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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices for next week were trending higher in the East, unchanged in the West, and unsettled in the Midwest. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady, mostly steady. Demand overall was mostly moderate at best. Supplies of light weights were adequate to short, heavier sizes were more available and increasing. In the parts structure, wings were tight and held with confidence. Breast items were adequate to fully sufficient and dark meat was usually in good balance. Trading was limited to fair with some buyers satisfied and awaiting further developments. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, 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 09/18-09/22/00 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
(Including branded product)				
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	50.00-54.00	49.00-64.50	53.17	24
Los Angeles	67.00			
New York	52.00-55.00			

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	62.00-64.00	53.00-66.00	62.60	82
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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 62.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
614	57.40-63.50	61.68
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:		
ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	173.50	4,225
BREASTS - WHOLE	83.50	1,195
THIGH MEAT - B/S	81.00	735
LEG QUARTERS	28.50	8,080
WINGS	62.50	2,758

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SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand was light to moderate, best for features and promotions. Supplies were sufficient to well cleared for trade needs. In the parts structure, breast items became more available, but were still balanced to well cleared and moving. Wings were tight with a strong call, and dark meat items were in good balance. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION Market tone was steady. Offerings adequate. Demand fairly good, best where featured. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances. Ads noted: Southern California - California grown whole body 59-79 and Southern grown 78, leg quarters 88, whole legs 99-129, drumsticks 79-109, thighs 79-109, wings 88-129, bone-in breasts 99-139, boneless breasts 188-399 and boneless thigh meat 129-348; Northern California - California grown whole body 69, drumsticks 89, thighs 89 and bone-in breasts 169.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment on whole broiler/fryers steady. Offerings adequate to short on small Wogs and Whole birds, heavy sizes adequate for the generally disinterested buyers. Movement into all channels was slow to light instances fair at best. Floor stocks adequate, sizes desirable to heavy. Parts trading was light to moderate, offerings generally limited with boneless/skinless breasts under pressure and being discounted. Supplies of boneless/skinless breasts fully adequate to instances burdensome, balance of items barely adequate to tight. Trade sentiment steady to firm on wings, weak on boneless/skinless breasts and steady to fully steady on all other items.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers continued fair to mostly moderate as dealers gauged immediate needs. Supplies of all sizes were usually adequate, with best interest centering around the 3 pound sizes. The heavier birds were more than sufficient and often increasing in availability. Movement into retail and distributive channels was about fair to moderate at best. The market tone was steady. In the parts market, bone-in breasts were at least adequate, and boneless skinless breasts were adequate to available. Wings remained tight to short, and dark meat items were generally sufficient.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was good on the balanced to short supply of the smaller sizes; fair at best on the fully adequate supply of larger sizes. Live supplies were about moderate; weights varied and were mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 55 to 69 cents. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, wings were no more than adequate and where offerings were available they were held with confidence. Other cuts were at least adequate for the generally light and selective buyer.

*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	51-71
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	58.74
NO. OF BOXES	11,511
CUMULATIVE	
	09/11/00-09/15/00 57.63
	09/13/99-09/17/99 57.60
NO. OF BOXES	
	09/11/00-09/15/00 55,935
	09/13/99-09/17/99 37,541

*7 of 8 plants reporting.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	POUNDS (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,110	155.00-225.00	165-175	174.67	2,731	175.38
TENDERLOINS	335	200.00-250.00	200-210	212.61	972	213.81
BREAST - LINE RUN	185	81.00-86.00	82-84	84.84	473	83.70
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				328	77.99
LEGS	96	32.00-45.00	32-34	34.17	238	34.08
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	954	25.00-28.00	26-27	26.03	2,395	26.33
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,544	28.00-30.00	29-30	29.12	6,241	29.07
WINGS (WHOLE)	136	58.00-61.00	-	58.97	348	58.21
WINGS (CUT)	1,620	68.00-92.00	70-72	74.07	3,102	73.24
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				30	45.00
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				25	45.00
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				121	69.01

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR SEPTEMBER 15, 2000— F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
50.75 - 56.00	53.14	52.21

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 Weekend clearances were fairly good, however, entering the week trucklot buying activity was slow as dealers cautiously assessed the market. Supplies of breast items were at least adequate to available. Dark meat items were more than sufficient. However, wings remained closely cleared to tight at times. Movement into retail and distributive channels was about fair. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm on wings, no better than steady to weak on the balance. Trade sentiment was unsettled.

PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES.

SEPTEMBER 14, 2000	CURRENT NEG	WTD		CURRENT NEG	WTD	SEPTEMBER 15, 2000	
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	TRADING*	AVG**	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	160-165	169.35	611,200	Due to the	174.49	170.62	2,767,068
TENDERLOINS	180-185	212.91	150,370	National	214.33	211.84	704,040
BREAST - WITH RIBS	78-79	85.28	399,240	Market News	84.93	84.68	1,643,680
BREAST - LINE RUN	78	82.43	126,080	Reporter	81.46	82.01	699,820
LEGS	35-36	38.76	331,280	workshop	40.17	39.05	1,328,200
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	27-28	28.49	508,156	current	28.79	28.35	2,722,591
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	37.55	169,980	negotiated	37.45	37.17	864,990
THIGHS	27-28	34.21	164,400	figures were	36.93	34.77	820,620
B/S THIGHS	77-78	81.38	57,840	not released	83.33	82.02	223,990
WINGS (WHOLE)	60-61	68.28	363,920	for 09/15/00	68.59	67.40	1,771,090
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.11	81,880		12.02	12.02	387,160
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	34.47	72,000		34.61	34.33	344,980
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	49.56	77,840		49.83	49.52	379,000

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		AVG WTS	
	09/15	09/14	09/13	09/12	09/13	09/12	09/08	09/06
ALA	4,044	3,900	3,892	3,886	5.10	5.03	3,841	5.06
ARK	5,383	5,324	5,164	5,197	4.65	4.79	5,681	4.76
DELMARVA	2,349	2,399	2,419	2,437	5.01	5.08	2,618	5.10
KY-LA-TN	1,900	1,906	1,883	1,901	4.35	4.37	1,854	4.32
MISS	2,703	2,767	2,737	2,754	5.06	5.06	3,073	5.12
NC	2,748	2,635	2,614	2,581	5.76	6.01	3,348	5.77
TEXAS	2,277	2,287	2,272	2,249	4.59	4.53	2,386	4.51
TOTAL	21,404	21,218	20,981	21,005	4.93	4.97	22,801	4.96
MON-FRI	106,382(A)				89,605(A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 15 & 16 Sep 00 is estimated to be 32,023,000 up 2.73 percent from a week ago and down 11.5 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,173,000; last year 36,186,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 16-Sep-00 is estimated to be 154,342,000 head up 14.4 percent from a week ago, and up 1.3 percent from a year ago

(Last week 134,859,000 Last year 152,393,000)

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

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	82-85
ROASTERS 4# & UP	65-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	68-68
DUCKS	125
RABBITS-WHOLE	284
RABBITS-CUT UP	289

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	103-105
	ICE PACK	93-96
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	106-111
	DRY PACK	112-119
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	94
	DRY PACK	98
DUCKS		149-165

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live weight, week ending SEPT 02, 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	39,522	28,265	43,701
Avg Weight	3.76	4.74	5.91
% of total /1	35%	25%	39%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	38,907	41,047	38,325
Avg Weight	3.76	4.76	6.00
% of total /1	33%	35%	32%
Same week, yr ago /2	31,385	37,317	27,135
Avg Weight	3.74	4.86	6.12
% of total /1	33%	39%	28%
To date/2000	1,173,334	1,167,282	1,432,216
To date/1999	1,145,880	1,069,633	1,439,683

/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 09-Sep-2000 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	134,859(A)	1,489	1,296	2,785	495
AVG WT	4.87	3.51	7.97	5.59	6.31
LAST WEEK	157,965	1,827	1,570	3,397	404
YR AGO	135,122	1,583	1,368	2,951	413
AVG WT	4.91	3.35	8.20	5.59	6.59
TO-DATE/2000	5,564,581	69,539	51,624	121,163	16,005
TO-DATE/1999	5,454,249	76,108	49,635	125,743	15,867

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 148.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 136.5 million head or 12.3 million head less than or 92 percent of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: SEP 12, 2000

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.80 - 1.02	Silkie	2.50 - 3.75ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.80 - .94	Pigeons	1.00 - 1.75ea.
Pekin Ducks	.20 - .42	White Pigeons	1.00 - 1.75ea.
Red Fowl 4-4.5	.25 - .54	Rabbits 4-6	.60 - 1.10
Red Fowl 5-6	.50 - .86	Rabbits 7-11	.50 - .82
Crossbred Fowl 5-9	.50 - .92	Bunnies	.50 - 6.00ea.
Crossbred Roosters 4-6	.60 - .94	Guinea Pigs	.50 - 3.00ea.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11	.50 - .92	Goats	47.00-130.00ea
Guinea Fowl	1.25 - 1.95	Kid Goats	13.00 - 36.00ea
Banty Roosters	2.00 - 5.75ea.	Doves	2.50 - 6.50ea.
Banty Hens	2.00 - 3.50ea.	Pullets 4-6	.70 - 1.10
Leghorn Hens	.12 - .24		
Leghorn Roosters	.30 - .52	Total Coops Sold	786

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY for THE WEEK OF 11-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	137	143
MOSTLY		

MIDWEST	121-125	122-126
MOSTLY	121-123	122-124

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)	60-83	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 were unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady. Demand was fair 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 11-SEP-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
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
	9 136.5	148.8	92	4.87
YEAR TO DATE	5634.7	5549.7	102	
SEPTEMBER 16		149.4		
	23	150.2		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

W/E	-----THOUSANDS-----				
	09/16/00	09/09/00	% CHG	09/18/99	% CHG
Broilers	154,342	134,859*	+14	152,939*	+01
Cattle	712	624	+14	724*	-02
Hogs	1,974	1,747	+13	1,988*	-01

Under Federal Inspection

* ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL Prices were generally unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Suppliers were sufficient 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 24-25	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)
24.5-25.5 MAJORITY 25	25.5-28.5 MAJORITY 27.5-28

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Supplies were sufficient for processors needs but offerings were not as available as prior week. Demand was light and unaggressive as finished product sales were only 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 fair. Offerings were at least adequate. Schedules were normal.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices unchanged. Offerings continued adequate to ample, mostly fully adequate for the light to moderate demand. Finished product sales were fair. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment steady at best.

LIVE HENS

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

<u>HEAVY</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
Southeast Heavy f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	(2)
South Central Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
<u>LIGHT</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
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 moderate for offerings that were still fully sufficient for trade requirements. Supplies of finished product were clearing and reported as adequate for needs. The market tone was mostly steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was fair. Offerings were adequate. Schedules were normal.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked light to moderate schedules. Offerings spotty.

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