tight. Wings were no more than adequate to closely cleared. Legs and leg quarters were clearing satisfactorily, and the balance of items were usually sufficient.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds continued good and was sufficient in keeping 3.0 and 3.5 pound sizes well cleared to short of immediate needs. Live supplies were about moderate; weights were irregular in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules included operations Saturday and were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were mostly 1 cent higher in a range of 53 to 68 cents. Trade sentiment was firm. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breasts were adequate to fully adequate. Tenders were ample at some points. Other cuts were generally noted as in good balance to short and clearing satisfactorily.

*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		48-74
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		55.65
NO. OF BOXES		11,605
CUMULATIVE	09/04/00-09/08/00	55.07
	09/06/99-09/10/99	57.10
NO. OF BOXES	09/04/00-09/08/00	43,793
	09/06/99-09/10/99	34,809

*7 of 8 plants reporting.

SEPTEMBER 07, 2000

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

SEPTEMBER 08, 2000

ITEM	POUNDS				WTD	POUNDS				WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG		(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	605	155.00-212.00	165-175	175.60	747	165.00-220.00	170-175	173.76	2,497	173.22	
TENDERLOINS	130	205.00-250.00	205-210	213.08	382	200.00-250.00	200-210	213.30	928	211.33	
BREAST - LINE RUN	99	81.00-86.00	83-84	83.02	70	80.00-84.00	81-83	83.54	320	82.21	
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				305	74.63	
LEGS	84	31.00-43.00	32-34	31.57	86	32.00-45.00	32-34	32.91	340	31.71	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	506	23.50-26.00	24-25	24.12	686	25.00-28.00	26-27	25.73	2,304	24.21	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,225	25.00-28.00	26-27	26.80	959	26.00-30.00	28-29	28.75	4,686	26.96	
WINGS (WHOLE)	63	54.00-61.00	54-56	56.44	58	56.00-61.00	57-58	57.90	265	56.04	
WINGS (CUT)	643	65.00-87.00	67-70	74.03	707	62.00-87.00	67-69	71.20	2,465	71.53	
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				36	43.00	
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				24	43.00	
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				67	73.33	

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

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TRADING FOR SEP 07, 2000 F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S

TRADING FOR SEP 08, 2000 F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S

5-DAY

RANGE

AVERAGE

RANGE

AVERAGE

AVERAGE

48.00 - 52.00

48.92

49.00 - 54.00

51.23

49.34

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 increased entering the weekend, and was usually moderate to instances fairly good. Offerings of bone-in breasts were balanced to tight, with some dealers noting shortages from regular commitments and some difficulty securing product out front. However, boneless-skinless breasts ranged adequate to at times fully adequate. Wings were closely balanced to well cleared and dark meat items were no more than adequate. Movement into retail and distributive channels was mostly moderate. The market tone was fully steady.

PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER

PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES.

SEPTEMBER 08, 2000

SEPTEMBER 07, 2000

CURRENT NEG

WTD

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WEEKLY

ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	160-165	169.89	528,584	160-165	169.17	649,320	169.18	2,319,274
TENDERLOINS	180-185	198.16	118,000	180-185	210.60	138,360	202.61	497,470
BREAST - WITH RIBS	76-77	82.53	319,000	77-78	83.33	288,800	82.15	1,166,177
BREAST - LINE RUN	76	78.80	125,080	77	79.85	130,000	79.30	559,120
LEGS	34-35	37.76	275,520	35-36	38.65	314,920	37.37	1,177,320
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	26-27	26.79	652,432	27-28	26.60	614,738	26.65	2,706,561
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	36.36	180,970	29-30	35.53	188,580	35.25	716,220
THIGHS	27-28	30.21	225,630	27-28	32.79	163,290	31.92	668,490
B/S THIGHS	77-78	83.03	31,840	77-78	81.74	56,760	82.07	176,090
WINGS (WHOLE)	55-56	63.92	369,070	56-57	64.27	404,630	62.90	1,598,574
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.08	81,800	10-12	12.05	106,760	12.05	342,640
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	33.46	73,280	30-35	34.53	74,560	34.11	255,450
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.25	74,080	45-50	49.00	68,920	45.59	274,240

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)

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

	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	09/08	09/07	09/05	09/06	09/01
ALA	3,880	3,982	3,908	3,769	5.06
ARK	5,553	5,380	5,158	5,022	4.76
DELMARVA	2,559	2,376	2,382	2,380	5.10
KY-LA-TN	1,869	1,926	1,922	1,835	4.32
MISS	2,827	2,839	2,829	2,797	5.12
NC	3,214	2,645	2,618	2,616	5.77
TEXAS	2,353	2,297	2,226	2,240	4.51
TOTAL	22,255	21,445	21,043	20,659	4.96
MON-FRI	90,468(A)				107,253(A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 08 & 09-Sep-00 is estimated to be 33,296,000 up 6.81 percent from a week ago and down 16.4 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,173,000; last year 39,850,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 09-Sep-00 is estimated to be 130,545,000 head down 17.4 percent from a week ago, and down 3.4 percent from a year ago (Last week 157,965,000 Last year 135,122,000)

	RANGE
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	103-105
ROASTERS 4# & UP	106-111
HENS OVER 5#	94
DUCKS	149-165

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live weight, week ending August 26, 2000 (Preliminary),

	(A) Fast food/ Food service 4.20 Lbs & down	(B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs	(C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs & Up
-----THOUSANDS-----			
Head	38,907	41,047	38,325
Avg Weight	3.76	4.76	6.00
% of total /1	33%	35%	32%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	34,631	34,508	43,337
Avg Weight	3.74	4.70	5.97
% of total /1	31%	31%	39%
Same week, yr ago /2	29,727	44,034	33,505
Avg Weight	3.76	4.74	5.96
% of total /1	28%	41%	31%
To date/2000	1,133,812	1,139,017	1,388,515
To date/1999	1,114,495	1,032,317	1,412,548

/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 02-Sep-2000 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	157,965 (A)	1,827	1,570	3,397	404
AVG WT	4.80	3.44	7.84	5.47	6.65
LAST WEEK	160,646	1,823	1,311	3,134	434
YR AGO	156,031	1,883	1,522	3,405	448
AVG WT	4.86	3.46	8.25	5.60	6.48
TO-DATE/2000	5,429,722	68,050	50,328	118,378	15,510
TO-DATE/1999	5,319,127	74,525	48,267	122,792	15,454

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 151.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 159.9 million head or 8.8 million head more than or 106 percent of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: SEP 05, 2000

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.00 - 1.24	Silkies	2.50 - 3.50ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.00 - 1.10	Geese 9-14	.20 - .34
Pekin Ducks	.10 - .24	Pigeons	1.50 - 2.00ea.
Red Fowl 4-4.5	.30 - .48	White Pigeons	1.10 - 1.75ea.
Red Fowl 5-6	.50 - .84	Rabbits 4-6	.60 - 1.02
Crossbred Fowl 5-9	.50 - .82	Rabbits 7-11	.50 - .86
Crossbred Roosters 4-6	.50 - 1.10	Bunnies	.10 - 2.00ea.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11	.50 - .92	Guinea Pigs	.10 - 3.50ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.00 - 1.85	Kid Goats	12.00 - 35.00ea.
Banty Roosters	2.50 - 6.00ea.	Doves	2.25 - 4.50ea.
Banty Hens	2.00 - 3.50ea.	Pullets 4-6	.60 - .84
Leghorn Hens	.10 - .22		

Total Coops Sold 732

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY for THE WEEK OF 04-SEP-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 MOSTLY	137	143

MIDWEST MOSTLY	121-125 121-123	122-126 122-124
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ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	64-65	
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	63-83	67-73

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 fairly good to good. Schedules were full-time. 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 04-SEP-2000

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS MOSTLY	121-123	124

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
JULY	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
	19 160.5	157.2	102	4.83
	26 162.6	154.3	105	4.91
SEPTEMBER	2 159.9	151.1	106	4.80
YEAR TO DATE	5498.2	5400.9	102	
SEPTEMBER	9 148.8			
	16 149.4			

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	09/09/00	09/02/00	% CHG	09/11/99	% CHG
Broilers	130,545	157,965*	-17	135,122*	-03
Cattle	624	717	-13	617*	+01
Hogs	1,747	1,847	-05	1,759*	-01

Under Federal Inspection

* ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL Prices were irregular but generally in a range of unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Supplies were sufficient to fully adequate for current requirements. Demand was light to moderate. Undertone was mostly steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
23-25 MAJORITY 23.5-25	25.5-27.75 MAJORITY 26.75-27.75

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
24.5-25 MAJORITY 25	25.5-28.5 MAJORITY 27-28

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Supplies were generally adequate for processors requirements. Demand was light and unaggressive as finished product sales were fair. Processing schedules for next week were usually normal. The undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were improved and pricing was reported as steadier following seasonal and commodity purchasing. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices unchanged. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the fair demand. Finished product clearing at a moderate pace. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady at best.

LIVE HENS

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

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

(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was light to moderate for offerings that ranged from adequate to ample. Supplies of finished product were clearing and reported as at least sufficient to fully adequate for needs. The market tone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was no better than fair. Offerings were in balance to mostly adequate for spent hens. Finished sales were slowly improving as seasonal interest and commodity purchasing added movement and excitement to the market. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked reduced schedules. Demand fair. Offerings in fair balance with current needs.

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