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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices were higher in the Midwest with trade sentiment about steady, and the remaining areas were generally unchanged with trade sentiment at least steady. Demand covered the full range with best movement for retail features and fast food promotions. Supplies were in good balance to at times close, longest for heavier sizes. Wings continued to have the best movement and clearing well. Bone-in breasts and tenders were no more than adequate, but boneless skinless was readily available and light interest. The remaining items were more than sufficient for the light demand. Live supplies were moderate. Weight 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 10/16-10/20/00 (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	46.68	17	54.43	34
Chicago	47.00-51.00	50.23	45	53.18	78
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	58.84	33
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	60.70	14
Denver	65.50	65.44	17	63.19	42
Detroit	48.00-50.00	50.31	16	56.24	52
Los Angeles	66.00	63.87	68	61.89	144
New York	44.00-47.00	46.43	28	53.66	71
Philadelphia	44.00-46.00	45.63	8	49.10	20
Pittsburgh	46.00-48.00	47.90	10	55.18	62
St. Louis	49.50-49.75	48.96	20	52.77	45
San Francisco	66.50	65.73	31	67.36	54

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	10/16/00	Change/Last Wk	10/09/00	10/18/99
649	57.18	0.18	57.00	55.36

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	53.00-60.00	58.97	46
Central	53.00-59.00	56.79	57
West	55.00-62.00	60.65	55

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	59.00-62.00	61.35	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 61.50 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
1,115	47.00-63.50	60.25

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	147.00	4,400
BREASTS - WHOLE	74.00	1,655
THIGH MEAT - B/S	82.50	775
LEG QUARTERS	29.50	9,405
WINGS	70.00	3,061

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Buying activity on whole broiler/fryers was mostly fair to moderate. Supplies of the 2.5 to 3 pound birds were well balanced to adequate. Offerings of the 3.5 to 4 pound sizes were mixed, ranging balanced to available, with 4 pound birds in the longer position. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Bone-in breasts were no more than adequate, however, breasts were readily available. Wings remained well cleared, and the balance of items were generally sufficient.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was mixed, mostly steady. Demand was light to moderate, best where promotions strengthened weekend movement. Supplies were sufficient to at times short of trade needs. Wings were in the shortest position and clearing. Breast items were irregular, mostly adequate to close balanced due to retail business, but fully sufficient for boneless skinless. Dark meat was usually adequate with fair demand. Live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trading reported on new negotiations at mainly higher prices, regular commitments at generally unchanged prices. Offerings adequate with light weights in the closest position. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm. Buying activity increased to cover improved needs. Demand was moderate to fairly good, best to cover features in progress or planned. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. Reported trading on parts delivered into California: leg quarters bulk 29.5-31.25 and 4/10s 31.5-33, breasts bone-in 73-81 and boneless 122-130. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was up 1.67 to 56.96 with the volume reported up 3 percent to 34 loads.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices on deliveries this week into Chicago, St. Louis and Detroit were higher with Ohio TFEWR from last Monday's final. Trade sentiment about steady. Retail demand slow to fair at best. Food service movement in a full range, best for promotions. Floor stocks mixed, sizes desirable. Parts trading best on wings and tenders, generally inactive on all other items. Supplies in balance on most items with wings and tenderloins adequate to tight and boneless/skinless breasts long. Trade sentiment fully steady on wings and tenders, mostly steady on the balance.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of whole birds was mostly moderate. Seller offerings were about adequate and in good balance on the 3 lb. and lighter weights; fully adequate on the 4 lb. and heavier sizes. Live supplies were moderate; weights were light to heavy, mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were at least moderate. LTL asking prices were 1 cent higher at 48 to 62 cents. Trade sentiment was at least steady. Bone-in breast and wings were in close balance and clearing. Boneless skinless breasts were adequate. Other items were fully sufficient for trade 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	39-70
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	49.59
NO. OF BOXES	12,444

*7 of 8 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying interest was light and unaggressive entering the week as dealers cautiously assessed market developments. Supplies of bone-in breasts were usually adequate for regular commitments, however, premiums were required where any additional product was sought beyond normal deliveries. Boneless-skinless breast offerings remained ample and discounted. Wings were often balanced to well cleared. Movement into retail and distributive channels was about fair. The market tone was fully steady on bone-in breasts and wings, no better than steady on boneless-skinless breasts, and about steady on the balance. ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	130-135	131.75	704,600
TENDERLOINS	185-190	212.42	179,240
BREAST - WITH RIBS	64-65	71.38	337,080
BREAST - LINE RUN	64	68.97	178,680
LEGS	35-36	39.18	330,920
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	27-28	28.98	443,258
DRUMSTICKS	25-26	36.09	190,340
THIGHS	27-28	34.96	198,980
B/S THIGHS	77-78	83.24	52,240
WINGS (WHOLE)	68-69	76.86	327,880
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.04	113,360
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	40-45	44.67	96,920
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	55.35	124,280

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	1,151	110.00-138.00	120-130	123.40
TENDERLOINS	172	211.00-256.00	-	226.88
BREAST - WITH RIBS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
FRONT HALVES	560	66.00-76.00	66-67	69.29
LEGS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	891	25.00-27.00	25	25.29
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,755	25.00-31.00	27.5	27.97
WINGS (WHOLE)	178	57.00-72.00	-	62.69
DRUMSTICKS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
HIGHS	198	22.00-40.00	26	24.53

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	10/16	10/12	10/12	10/09	10/05
ALA	3,909	3,755	5.02	3,711	4.96
ARK	5,235	5,062	4.88	4,985	4.78
DELMARVA	2,370	2,371	5.02	2,385	5.08
KY-LA-TN	1,629	1,952	4.42	1,992	4.36
MISS	2,851	2,824	5.01	2,762	5.01
NC	2,627	2,623	5.79	2,329	5.70
TEXAS	2,224	2,220	4.67	1,998	4.58
TOTAL	20,845	20,807	4.99	20,162	4.93
MON	20,845(A)			20,162(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 16-Oct 2000 is estimated to be 31,186,000 up 3.08 percent from a week ago and up 5.66 percent from a year ago.
(Last week 30,255,000, last year 29,516,000)

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** **WTD**

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG
BREAST - B/S	628	115.00-202.00	145-155	152.05
TENDERLOINS	155	215.00-255.00	215-220	223.87
BREAST - LINE RUN	130	73.00-79.00	74-76	75.43
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	46	33.00-48.00	34-35	34.96
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	476	24.00-28.50	25-27	26.19
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,180	27.00-31.00	28-29	28.94
WINGS (WHOLE)	121	64.00-70.00	65-67	67.47
WINGS (CUT)	528	83.00-99.00	83-86	87.32
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 16, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
47.00 - 52.25	49.60	49.12

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 16-OCT-2000 TO 20-OCT-2000, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	120.00 - 160.00	130.00 - 135.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	66.00 - 80.00	67.00 - 70.00
LEGS	34.00 - 42.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	23.00 - 35.00	27.00 - 30.00
DRUMSTICKS	28.00 - 38.00	-
THIGHS	26.00 - 34.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	64.00 - 74.00	64.00 - 68.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	17.00 - 21.00	-
LIVERS	27.50 - 39.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 45.00	-

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

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	76-86
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	82-87
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	77
FROZEN DUCKS	135
FROZEN SQUABS	589

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

FRESH FRYERS	82-84
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	102-103
	ICE PACK	92-94
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	106-112
	DRY PACK	112-119
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	94
	DRY 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. 13-OCT-00

CHICKEN PRICES

-----FROZEN----- -----FRESH-----

FAT CONTENT	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	18.00-19.00	-	18.00	18.00
WTD AVERAGE	18.14		18.00	18.00

390,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	16.25	15.50-17.00	16.00	17.00
WTD AVERAGE	16.25	16.25	16.00	17.00

768,000 pounds, this includes 248,000 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%

RANGE	13.00-17.00	-	11.00-15.00	14.00-14.50
WTD AVERAGE	15.51		13.22	14.17

1,352,000 pounds, this includes 302,000 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE

RANGE	-	-	-	13.00
WTD AVERAGE				13.00

120,000 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 generally unchanged compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were seasonal and usually no better than moderate. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was usually steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 16-OCT-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	3-10	4-6	4.61

* 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. 13-OCT-00

CHICKEN PRICES

-----FROZEN----- -----FRESH-----

FAT CONTENT	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	-	-	15.00-16.00	-
WTD AVERAGE			15.33	

61,200 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%

RANGE	15.00-15.50	15.00-20.00	11.00-13.00	14.50-15.00
WTD AVERAGE	15.33	18.79	11.67	14.73

2,077,400 pounds, this includes 935,000 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 when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for offerings that were fully adequate for trade requirements. Processing schedules were reported as usually normal for current week. Supplies of canners were clearing. The market tone was mixed but usually steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 16-OCT-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	2.5-9.5	2.5-6	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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