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Majority prices for next week's trading were mixed, but mostly trending unchanged. Trade sentiment was about steady in the Northeast, steady elsewhere. Retail demand was light with limited features as other holiday meat items received maximum interest. Food service was light to fairly good, best into fast food. Processing schedules for next week are part-time in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. In the parts structure, wings were in the firmest position with supplies well cleared to tight. Livers and gizzards also had seasonally good movement, although the remaining items were more than sufficient with slow to fair movement. In production areas supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed.

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 11/20-11/24/00 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Including branded product)		COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Chicago	47.00-51.00	47.00-59.00	50.89	23
Los Angeles	66.00			
New York	52.00-55.00			

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	59.50-61.00	46.00-64.00	60.93	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.

PRERELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
617	58.15-62.75	61.32

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	131.00	4,492
BREASTS - WHOLE	68.50	1,076
THIGH MEAT - B/S	80.00	735
LEG QUARTERS	28.50	8,280
WINGS	74.50	2,811

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MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS The preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into Chicago were unchanged from last Monday's final. The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was steady. Offerings of additional whole birds and Wog's light, but adequate for the nonaggressive buyer interest. Retail movement was slow overall with traditional holiday items attracting shopper interest. Food service demand was slow to fairly good, best into fast food accounts. Floor stocks were in a manageable position with sizes desirable. In the parts complex, wings remained active and in close balance with the remainder of items slow to clear for the adequate to ample supplies. Trade sentiment steady to firm on wings and cautiously steady, undertone weak on all other items.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was generally steady. Offerings easily adequate to cover the light buyer's interest. Demand by stores remained light for whole fryers and parts with interest centered on holiday items. Demand by restaurants fairly good, best by fast food. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend carryovers. Ads noted: Southern California - whole body California grown 59 and twin pack southern grown 78, wings 88, split breasts 139, boneless breasts 149-199, boneless leg meat 99-118, roasters 89-98, ducks 169 and cornish hens twin pack 118-169; Northern California - split breasts 179, boneless breasts 249, ducks 149-199 and roasters 149.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers remained light and disappointing as the traditional Thanksgiving items became the focal point of trading entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate, however, the 3 to 3.5 pound birds were often in the better balance. The heavier birds were readily available. The market tone was about steady. In the parts market, breast items were fully adequate to ample, particularly boneless-skinless breasts, which were usually burdensome and discounted to stimulate movement. Wings were no more than adequate to tight. The balance of parts were more than sufficient as dealers remained selective and maintained very marginal inventories.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was moderate at best, mostly light to fair, with best interest for other holiday items. Supplies were in good balance for trade needs. Processing schedules for next week's Thanksgiving holiday are part-time with plants operating three or four days. In the parts structure, wings remained in the strongest position with supplies well cleared and interest still high. The remaining items were at least adequate with some discounting reported on breast items to help move. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was dull as buying interest centered on other items for the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday. Offerings were at least adequate, and were more readily available on the 2.5 and 4.0 pound sizes. Live supplies were moderate to light; weights remained mixed in a range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were light as plants looked to keep production in close balance with reduced needs. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 55 to 69 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. Wings, livers and gizzards were clearing satisfactorily. Other cuts were available and difficult to place.

*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		49-69
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		58.63
NO. OF BOXES		11,199
CUMULATIVE	11/13/00-11/17/00	58.34
	11/15/99-11/19/99	62.85
NO. OF BOXES	11/13/00-11/17/00	54,586
	11/15/99-11/19/99	40,532

*7 of 8 plants reporting.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

NOVEMBER 17, 2000

ITEM	POUNDS			WTD AVG	POUNDS			WEEKLY		
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY		(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	473	100.00-190.00	125-135	131.45	668	100.00-190.00	130-135	130.59	3,634	134.72
TENDERLOINS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				200	170.00-245.00	175-180	188.50	723	188.93
BREAST - LINE RUN	107	71.00-75.00	71-73	72.45	TOO FEW TO REPORT				376	71.84
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				420	68.61
LEGS	66	33.00-48.00	33-35	34.36	128	33.00-47.00	33-35	33.88	432	34.09
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	299	23.00-27.00	23-25	23.39	472	20.00-27.00	23-24	23.02	1,628	23.36
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,542	25.00-29.50	26-27	26.63	1,721	24.00-29.50	27-28	26.23	8,073	26.52
WINGS (WHOLE)	299	73.00-77.00	72-75	73.85	308	72.00-74.50	72-74	73.83	1,573	73.64
WINGS (CUT)	329	85.00-103.00	87-89	86.49	528	85.00-104.00	84-87	88.89	2,456	87.48
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				TFEWR	
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				TFEWR	
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				101	68.57

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

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TRADING FOR NOV 16, 2000 F.O.B. DOCK. **TODAY'S**

RANGE	AVERAGE
45.25 - 48.50	46.11

TRADING FOR NOV 17, 2000 F.O.B. DOCK. **TODAY'S** **5-DAY**

RANGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE
42.50 - 47.50	44.85	46.09

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 remained very light moving into the weekend as dealer focus remained centered around the traditional Thanksgiving items. Offerings of breast items remained fully adequate to ample, particularly boneless skinless breasts. Wings continued to move well ranging no more than adequate to tight, and gizzards were clearing well due to the seasonal interest. The balance of parts were more than sufficient. Movement into retail and distributive channels was limited. The market tone was fully steady to firm on wings, cautiously steady on breast items, no better than steady on the balance. **ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND**

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	CURRENT NEG			WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	WEEKLY	
	TRADING*	TRADING*	TRADING*			TRADING*	TRADING*	WTD AVG			VOL/LBS	
BREAST - B/S	110	113.65	623,780	110	112.45	724,520	114.08	3,550,730				
TENDERLOINS	175-180	174.74	149,840	170-175	173.22	149,560	178.67	720,630				
BREAST - WITH RIBS	58-59	66.59	292,840	58-59	65.78	310,480	67.27	1,475,280				
BREAST - LINE RUN	58	58.82	198,000	58	59.50	216,000	59.71	1,025,600				
LEGS	35-36	37.93	170,600	35-36	36.83	273,000	38.55	1,154,560				
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	25-26	27.78	444,984	25-26	26.69	436,117	27.12	2,577,600				
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	37.32	181,770	29-30	37.04	152,710	37.01	918,408				
THIGHS	30-31	33.90	197,542	30-31	37.32	119,660	35.66	767,322				
B/S THIGHS	77-78	80.92	60,200	77-78	79.95	79,840	80.24	331,360				
WINGS (WHOLE)	72-73	82.74	324,600	73-74	83.95	373,680	81.85	1,731,930				
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.10	81,440	10-12	12.12	81,240	11.90	384,120				
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	39.84	74,680	35-40	39.60	82,560	39.67	392,300				
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	64.31	102,440	60-65	64.67	110,040	62.54	519,096				

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		AVG WTS	
	11/17	11/16	11/15	11/14	11/15	11/14	11/10	11/08
ALA	3,740	3,515	3,776	3,777	5.05	5.11	3,969	5.04
ARK	5,092	5,076	4,768	5,065	4.97	5.00	5,272	5.05
DELMARVA	1,918	2,228	2,002	2,005	4.97	5.08	2,135	4.98
KY-LA-TN	2,158	1,624	2,005	1,939	4.47	4.54	2,018	4.45
MISS	2,792	2,784	2,334	2,748	5.22	4.99	3,008	5.00
NC	2,484	2,443	2,363	2,324	5.87	6.01	2,135	5.90
TEXAS	2,192	2,315	2,089	2,072	4.70	4.79	2,524	4.81
TOTAL	20,376	19,985	19,337	19,930	5.04	5.09	21,061	5.06
MON-FRI100,885(A)	103,883(A)							

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.
 Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 17 & 18-Nov-00 is estimated to be 30,485,000 down 2.21 percent from a week ago and up 0.9 percent from a year ago.
 (Last week 31,173,000; last year 30,219,000)
 Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 18-Nov-00 is estimated to be 146,324,000 head down 7.2 percent from a week ago, and up 0.6 percent from a year ago
 (Last week 157,629,000 Last year 145,519,000)

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

	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

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	DRY PACK	ICE PACK	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS			102-103
			92-94
ROASTERS 4# & UP			106-112
			112-119
HENS OVER 5#			94
			94
DUCKS			152-165

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live weight, week ending Nov 04, 2000 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning

Food service
4.20 Lbs & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs 5.26 Lbs & Up

	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	26,727	35,327	42,539
Avg Weight	3.80	4.82	6.11
% of total /1	26%	34%	41%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	34,604	38,522	48,214
Avg Weight	3.80	4.78	6.10
% of total /1	29%	32%	40%
Same week, yr ago /2	35,651	35,804	39,580
Avg Weight	3.82	4.88	6.16
% of total /1	32%	32%	6%
To date/2000	1,450,830	1,479,398	1,783,798
To date/1999	1,406,676	1,376,820	1,804,792

/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 11-Nov-2000 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	157,629(A)	2,016	1,530	3,546	485
AVG WT	5.12	3.62	7.41	5.25	6.55
LAST WEEK	156,627	1,943	1,306	3,249	510
YR AGO	148,379	1,848	1,550	3,398	406
AVG WT	5.02	3.35	7.73	5.35	6.24
TO-DATE/2000	6,964,894	85,583	65,531	151,114	20,205
TO-DATE/1999	6,832,017	93,185	63,949	157,134	19,835

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 147.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 159.5 million head or 12.4 million head more than or 108 percent of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: NOV 14, 2000

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.70 - .78	Silkie	3.00 - 4.50ea
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.60 - .74	Geese 9-14 LBS	.20 - .34
Pekin Ducks	.40 - .72	Pigeons	1.50 - 2.50ea
Red Fowl 4-4.5 LBS	.30 - .54	White Pigeons	2.25 - 2.50ea
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.50 - .86	Rabbits 4-6 LBS	.70 - 1.02
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.50 - .84	Rabbits 7-11 LBS	.60 - .92
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.60 - .92	Bunnies	1.00 - 6.00ea
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.50 - .86	Guinea Pigs	.25 - 2.75ea
Guinea Fowl	.50-1.25	Goats	45.00-65.00ea
Banty Roosters	2.50 - 6.00ea	Doves	3.50 - 6.00ea
Banty Hens	1.50 - 3.50ea	Chukars	3.00 - 3.50ea
Leghorn Hens	.10 - .22	Pullets 4-6 LBS	.60 - .84
Leghorn Roosters	.20 - .34		
		Total Coops Sold	772

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY for THE WEEK OF 13-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 were unchanged. The trade sentiment at least steady. Demand was moderate to mostly good. Sizes were desirable. 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 13-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
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
11	159.5	147.1	108	5.12
YEAR TO DATE	7,052.0	6,901.9	102	
NOVEMBER 18		144.4		
25		143.2		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	11/18/00	11/11/00	% CHG	11/20/99	% CHG
Broilers	146,324	157,629*	-07	145,519*	+01
Cattle	656	652	+01	677*	-03
Hogs	2,022	1,971	+03	2,031*	0
Under Federal Inspection					
* ACTUAL					

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

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
21-26 MAJORITY	28.75-34 MAJORITY 29-31

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
25-27.5 MAJORITY	29-33 MAJORITY 29.5-32

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Offerings were generally adequate for holiday schedules. Demand was only moderate but unaggressive. Finished product sales were clearing. The undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of light hens. Schedules were at or near capacity. Trade sentiment was about steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Offerings were fully adequate to ample for the mostly moderate demand. Slaughter schedules full-time. Trade sentiment generally steady.

LIVE HENS

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

HEAVY	RANGE	MAJORITY
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(2)
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
LIGHT	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern Light	0	(1)
Eastern Light	0	(2)
So. Central Light	TFEWR	(2)
No. Central Light	TFEWR	(1)
No. Central Light	0-.5	(2)
(1) Buyer Loading	(2) Producer Loading	

(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Offerings were adequate to ample for reduced holiday schedules. Floor stocks of finished product were occasionally short to no more than adequate for current needs. The market tone was mixed but generally steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand for spent hens was moderate with offerings fully adequate for needs. Finished sales were moderate to good. Schedules were reduced for next week. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked desired schedules. Offerings adequate.

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