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Majority prices were unchanged in the West, unchanged to lower, mostly lower elsewhere. Trade sentiment was about steady with caution to weak. Retail and food service demand was fair to moderate, best for fast food promotions. Offerings were adequate to ample, longest for heavier weights, with limited and selective interest. In the parts structure, wings received the most interest with supplies close balanced to well cleared. Tenders were in good balance, but breast items and dark meat were at least adequate and often discounted to move. In production areas, live supplies were at least 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 10/02-10/06/00 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	46.00-47.00	46.97	16	52.70	28
Chicago	46.00-50.00	49.32	49	52.20	81
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	59.00	33
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	60.50	14
Denver	66.50	66.41	17	64.54	36
Detroit	47.00-48.00	48.53	17	55.53	53
Los Angeles	67.00	65.71	58	61.80	134
New York	44.00-47.00	46.07	29	52.17	65
Philadelphia	44.00-46.00	45.00	8	48.85	24
Pittsburgh	46.00-48.00	47.10	10	54.33	51
St. Louis	48.75-49.00	48.41	18	52.02	40
San Francisco	67.50	66.42	30	65.00	74

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	10/02/00	Change/Last Wk	09/25/00	10/04/99
633	56.46	-1.26	57.72	53.01

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	53.00-58.00	56.22	40
Central	52.00-58.00	55.56	60
West	53.00-64.00	58.48	63

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	61.00-63.00	61.94	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 61.75 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
1,105	46.00-62.75	60.05

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	153.50	4,340
BREASTS - WHOLE	74.00	1,655
THIGH MEAT - B/S	83.00	775
LEG QUARTERS	29.50	8,830
WINGS	67.50	2,919

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was only fair entering the week. Supplies ranged adequate to ample with, 3.5 to 4 pound birds in the longer position. The market tone was cautiously steady. In the parts complex, breast items remained fully adequate to ample. Dark meat items were readily available. The best interest continued to center around wings which were usually adequate to balanced.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand was light with limited trading and few inquiries. Supplies were at least sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, wings were in balance to well cleared, and the remaining items were adequate to fully adequate. Movement was light with hopes of improvement due to planned retail features. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged from last week. The market tone was barely steady with trading at unchanged prices on regular commitments and new negotiations at generally lower prices. Offerings ample for full trade needs. Retail demand was moderate to fairly good where features planned. Dealers reported moderate weekend carryovers. Reported parts trading: bulk leg quarters 30-31 and bagged 4/10s mainly 33, bone-in breasts 74-76 and boneless 127-130. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was down 1.54 to 53.14 with the volume at 33 loads up 18 percent.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices on deliveries this week into Chicago, St. Louis and Detroit decreased with Ohio too few to report from last Monday's final. Whole fryer trade sentiment about steady. Offerings limited, buyer interest continued selective and cautious. Retail and food service movement slow to moderate. Floor stocks adequate to long, sizes desirable. Parts trading moderate to fairly good on wings and tenders for the balanced to short supplies, all other items trading was limited for the adequate to ample supplies. Trade sentiment was mixed on wings, unsettled on breast items, fully steady on tenderloins and about steady on the balance.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was mixed and irregular, best on the smaller sizes. Seller offerings were adequate to ample and were more readily available on the 4 pound sizes. Live supplies remained at least moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 47 to 61 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady and cautious. In the parts complex, wings continued to clear satisfactorily. Breast and leg items were fully adequate to ample for immediate needs.

*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	34-70
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	47.86
NO. OF BOXES	12,394

*7 of 8 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Weekend trucklot buying activity was only fair to moderate at best, and entering the week most dealers remained selective and cautious working on a hand-to-mouth basis. Supplies of boneless-skinless breasts were ample and discounted, and bone-in breasts were available but in a less burdensome position. Dark meat items were readily available, particularly thighs. Wings were about adequate with active call still noted. The market tone was fully steady on wings, cautiously steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	CURRENT		VOLUME /LBS
	NEGOTIATED TRADING*	WTD AVG**	
BREAST - B/S	130-135	133.00	650,840
TENDERLOINS	185-190	215.38	142,320
BREAST - WITH RIBS	58-60	64.84	341,160
BREAST - LINE RUN	58	60.72	222,560
LEGS	35-36	39.40	261,160
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	27-28	28.17	394,787
DRUMSTICKS	26-27	34.70	176,540
THIGHS	27-28	31.99	186,800
B/S THIGHS	77-78	82.98	55,680
WINGS (WHOLE)	66-67	75.97	311,440
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.06	91,240
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	40-45	44.05	85,230
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	55.18	95,360

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	882	108.00-176.00	120-125	124.31
TENDERLOINS	244	217.00-260.00	-	228.78
BREAST - WITH RIBS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
FRONT HALVES	960	64.00-79.00	68-72	68.54
LEGS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	807	25.00-27.00	25-26	25.70
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,911	27.50-29.00	-	28.00
WINGS (WHOLE)	134	52.00-68.00	60-61	58.46
DRUMSTICKS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
THIGHS	1,162	23.00-40.00	25	24.95

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	10/02	09/28	09/28	09/25	09/21
ALA	3,964	3,997	4.94	3,873	4.97
ARK	5,266	5,056	4.79	4,837	4.76
DELMARVA	2,335	2,426	5.03	2,384	5.05
KY-LA-TN	1,807	1,881	4.25	1,858	4.31
MISS	2,849	2,866	4.99	2,688	5.17
NC	2,633	2,659	5.69	2,587	5.72
TEXAS	2,280	2,254	4.61	2,259	4.55
TOTAL	21,134	21,139	4.92	20,486	4.94
MON	21,134(A)		20,486(A)		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 02-Oct 2000 is estimated to be 31,619,000 up 2.86 percent from a week ago and up 5.40 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 30,741,000, last year 30,000,000)

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	608	130.00-195.00	145-160	168.03
TENDERLOINS	206	200.00-255.00	205-220	219.03
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	88	33.00-48.00	33-35	34.36
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,712	24.00-28.00	26-27	26.41
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,217	28.00-31.00	29-30	29.41
WINGS (WHOLE)	108	65.00-69.00	65-68	67.09
WINGS (CUT)	511	80.00-98.00	82-85	85.28
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 OCTOBER 02, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
46.00 - 50.00	48.21	47.59

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 02-OCT-2000 TO 06-OCT-2000, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	110.00 - 140.00	130.00 - 135.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	63.00 - 89.00	66.00 - 69.00
LEGS	33.00 - 42.00	35.00 - 38.00
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	23.00 - 32.00	27.00 - 30.00
DRUMSTICKS	27.00 - 40.00	-
THIGHS	26.00 - 34.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	53.00 - 74.00	65.00 - 66.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	8.00 - 21.00	-
LIVERS	27.50 - 40.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 48.00	-

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

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	79-90
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	86-87
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	77-77
FROZEN DUCKS	135
FROZEN SQUABS	589

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	82-85
ROASTERS 4# & UP	65-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	72
DUCKS	129
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	94-94
	DRY PACK	98-98
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. 29-SEP-00

CHICKEN PRICES

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

160,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	16.00-17.00	17.00	-	17.00
WTD AVERAGE	16.16	17.00		17.00

868,000 pounds, this includes 248,000 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%				
RANGE	12.00-17.00	17.00	11.00-13.50	14.00-15.00
WTD AVERAGE	13.79	17.00	12.17	14.20

1,342,000 pounds, this includes 702,000 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE

RANGE	-	-	-	13.00
WTD AVERAGE				13.00

80,000 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 levels were lower compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were mixed, generally no better than fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was mixed.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 02-OCT-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	3-10	4-6	5.60

* 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. 29-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	-	20.00	15.00	-
WTD AVERAGE		20.00	15.00	

142,800 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%				
RANGE	15.00	22.00	11.00-13.00	13.00-14.50
WTD AVERAGE	15.00	22.00	11.35	14.20

1,509,600 pounds, this includes 367,200 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 from a week earlier. 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.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 02-OCT-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	1.25-9.5	2.25-6	4.48

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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