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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were trending unchanged in the West, irregular, mostly unchanged elsewhere. Trade sentiment was steady, instances better for lighter weights in the Northeast. Retail demand was seasonally light to moderate, best for features. Food service was fair to good, best into fast food. Supplies were mixed, ranging well cleared to ample for larger sizes in the Northeast; sufficient elsewhere. In the parts structure, trading was selective and buyer interest limited. Breast items were fully adequate to ample and discounted, dark meat was sufficient, more available for leg quarters, and wings were mixed. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy, mostly desirable weights.

**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 11/13-11/17/00 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Chicago	47.00-51.00	45.00-64.00	50.88	26
Los Angeles	66.00			
New York	52.00-55.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	59.50-62.00	48.00-64.00	61.02	83

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is \_\_\_\_\_ cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
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Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts: \_\_\_\_\_

ITEM	(CENTS PER POUND)	(000 POUNDS)
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**NOT AVAILABLE DUE TO VETERANS DAY HOLIDAY  
NOVEMBER 10**

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**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** The trade sentiment on whole broiler/fryers was generally steady. Offers of whole fryers were light but adequate for buyers current needs. Retail movement was seasonally light in all areas. Food service demand was slow to fairly good, best into fast food accounts. Floor stocks adequate with sizes desirable. On parts items, most buyers were selective and limiting incoming shipments. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady on boneless skinless breasts, bone in breasts, leg quarters and small sized wings; and steady on balance of parts items.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** The preliminary majority prices were unchanged from last week. Trade sentiment barely steady. Offerings ample overall and slow to clear. Buyer's interest limited. Retailer demand moderate overall by stores, best where featured; dine-in restaurants moderate and fast food good. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers. The market tone was weak on breasts and barely steady on balance of parts. Ads noted: Southern California - whole body twin pack California grown 88, whole cut-up 89-99, whole body southern grown 79, leg quarters (10 pound bag) 36-39, drumsticks 77-139 (5 pound Bag) 49, thighs 77-139, whole legs 99, wings 99, skinless split breasts 288, boneless breasts 177-428, boneless thigh meat 258, roasters 79-99 and cornish hens (twin pack) 159-199; Northern California - whole California grown 69-129 and cut-up 199, leg quarters 79, boneless breasts (buy one get one free) 299, roasters 109-119; Denver - whole cut-up southern grown 99, split breasts 99, boneless breasts 299 and (buy one get one free 269).

**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trucklot interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers remained light to fair as dealers focused on holiday items and seasonal buying patterns began to take shape. Offerings of 4 pound birds were fully adequate to ample, however, the lighter weights were usually no more than adequate to well cleared. Movement into retail and distributive channels was only fair at best. The market tone was no better than steady on 4 pound birds, at least steady on the balance. In the parts market, breast items were fully adequate to ample, and the balance of parts were usually sufficient for the light and selective buyer interest.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was slow to moderate with light trading as holiday interest and needs assessments limited trading. Supplies were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, breast items were heavily supplied and discounted to move product, but with little reaction. Dark meat was adequate to fully sufficient with mixed demand, and wings continued to show strong movement with supplies balanced to well cleared. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was generally noted as sufficient in keeping 3.0 and 3.5 pound sizes well balanced to closely cleared. 4.0 sizes were ample. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 55 to 69 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. In the parts complex, wings, gizzards and b/s thighs were clearing well. Other items were generally noted as at least adequate or available.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.	
<b>BRANDED U.S. GRADE A</b>	
RANGE	54-68
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	58.12
NO. OF BOXES	12,100

\*7 of 8 plants reporting.

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

ITEM	POUNDS			WTD	POUNDS	WEEKLY
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	809	105.00-200.00	140-145	142.21	3,173	145.57
TENDERLOINS	203	180.00-250.00	180-190	195.36	880	196.30
BREAST - LINE RUN	114	72.00-77.00	72-74	73.18	464	72.74
FRONT HALVES			TOO FEW TO REPORT		375	75.07
LEGS	92	33.00-48.00	33-34	34.96	285	35.38
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	311	24.00-28.00	24-25	24.53	1,489	24.77
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,660	25.00-31.00	27-28	27.75	6,100	27.68
WINGS (WHOLE)	303	72.00-75.00	72-73	73.11	963	72.80
WINGS (CUT)	540	81.00-102.00	85-87	85.09	2,092	85.70
DRUMSTICKS			TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR
THIGHS			TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR
B/S THIGHS			TOO FEW TO REPORT		77	68.36

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR NOVEMBER 09, 2000— F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
47.00 - 52.50	49.13	49.90

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying activity was seasonally light and unaggressive as dealers cautiously gauged market developments and adjusted floorstocks accordingly. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts remained ample and discounted, and bone-in breasts were increasingly available. The balance of parts were at least adequate for the limited buyer interest. Movement into retail and distributive channels remained no better than fair. The market tone was cautiously steady to weak at times on breast items, and no better than steady on the balance. 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 TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	115-120	120.62	637,320
TENDERLOINS	185-190	184.72	159,120
BREAST - WITH RIBS	60-61	69.55	257,840
BREAST - LINE RUN	60	62.15	234,000
LEGS	35-36	38.63	193,720
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	26-27	27.82	489,669
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	37.46	179,930
THIGHS	30-31	37.08	119,770
B/S THIGHS	76-77	77.87	45,520
WINGS (WHOLE)	70-71	80.10	293,240
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.16	80,720
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	39.44	75,520
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	54.77	100,590

\*\*\* HOLIDAY NOTICE \*\*\* HOLIDAY NOTICE \*\*\* HOLIDAY NOTICE \*\*\*

THIS OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED TOMORROW, NOVEMBER 10, FOR VETERANS DAY

WEIGHTED AVERAGE AND VOLUMES FOR 11/10/2000 WILL BE RELEASED MONDAY 11/13/2000

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	
	11/09	11/07	11/07	11/02	10/31	11/07
ALA	3,914	3,857	5.08	3,914	5.09	
ARK	5,193	5,220	4.86	5,055	4.93	
DELMARVA	2,454	2,323	5.09	2,377	5.08	
KY-LA-TN	2,002	2,007	4.61	1,992	4.55	
MISS	2,856	2,812	5.17	2,840	5.05	
NC	2,574	2,556	5.95	2,613	5.89	
TEXAS	2,330	2,297	4.80	2,303	4.78	
TOTAL	21,323	21,072	5.07	21,094	5.06	
MON-THUR	83,383(A)		84,239(A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 09-Nov 2000 is estimated to be 31,902,000 up 0.78 percent from a week ago and up 4.90 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,654,000, last year 30,413,000)

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY**

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
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
<b>SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY</b>	
<b>DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS</b>	
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

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED** Under federal inspection, classified by live weight, week ending Oct. 28, 2000 (Preliminary),

	(A) Fast food/ Food service	(B) Retail	(C) Deboning
	4.20 Lbs & down	4.21-5.25 Lbs	5.26 Lbs & Up

-----THOUSANDS-----			
Head	34,604	38,522	48,214
Avg Weight	3.80	4.78	6.10
% of total /1	29%	32%	40%

**COMPARISONS**

Last week	33,328	32,262	40,955
Avg Weight	3.81	4.82	6.32
% of total /1	31%	30%	38%
Same week, yr ago /2	31,898	27,049	44,859
Avg Weight	3.84	4.87	6.12
% of total /1	31%	26%	43%
To date/2000	1,424,103	1,444,071	1,741,259
To date/1999	1,371,025	1,341,016	1,765,212

/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 04-Nov-2000 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	156,627 (A)	1,943	1,306	3,249	510
AVG WT	5.01	3.26	7.85	5.11	6.08
LAST WEEK	153,982	1,829	1,492	3,321	383
YR AGO	154,731	1,785	1,416	3,201	433
AVG WT	5.12	3.36	7.80	5.33	6.64
TO-DATE/2000	6,807,265	83,567	64,001	147,568	19,720
TO-DATE/1999	6,683,638	91,337	62,399	153,736	19,429

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 150.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 158.5 million head or 8.3 million head more than or 106 percent of estimated fryers available.

**EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: NOV 07, 2000**

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.66 - .78	Silkie	3.00 - 3.75ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.60 - .74	Geese 9-14 LBS	.20 - .34
Pekin Ducks	.30 - .46	Pigeons	1.50 - 2.25ea.
Red Fowl 4-4.5 LBS	.30 - .48	White Pigeons	2.00 - 2.50ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.50 - .72	Rabbits 4-6 LBS	.60 - .94
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.40 - .64	Rabbits 7-11 LBS	.50 - .82
Crossbred Roasters 4-6 LBS	.50 - .84	Bunnies	.50 - 5.50ea.
Crossbred Roasters 7-11 LBS	.50 - .88	Guinea Pigs	.25 - 2.50ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.00 - 1.30	Doves	3.50 - 4.00 ea
Banty Roasters	2.00 - 5.00ea.	Chukars	3.00 - 3.25ea.
Banty Hens	1.00 - 3.50ea.	Pullets 4-6 LBS	.60 - .74
Leghorn Hens	.10 - .32		

Total Coops Sold 784

**EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY for THE WEEK OF 06-NOV-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	122-126	123-127
MOSTLY	122-124	123-125

**ROASTERS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	69-70
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	60-83 65-75

**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 unchanged. The trade sentiment steady. Demand was moderate to good. Sizes were in the desirable range. Schedules were full-time. 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 06-NOV-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 SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
SEPTEMBER 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
21	158.2	151.5	104	4.97
28	155.9	151.9	103	5.14
NOVEMBER 4	158.5	150.2	106	5.01
YEAR TO DATE	6892.5	6754.8	102	
NOVEMBER 11		147.1		
18		144.4		

**\*\*\*NOTICE\*\*\***  
**BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**  
**NOT AVAILABLE DUE TO VETERANS DAY HOLIDAY**

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL** Prices were unchanged to lower on light canners, however majority trading on heavy canners were generally higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to good, mostly good on heavies. Supplies were occasionally short to about adequate. Processing schedules were normal. Undertone was steady on lights and fully steady on heavy canners.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
21-27 MAJORITY 23-26	28.25-30.25 MAJORITY 29-30.5

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
25-29.5 MAJORITY 25-27.5	28.75-32.5 MAJORITY 29.5-32

**EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices were unchanged. Offerings were generally adequate for the mostly normal processors schedules. Demand was light to moderate but usually 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. Offerings were at least adequate. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices unchanged. Offers continue fully adequate for the light to moderate demand. Slaughter schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

### **LIVE HENS**

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

<b>HEAVY</b>	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(2)
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
<b>LIGHT</b>	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
Eastern Light	0	(1)
Eastern Light	0	(2)
So. Central Light	TFEWR	(2)
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. Offerings ranged adequate to ample for the mostly moderate demand. Processing schedules were reported as normal. Supplies of finished product were occasionally short to about adequate and clearing. The market tone was mixed but generally steady.

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Prices were too few to report. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plants worked full schedules. Offerings adequate overall.

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