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Majority prices for next week are trending unchanged to lower, mostly lower. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Demand was moderate at best, mostly slow to moderate. Offerings were fully adequate to ample and sharply discounted, but with little or no interest noted. In the parts structure, breast items were fully sufficient to ample and difficult to move, even at attractive prices. Wings were short of an active call and clearing well, and dark meat items were usually at least adequate with fair movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable to heavy.

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 09/25-09/29/00 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Including branded product)		COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Chicago	47.00-51.50	47.00-64.50	50.74	23
Los Angeles	67.00			
New York	49.00-52.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	61.50-63.00	47.00-65.00	62.11	78

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.

PRERELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
614	58.40-63.75	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	161.50	4,160
BREASTS - WHOLE	80.00	1,180
THIGH MEAT - B/S	81.50	718
LEG QUARTERS	29.00	7,797
WINGS	66.50	2,720

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SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Retail and food service demand was slow to fair with very little interest, even at lower levels, with some reports of cancellations. Supplies were at least adequate and readily available for the limited trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was inactive with most interest centered on wings. Breast items were in the heaviest supply and discounted, and dark meat was at least adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights mostly desirable, but at times heavy.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices unchanged from last week. Trading for next week's deliveries on regular commitments were at unchanged to lower prices, new negotiations were at generally lower prices. Offerings ample with sharp discounts noted. Demand fairly good overall, best to cover features. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances. Wings were firm, breasts weak and balance of parts generally steady. Ads noted: Southern California - California grown whole cut-up 98 and whole body 58-89, Southern grown whole body 89, leg quarters 49, whole legs 67-169, wings 99-169, thighs 69-169, drumsticks 49-169, bone-in breasts 89-169, boneless leg meat 108-129, roasters 98-119 and cornish hens 199 [twin pack]; Northern California - free range 149, California grown whole body 69 and buy 1 get 1 free, whole body stewers 129, wings 99, drumsticks 99-119, thighs 99-119, boneless breasts 188-299 and cornish hens 189.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS The preliminary majority for next week's trading into Chicago was lower from last Monday's final. Trade sentiment on whole broiler/fryers barely steady to weak. Offerings of additional product readily available for the very limited trade needs. Movement into retail channels seasonally light with a majority of players asking what it will take to stimulate demand. Food service demand was slow to moderate at best. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate with sizes desirable to heavy. Parts trading active on wings and mostly inactive on all other items with steep discounts noted on boneless, skinless breasts. Supplies of wings short, boneless/skinless breasts heavy with the remainder of items moderate to instances heavy. Trade sentiment firm on wings, steady to barely steady on leg quarters and barely steady too weak on breast items.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light to fair at best and generally disappointing entering the weekend. Offerings were fully adequate on the larger sizes, smaller sizes were adequate to fully adequate, with the exception of 2.5 pound sizes which were noted as in the best balance. Movement into retail and distributive channels was no better than fair. The market tone was barely steady to weak, with 4-pound sizes in the longest position. In the parts market, bone-in and boneless-skinless breasts were fully adequate to ample, wings were in good demand and clearing. Dark meat items ranged adequate to ample.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was slow to fair at best entering the weekend. Seller offerings were fully adequate to ample and were in the better balance on the smaller sizes. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent lower at 51 to 65 cents. Trade sentiment was generally weak. In the parts complex, wings were in good demand and supplies were clearing satisfactorily. Other items attracted limited buying interest. Breast cuts were readily available and slow to clear. Leg items were adequate to ample.

*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	45-70	
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	55.83	
NO. OF BOXES	10,347	
CUMULATIVE		
	09/18/00-09/22/00	57.46
	09/20/99-09/24/99	57.00
NO. OF BOXES		
	09/18/00-09/22/00	55,292
	09/20/99-09/24/99	39,007

*7 of 8 plants reporting.

SEPTEMBER 21, 2000

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

SEPTEMBER 22, 2000

ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS				WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	578	124.00-220.00	160-165	163.47	617	120.00-220.00	155-160	163.11	2,953	166.76
TENDERLOINS	145	215.00-255.00	-	220.52	170	200.00-255.00	200-210	211.47	895	216.23
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				426	81.68
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				367	76.89
LEGS	86	32.00-47.00	32-34	33.05	86	32.00-47.00	-	33.05	434	33.10
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	481	25.00-28.00	25-27	26.17	391	25.00-28.00	-	26.26	2,737	26.20
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,290	28.00-30.00	29-30	29.24	1,210	28.00-30.00	29-30	29.16	5,774	29.18
WINGS (WHOLE)	78	63.00-64.00	-	63.28	78	63.00-64.00	-	63.28	355	61.24
WINGS (CUT)	712	74.00-97.00	75-78	83.73	373	74.00-98.00	74-78	77.66	2,490	78.11
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				30	45.80
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				44	25.00-47.00	-	27.00	58	31.62
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				234	68.93

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

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TRADING FOR SEP 21, 2000 F.O.B. DOCK. **TODAY'S**

TRADING FOR SEP 22, 2000 F.O.B. DOCK. **TODAY'S** **5-DAY**

RANGE	AVERAGE	RANGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE
48.50 - 51.50	50.45	48.50 - 51.50	49.88	51.41

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 was slow to no better than fair with most dealers being very cautious. Offerings of breast items were fully adequate to ample and difficult to place. Dark meat items increased in availability at some locations. Wings were in close balance and clearing satisfactorily. Movement into retail and distributive channels was fair at best. The market tone was fully steady on wings, steady to barely steady on dark meat items and weak on breast items.

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 WTD			CURRENT NEG WTD			WEEKLY	
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	145-150	154.95	623,950	140-145	150.43	551,560	158.17	2,977,870
TENDERLOINS	180-185	214.97	124,230	180-185	214.26	185,740	214.15	887,570
BREAST - WITH RIBS	70-71	81.31	328,640	67-68	77.57	294,720	82.36	1,668,240
BREAST - LINE RUN	70	73.57	158,000	67	64.08	123,400	74.78	771,200
LEGS	35-36	39.90	214,860	35-36	38.87	253,960	39.14	1,228,120
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	27-28	28.40	570,281	27-28	27.94	540,045	28.55	2,668,211
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	37.03	160,190	29-30	36.98	185,750	35.82	943,920
THIGHS	27-28	30.12	237,450	27-28	32.66	200,930	33.19	933,980
B/S THIGHS	77-78	81.84	47,840	77-78	82.09	65,520	82.18	265,780
WINGS (WHOLE)	64-65	72.96	335,760	65-66	75.19	351,480	72.29	1,763,200
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.18	86,320	10-12	12.00	99,040	11.84	498,280
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	34.55	73,380	30-35	34.59	87,640	34.50	392,210
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	54.63	73,510	50-55	54.91	106,040	52.62	423,110

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		AVG ACTUAL WTS	
	09/22	09/21	09/20	09/19	09/20	09/19	09/15	09/13
ALA	3,869	3,967	3,855	3,948	5.06	5.06	4,347	5.10
ARK	4,951	5,195	5,159	5,160	4.80	4.82	5,568	4.65
DELMARVA	2,539	2,364	2,373	2,347	5.10	5.17	2,375	5.01
KY-LA-TN	1,881	1,898	1,878	1,837	4.35	4.38	2,053	4.35
MISS	2,950	2,817	2,891	2,845	5.02	5.05	2,830	5.06
NC	2,701	2,608	2,583	2,340	5.76	6.01	2,765	5.76
TEXAS	1,832	2,269	2,282	2,208	4.63	4.72	2,279	4.59
TOTAL	20,723	21,118	21,021	20,685	4.97	5.01	22,217	4.93
MON-FRI105,150(A)	106,385(A)							

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	82-85
ROASTERS 4# & UP	65-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	72
DUCKS	125
RABBITS-WHOLE	284
RABBITS-CUT UP	289

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

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

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 22 & 23-Sep-00 is estimated to be 31,004,000 down 0.54 percent from a week ago and down 12.1 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,173,000; last year 35,279,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 23-Sep-00 is estimated to be 152,588,000 head down 5.1 percent from a week ago, and down 2.2 percent from a year ago

(Last week 160,820,000 Last year 155,941,000)

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live weight, week ending Sept. 9, 2000 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning

Food service
4.20 Lbs & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs 5.26 Lbs & Up

-----THOUSANDS-----

Head	23,867	18,621	25,522
Avg Weight	3.75	4.78	6.13
% of total /1	35%	27%	38%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	39,522	28,265	43,701
Avg Weight	3.76	4.74	5.91
% of total /1	35%	25%	39%
Same week, yr ago /2	23,035	31,506	27,691
Avg Weight	3.89	4.77	6.06
% of total /1	28%	38%	34%
To date/2000	1,197,201	1,185,903	1,457,738
To date/1999	1,168,915	1,101,139	1,467,374

/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 16-Sep-2000 (PRELIMINARY)

YOUNG LIGHTHEAVY TOTAL
CHICKENS HENS HENS HENS DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----

HEAD	160,820(A)	1,813	1,570	3,383	405
AVG WT	4.94	3.42	8.03	5.56	6.69
LAST WEEK	134,859	1,489	1,296	2,785	495
YR AGO	152,393	2,014	1,484	3,498	454
AVG WT	4.87	3.40	8.04	5.37	4.96
TO-DATE/2000	5,725,401	71,352	53,194	124,546	16,410
TO-DATE/1999	5,606,642	78,122	51,119	129,241	16,321

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 149.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 162.8 million head or 13.4 million head more than or 109 percent of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: SEP 19, 2000

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.80 - 1.02	Silkie	2.50 - 3.50ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.80 - 1.26	Geese 9-14 LBS	.20 - .32
Pekin Ducks	.30 - .42	Pigeons	1.00 - 1.35ea.
Red Fowl 4-4.5 LBS	.25 - .42	White Pigeons	1.25 - 1.75ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.50 - .72	Rabbits 4-6 LBS	.40 - .84
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.50 - .74	Rabbits 7-11 LBS	.40 - .76
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.50 - 1.02	Bunnies	.50 - 6.00ea.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.50 - .94	Guinea Pigs	.25 - 2.75ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.25 - 1.55	Kid Goats	21.00 - 40.00ea.
Banty Roosters	2.50 - 6.00ea.	Doves	1.75 - 3.50ea.
Banty Hens	1.50 - 3.50ea.	Pullets 4-6 LBS	.70 - 1.00
Leghorn Hens	.12 - .22		
Leghorn Roosters	.30 - .44		

Total Coops Sold 785

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY for THE WEEK OF 18-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

MOSTLY	RANGE
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	64-65
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	60-83
	65-73

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 trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was fair to fairly 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 18-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		PCT	AVG WT	
	SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE			
AUGUST	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
	16	162.8	149.4	109	4.94
YEAR TO DATE		5797.5	5699.1	102	
SEPTEMBER 23			150.2		
	30		150.2		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

W/E	-----THOUSANDS-----				
	09/23/00	09/16/00	% CHG	09/25/99	% CHG
Broilers	152,588	160,820*	-05	155,941*	-02
Cattle	719	715	+01	714*	+01
Hogs	1,911	1,974	-03	2,017*	-05

Under Federal Inspection

* ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL Prices were irregular but generally trending slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Supplies were sufficient for current requirements. Demand improved but was still in a full range of light to good. Undertone was mostly steady. USDA has reopened and invites offers to sell canned boned poultry in 50 ounce cans for school lunch and other domestic food nutrition assistance programs for delivery November 16 to November 20.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
24-25 MAJORITY	25.5-27.75 MAJORITY

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
24.75-27 MAJORITY 25	26-28.5 MAJORITY 27-28.5

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Supplies were sufficient for processors needs as interest was irregular for finished product sales. However, processing schedules will be less next week as offerings were not available as prior week. Demand was light and unaggressive as canner sales were only fair. The undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were mixed, generally moderate or better for current schedules. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices unchanged. Offerings were mixed from adequate to ample, but usually adequate for fully adequate for needs. Demand was mostly moderate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

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	TFEWR	(2)
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
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	(1)
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 adequate for trade requirements. Supplies of canners were clearing easily but usually reported as still sufficient for needs. The market tone was mostly steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Schedules at processing plants were sufficient to cover needs. Trade sentiment was about steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked moderate schedules. Offerings adequate.

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