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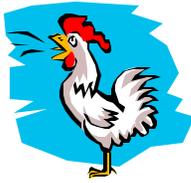
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices for next week are trending unchanged in the West, irregular elsewhere. Trade sentiment was steady instances firm in the East, fully steady in the West, and steady in the Midwest. Demand into all areas was moderate at best with food service and features having best interest. Supplies were mostly balanced, longest for heavier weights. In the parts structure, boneless skinless breasts remained fully adequate to ample and slow to clear, tenders were adequate to at times short, and the balance of breast items were at least adequate. Wings were no more than adequate with good demand, and dark meat was mixed. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, 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 10/23-10/27/00 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Including branded product)		COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Chicago	47.00-51.00	47.00-64.00	50.16	25
Los Angeles	66.00			
New York	48.00-51.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	58.50-61.50	47.00-65.00	60.92	85

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.

PRERELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
614	56.80-62.75	61.24
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	142.00	4,220
BREASTS - WHOLE	72.00	1,195
THIGH MEAT - B/S	81.00	735
LEG QUARTERS	29.00	8,280
WINGS	70.50	2,806

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MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into Chicago were unchanged from last Monday's final. Whole fryer trade sentiment was mostly steady. Additional offerings balanced overall with heavy sized Wogs in the longest position. Movement into retail channels was typical for Friday with food service demand mostly fair to instances good. Floor stocks adequate, sizes desirable to occasionally heavy. Parts trading was good on wings and tenders, light trading noted on the balance of items. Supplies were generally adequate with wings and tenders tight and spot shortages reported; leg quarters and boneless/skinless breasts fully adequate to heavy and clearing slowly. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm on wings, cautiously steady on leg quarters and boneless/skinless breasts and steady on all other items.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was fully steady. Reported trading for next week's deliveries were at mainly unchanged prices. Offerings in fairly good balance. Buying activity was moderate; some interest started to shift towards holiday needs. Retail demand fair, best to cover features. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers. Ads noted: Southern California - whole body California grown 49-79, whole legs 79-129, thighs 69-129, drumsticks 59-129, wings 79-129, bone-in breasts 88-99, boneless breasts 188-399, boneless leg meat 108 and ducks 179; Northern California - whole body California grown 69, leg quarters 69, whole legs 109, drumsticks 77-99, thighs 77-99, breasts 169, and boneless breasts 299-369.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was moderate to instances fairly good entering the weekend. Supplies of all sizes were mixed, ranging adequate to available on the 2.5 and 4 pound sizes specifically, however, the 3 to 3.5 pound birds were balanced to close at times. Movement into retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone was steady to fully steady, instances firm. In the parts market, boneless-skinless breasts remained fully adequate to ample, but bone-in breasts were in a closer position today. Dark meat items were at least sufficient. Wings were no more than adequate and clearing well.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was light to moderate with mixed trading. Supplies were usually sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, boneless skinless breasts were fully adequate to ample and discounted, fronts and tenders were adequate to short. Wings were well cleared, and dark meat items were mostly balanced. Trading was light to good. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, mostly desirable.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fairly good entering the weekend and was sufficient to keep the bulk of the 3 and 3.5 pound sizes in good balance. Four pound and heavier sizes were at least adequate. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher at 51 to 65 cents. Trade sentiment was at least steady to firm. Supplies of boneless skinless breast were readily available and slow in clearing. Wings, drums and thighs were in good demand.

*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		46-71
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		53.20
NO. OF BOXES		13,008
CUMULATIVE	10/16/00-10/20/00	51.77
	10/18/99-10/22/99	53.26
NO. OF BOXES	10/16/00-10/20/00	64,891
	10/18/99-10/22/99	49,603

*7 of 8 plants reporting.

OCTOBER 19, 2000

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

OCTOBER 20, 2000

ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS				WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	616	112.00-202.00	145-150	149.47	688	115.00-210.00	145-155	158.88	2,297	156.07
TENDERLOINS	201	215.00-255.00	215-220	221.97	241	200.00-255.00	200-215	206.43	942	218.75
BREAST - LINE RUN	74	74.00-79.00	73-75	74.18	113	74.00-79.00	-	75.84	553	74.67
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				395	72.94
LEGS	46	33.00-48.00	33-35	34.96	46	33.00-48.00	33-35	34.96	184	34.96
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	507	23.00-28.50	24-26	25.27	627	23.00-28.50	24-26	24.64	2,837	25.62
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,190	26.00-30.00	27-28	28.38	1,230	26.00-30.00	27-29	28.24	6,720	28.59
WINGS (WHOLE)	TOO FEW TO REPORT				126	66.00-72.00	68-70	69.75	512	68.78
WINGS (CUT)	600	83.00-101.00	86-88	88.16	402	83.00-101.00	83-85	85.71	2,534	86.32
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				42	46.25
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				23	44.87
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				35	73.16

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

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TRADING FOR OCT 19, 2000 F.O.B. DOCK. **TODAY'S**

RANGE	AVERAGE
48.25 - 51.00	49.39

TRADING FOR OCT 20, 2000 F.O.B. DOCK. **TODAY'S** **5-DAY**

RANGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE
46.50 - 52.25	48.92	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 ranged fair to fairly good, however, most dealers were cautious and continued to keep inventories well balanced. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts remained fully adequate to ample, and bone-in breasts were about adequate. Dark meat items were usually sufficient, and wings were clearing well. Movement into retail and distributive channels moderate to instances fairly good. The market tone was no better than steady on boneless-skinless breasts, about steady on the balance.

ICE PKD B/F PARTS, DLVRD TO 1ST RCVRS IN POOL TRKLT & TRKLT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER LB.

ITEM	OCT 19, 2000			OCT 20, 2000		
	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	10/12/00 VOL/LBS	CURRENT NEG AVG**VOL/LBS	WTD WTD AVG	WEEKLY VOL/LBS TRADING*
BREAST - B/S	120-125	131.22	615,140	120-125125.19	730,740	130.513,391,630
TENDERLOINS	185-190	213.16	171,480	185-190215.03	168,680	213.98 851,860
BREAST - WITH RIBS	64-65	72.26	321,520	64-6571.95	295,840	71.861,654,800
BREAST - LINE RUN	64	67.86	174,200	6467.90	180,000	68.17 839,280
LEGS	35-36	39.15	259,800	35-3638.93	298,520	39.091,514,160
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	26-27	28.81	397,739	26-2727.91	444,880	28.502,590,116
DRUMSTICKS	25-26	36.53	186,930	26-2737.09	181,720	35.99 995,710
THIGHS	27-28	35.21	174,030	28-2936.42	163,320	33.58 969,880
B/S THIGHS	77-78	80.54	60,560	76-7781.81	59,640	81.71 294,980
WINGS (WHOLE)	70-71	78.33	378,920	70-7178.06	352,640	78.08 1,892,480
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.11	108,640	10-1212.02	109,920	12.03 549,360
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	39.31	90,240	35-4040.03	98,940	40.52 476,835
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	55.43	112,840	50-5555.26	130,760	55.45 617,390

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		ACTUAL WTS	
	10/20	10/19	10/18	10/17	10/18	10/17	10/13	10/11
ALA	3,638	3,879	3,838	3,999	4.99	5.08	4,039	4.75
ARK	4,646	4,961	4,908	5,169	4.98	5.00	5,036	4.89
DELMARVA	2,122	2,353	2,361	2,366	5.02	5.08	2,136	5.08
KY-LA-TN	1,966	1,962	1,999	1,934	4.49	4.53	1,859	4.39
MISS	3,515	2,969	2,744	2,856	5.13	5.19	2,805	5.08
NC	2,559	2,620	2,593	2,562	5.71	6.01	2,833	5.80
TEXAS	2,439	2,141	2,187	2,022	4.76	4.84	2,261	4.77
TOTAL	20,885	20,885	20,630	20,908	5.03	5.10	20,969	4.96
MON-FRI	104,574(A)				103,689(A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 20 & 21-Oct 00 is estimated to be 31,246,000 up 0.23 percent from a week ago and down 5.2 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,173,000; last year 32,951,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 21-Oct-00 is estimated to be 151,694,000 head up 0.8 percent from a week ago, and down 1.5 percent from a year ago (Last week 150,464,000 Last year 154,030,000)

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

	RANGE
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

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK 102-103 ICE PACK 92-94
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK 112-119 ICE PACK 106-112
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 94 DRY PACK 94
DUCKS	149-165

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live weight, week ending Oct. 07, 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	29,940	32,778	39,061
Avg Weight	3.81	4.76	6.15
% of total /1	29%	32%	38%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	30,162	33,451	41,850
Avg Weight	3.80	4.75	6.10
% of total /1	29%	32%	40%
Same week, yr ago /2	26,867	35,085	39,120
Avg Weight	3.77	4.84	6.13
% of total /1	27%	35%	39%
To date/2000	1,319,883	1,329,661	1,610,799
To date/1999	1,276,022	1,254,280	1,634,909

/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 14-Oct-2000 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	150,464 (A)	1,674	1,487	3,161	480
AVG WT	5.07	3.55	7.91	5.60	6.57
LAST WEEK	153,977	1,796	1,538	3,334	473
YR AGO	153,293	1,683	1,620	3,303	450
AVG WT	5.08	3.45	7.63	5.50	6.53
TO-DATE/2000	6,340,383	78,332	59,390	137,722	18,357
TO-DATE/1999	6,222,865	85,576	57,790	143,366	18,155

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 150.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 152.3 million head or 1.5 million head more than or 101 percent of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: OCT 17, 2000

	RANGE	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.52 - .70	Silkies 3.00 - 3.50ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.50 - .68	Geese 9-14 LBS .20 - .32
Pekin Ducks	.30 - .42	Pigeons 2.00 - 2.75ea.
Red Fowl 4-4.45 LBS	.14 - .42	White Pigeons 2.00 - 2.50ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.40 - .72	Rabbits 4-6 LBS .50 - 1.08
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.40 - .78	Rabbits 7-11 LBS .50 - .92
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.60 - .88	Bunnies .50 - 5.50ea.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.40 - .86	Guinea Pigs .25 - 2.00ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.10 - 1.35	Kid Goats 18.00 - 32.00ea.
Banty Roosters	2.00 - 5.50ea.	Doves 2.50 - 4.00ea.
Banty Hens	1.00 - 3.00ea.	Pullets 4-6 LBS .60 - .84
Leghorn Hens	.12 - .22	Total Coops Sold 804
Leghorn Roosters	.10 - .18	

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY for THE WEEK OF 16-OCT-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	122-126
	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)	68-69
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	60-83 67-75

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, mostly fair. Sizes were desirable to at times light and caused some slaughter schedules to be reduced this week. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.65-5.35, 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 16-OCT-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
SEPTEMBER 9	136.5	148.8	92	4.87
16	162.8	149.4	109	4.94
23	157.0	150.2	105	5.03
30	157.3	150.2	105	4.96
OCTOBER 7	155.8	150.9	103	5.16
14	152.3	150.8	101	5.07
YEAR TO DATE	6419.9	6301.2	102	
OCTOBER 21		151.5		
28		151.9		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	10/21/00	10/14/00	% CHG	10/23/99	% CHG
Broilers	151,694	150,464*	+01	154,030*	-02
Cattle	698	696	0	711*	-02
Hogs	1,979	1,995	-01	2,061*	-04

Under Federal Inspection

* ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL Majority prices trended unchanged to higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to good. Supplies and offerings were reported as less available but usually in a range of close balance to adequate for trade needs. Undertone was steady to fully steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
25-26 MAJORITY	26-29 MAJORITY 27-27.75

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
25-29.5 MAJORITY 25-27	26.75-31 MAJORITY 27-29.5

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Offerings were about adequate to adequate for about normal processors schedules. Demand was light and unaggressive. Finished product sales were clearing with an improved buying interest. The undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was light for adequate offerings of spent leghorn fowl. Finished sales were only fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady at best.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Demand was mostly moderate with offerings adequate to mostly fully adequate for current needs. Slaughter schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

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	(2)
LIGHT	RANGE	MAJORITY
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	.25

(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was moderate for offerings that were generally adequate for trade requirements. Processing schedules were reported as normal. Supplies of finished product were clearing easily. The market tone was mixed but usually steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of heavy hens. Schedules were sufficient for a slow to fair seasonal dressed interest. Trade sentiment was about steady.

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

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