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Majority prices were unchanged in the West, irregular elsewhere. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady in the East and West, steady in the Midwest. Retail demand was moderate at best, and food service was slightly better, instances good. Supplies were adequate at times short for lighter weights, and more readily available for heavier sizes. In the parts structure, breast items were balanced to fully sufficient with boneless skinless ample and discounted. Wings continued to clear well with active interest, and dark meat was at least adequate with fair movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, mostly desirable to sometimes heavy.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 10/23-10/27/00 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD	LOADS	WTD	LOADS
		AVG		AVG	
Bos/New Eng	50.00-51.00	50.97	16	56.80	32
Chicago	47.00-51.00	50.60	45	53.51	78
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	58.40	34
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	60.70	14
Denver	65.50	65.44	17	62.95	42
Detroit	48.00-50.50	50.44	16	58.46	52
Los Angeles	66.00	63.89	69	62.14	128
New York	48.00-51.00	50.56	25	54.93	59
Philadelphia	47.00-49.00	48.13	8	50.52	23
Pittsburgh	48.00-51.00	49.20	10	55.90	58
St. Louis	49.75-50.25	50.15	17	53.58	37
San Francisco	66.50	65.45	32	66.54	57

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	10/23/00	Change/Last Wk	10/16/00	10/25/99
614	57.83	0.65	57.18	57.35

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	53.50-60.00	58.93	47
Central	53.00-59.00	56.60	54
West	56.00-62.00	60.38	47

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	58.50-61.50	60.92	85
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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
1,109	47.00-63.00	60.26

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	142.50	4,460
BREASTS - WHOLE	72.50	1,675
THIGH MEAT - B/S	81.00	795
LEG QUARTERS	29.00	9,440
WINGS	70.50	3,086

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly fair to instances fairly good entering the week. Supplies of the 3 to 3.5 pound birds ranged well balanced to adequate, however, the 4 pound sizes were in a more available position. Movement into retail and distributive channels was about fair to moderate. The market tone was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, boneless-skinless breasts were in ample supply and continued to trade at discounted levels. Bone-in breasts were better balanced to about adequate. Wings were clearing well, and dark meat items were at least sufficient.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand was light to moderate with limited trading which is typical for this time of month. Supplies were usually sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, supplies were in a more balanced position with wings closest. Trading covered the full range. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, mostly desirable.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged from last week. Trading for this week's Deliveries were at mainly unchanged prices. Offerings slow to clear as buyers interest shift towards up coming holiday needs. Retail demand moderate at best. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend carryovers. Reported parts trading: leg quarters 4/10s 28-32, bone-in breasts 73-78 and boneless breasts 125-135. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was down .25 to 56.71 with the volume reported unchanged.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices on deliveries this week into Chicago were unchanged, Detroit and St. Louis were slightly higher with Ohio too few to report from last Monday's final's. Whole fryer trade sentiment steady. Retail demand slow to fair. Food service movement to good and noted as spotty following weekend activities. Floor stocks generally adequate to ample. Sizes desirable. Supplies of boneless skinless breast adequate to ample, leg quarters adequate to fully adequate, balance of items adequate. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady on boneless skinless breast and leg quarters, bone in breast and wings steady.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to good for fill-in needs. Seller offerings were adequate to short and in the closer balance on the 3.0 to 3.5 pound sizes, more readily available on the heavier sizes. Live supplies were about moderate; weights were often heavier than desired. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 51 to 65 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly fully steady. In the parts complex, bone-in and particularly boneless/skinless breasts were readily available and generally slow to clear. Other cuts were noted as fully sufficient for immediate inquiry.

*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	53.47
NO. OF BOXES	14,096

*7 of 8 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was mostly light to no better than fair entering the week as dealers assessed the market and attempted to keep floorstocks in balance with the lackluster demand. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts remained in ample supply, however, bone-in breasts were in a more close to adequate position. Wings continued to see active interest and were clearing well. Dark meat items were at least sufficient. Movement into retail and distributive channels was about fair. The market tone was unsettled on boneless-skinless breasts, 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		VOLUME /LBS
	NEGOTIATED TRADING*	WTD AVG**	
BREAST - B/S	120-125	125.12	660,900
TENDERLOINS	185-190	214.21	196,040
BREAST - WITH RIBS	64-65	71.22	316,440
BREAST - LINE RUN	64	67.42	194,960
LEGS	35-36	36.04	321,560
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	26-27	28.28	369,612
DRUMSTICKS	26-27	36.49	170,840
THIGHS	28-29	36.23	145,400
B/S THIGHS	76-77	79.90	46,030
WINGS (WHOLE)	70-71	79.42	310,870
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.02	105,240
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	39.47	90,280
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	54.65	124,440

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	495	107.00-130.00	127-130	125.31
TENDERLOINS	119	220.00-256.00	-	224.42
BREAST - WITH RIBS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
FRONT HALVES		NO TRADING REPORTED		
LEGS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	800	24.00-25.00	-	24.50
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,741	24.00-27.50	-	27.18
WINGS (WHOLE)	81	56.25-67.00	-	62.43
DRUMSTICKS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
THIGHS	1,120	25.50	-	25.50

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	10/23	10/19	10/19	10/16	10/12
ALA	3,652	3,905	4.95	3,895	5.02
ARK	4,993	4,881	4.84	5,214	4.88
DELMARVA	2,271	2,351	5.00	2,399	5.02
KY-LA-TN	1,934	2,041	4.39	1,634	4.42
MISS	2,837	2,843	5.08	2,832	5.01
NC	2,163	2,644	5.83	2,614	5.79
TEXAS	2,279	2,185	4.79	2,077	4.67
TOTAL	20,129	20,850	4.99	20,665	4.99
MON	20,129(A)			20,665(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 23-Oct 2000 is estimated to be 30,115,000 down 2.89 percent from a week ago and down 1.74 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,010,000, last year 30,648,000)

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	451	135.00-200.00	140-145	149.96
TENDERLOINS	188	215.00-255.00	215-220	222.78
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	107	25.00-28.50	25-27	25.88
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,200	26.00-30.00	28-29	27.93
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
WINGS (CUT)	348	84.00-96.00	84-87	86.34
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 23, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
47.50 - 52.25	49.54	49.33

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 23-OCT-2000 TO 27-OCT-2000, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	105.00 - 135.00	117.00 - 125.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	67.00 - 80.00	67.00 - 70.00
LEGS	33.00 - 42.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	23.00 - 30.00	26.00
DRUMSTICKS	26.00 - 50.00	-
THIGHS	26.00 - 37.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	64.00 - 78.00	70.00 - 73.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	25.00 - 39.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 48.00	-

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

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	79-85
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	82-87
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	79
FROZEN DUCKS	135
FROZEN SQUABS	589

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

FRESH FRYERS	81-84
ROASTERS 4# & UP	65-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	74
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.
20-OCT-00

CHICKEN PRICES

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	18.00-19.00	-	18.00	-
WTD AVERAGE	18.14		18.00	

560,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	16.25-18.25	16.50	-	17.00
WTD AVERAGE	17.60	16.50		17.00

1,088,000 pounds, this includes 768,000 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%

RANGE	12.00-18.50	-	11.00-15.00	14.00
WTD AVERAGE	16.30		13.39	14.00

2,233,000 pounds, this includes 1,313,000 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE

RANGE	-	-	-	13.00
WTD AVERAGE				13.00

240,000 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 generally unchanged. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 23-OCT-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	3-10	4-6	5.31

* 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.
20-OCT-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	-	-	15.00	-
WTD AVERAGE			15.00	

20,400 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%

RANGE	15.00-18.00	17.25-18.25	10.75-13.00	14.75
WTD AVERAGE	17.23	17.75	11.41	14.75

1,995,800 pounds, this includes 1,543,600 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 Sales were about unchanged when compared to a week earlier. 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 steady to full steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 23-OCT-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	1.75-9.5	2.75-6	4.68
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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