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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was generally steady. In the major terminal markets majority prices were usually unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was seasonal, but late week interest had improved over early week holiday trading. Some traders were anticipating movement to improve for next week. Offerings were not as available, but still adequate to fully adequate for trade needs. Food service movement was light to moderate, best into fast food areas as fast food business get ready for the holiday shoppers. In the parts structure, wings were well cleared, balance of other items were either sufficient or available. In production areas live supplies were moderate. Weights were irregular but mostly desirable. Several plants were closed today.

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 11/27-12/01/00 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Including branded product)		COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Chicago	47.00-51.00	43.00-59.00	50.80	25
Los Angeles	66.00			
New York	52.00-55.00			

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	59.00-61.00	49.00-65.00	60.71	76
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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.
517	59.05-62.75	61.40

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	126.00	3,871
BREASTS - WHOLE	65.00	816
THIGH MEAT - B/S	80.50	577
LEG QUARTERS	28.00	6,719
WINGS	78.00	2,264

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MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS The preliminary majority price into Chicago for next week's delivery was unchanged from last Monday's final majority. The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was mostly steady. Offerings of whole birds and Wog's very light. Retail demand slow following the holiday. Food service movement fair to fairly good. Floor stocks were adequate. Sizes desirable. Parts trading limited for the light offers. Trade sentiment steady to firm on wings, steady to barely steady on balance of items.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices unchanged. The market tone was generally steady. Reported trading for next week's deliveries limited but at mainly unchanged prices. Offerings adequate. Demand by stores fair, fairly good by fast food; best for parts. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers. Limited ads noted: Southern California - leg quarters 39, whole legs 77, wings 77, split breasts 107, boneless breasts 179-200 and boneless leg meat 99.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers remained seasonally light. Offerings were more than sufficient to handle current inquiry. Buyers were cautious and generally kept receipts in tight balance with needs. The market tone was steady to barely steady. In the parts complex, breast items, particularly whole breasts and tenders were readily available. Leg items were fully adequate to ample. Wings were in generally good balance. Retail and distributive movement was often noted as lackluster; floor stocks were adequate.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was seasonal, but improved over early week business. Supplies were fully adequate on 2 1/4 pound WOGS, heavier sizes were sufficient but clearing and in a workable position. Some processors were closed today, but others resumed back to normal schedules. In the parts structure, supplies were irregular but adequate for trade needs. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally light and unaggressive. Seller offerings were adequate to fully adequate and in generally good balance. Live supplies were moderate to light; weights varied in the full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were light to moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 55 to 69 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Wings continued to clear well. Both breast items and leg cuts were available for the lackluster buying interest.

*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	52-69
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	57.21
NO. OF BOXES	8,789

CUMULATIVE	11/20/00-11/24/00	57.63
	11/22/99-11/26/99	63.16
NO. OF BOXES	11/20/00-11/24/00	40,572
	11/22/99-11/26/99	27,134

*7 of 8 plants reporting.

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	POUNDS (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	576	125.00-190.00	135-145	142.10	3,026	140.04
TENDERLOINS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				540	177.55
BREAST - LINE RUN	88	68.00-73.00	68-69	69.30	347	69.71
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				274	67.17
LEGS	48	35.00-48.00	-	37.17	504	35.76
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	252	21.00-26.00	24-25	25.33	1,960	23.30
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,410	24.00-29.00	26-27	26.23	5,477	26.06
WINGS (WHOLE)	367	72.00-77.00	-	74.96	1,413	74.85
WINGS (CUT)	1,818	87.00-107.00	88-90	90.51	2,941	90.25
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT					TFEWR
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT					TFEWR
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				204	76.45

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR NOVEMBER 24, 2000— F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
43.00 - 46.50	45.67	45.26

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was seasonally slow. Dealers were cautious and generally chose to keep floor stocks in close balance. Supplies of bone-in breasts were ample and often offered at discount in an effort to clear this week's production. Boneless-skinless breasts were fully adequate to ample. Leg items were at least adequate. Wings were well balanced to closely cleared. Retail and distributive movement was seasonally light to fair at best. Floor stocks were fully sufficient. The market tone was barely steady on breast and leg items, fully steady on wings. PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES.

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME/LBS	WEEKLY WTD AVG	WEEKLY VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	110	120.01	599,280	114.61	2,847,572
TENDERLOINS	155-160	153.04	140,640	156.89	601,741
BREAST - WITH RIBS	53-54	59.62	349,000	63.17	1,165,970
BREAST - LINE RUN	53	48.40	135,000	52.50	764,200
LEGS	35-36	39.38	192,960	38.84	923,609
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	24-25	25.47	507,761	25.69	1,983,247
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	37.05	199,170	36.91	726,220
THIGHS	30-31	35.31	194,980	35.47	645,303
B/S THIGHS	78-79	82.72	59,600	81.72	227,848
WINGS (WHOLE)	76-77	84.23	313,280	84.65	1,318,612
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.02	97,920	12.02	338,960
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	40-45	44.38	97,320	44.12	336,520
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	64.97	122,400	64.96	419,600

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	
	11/24	11/23	11/22	11/21	11/22	11/21	11/17	11/15
ALA	2,355	(A)	3,660	3,878	4.83	5.01	3,729	5.05
ARK	2,013	(A)	4,655	5,145	4.92	4.95	5,013	4.97
DELMARVA	2,067	Holiday	2,280	2,320	4.92	4.92	1,925	4.97
KY-LA-TN	1,577	(A)	2,019	1,906	4.54	4.57	2,054	4.47
MISS	1,817	Holiday	2,534	2,804	4.88	4.96	2,803	5.22
NC	2,015	Holiday	2,535	2,528	5.87	6.01	2,609	5.87
TEXAS	2,313	(A)	2,270	2,327	4.64	4.67	2,209	4.70
TOTAL	14,157	2,578	19,953	20,908	4.95	5.01	20,342	5.04
MON-FRI	78,893	(B)					99,772	(B)

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations
 (B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.
 Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 24 & 25-Nov-00 is estimated to be 21,180,000 down 32.06 percent from a week ago and down 6.8 percent from a year ago.
 (Last week 31,173,000; last year 22,730,000)
 Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 25-Nov-00 is estimated to be 114,513,000 head down 23.1 percent from a week ago, and up 4.3 percent from a year ago

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

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	81-84
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-90
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 11, 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	33,346	28,219	39,933
Avg Weight	3.77	4.82	6.22
% of total /1	33%	28%	39%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	26,727	35,327	42,539
Avg Weight	3.80	4.82	6.11
% of total /1	26%	34%	41%
Same week, yr ago /2	24,795	28,287	34,016
Avg Weight	3.77	4.76	6.02
% of total /1	28%	32%	39%
To date/2000	1,484,176	1,507,617	1,823,731
To date/1999	1,431,471	1,405,107	1,838,808

/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 18-Nov-2000 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	148,934 (A)	1,858	1,411	3,269	500
AVG WT	5.06	3.56	7.78	5.38	6.46
LAST WEEK	157,629	2,016	1,530	3,546	485
YR AGO	145,519	2,080	1,512	3,592	469
AVG WT	4.97	3.42	7.98	5.34	6.74
TO-DATE/2000	7,113,828	87,441	66,942	154,383	20,705
TO-DATE/1999	6,977,536	95,265	65,461	160,726	20,304

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 144.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 150.7 million head or 6.3 million head more than or 104 percent of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: NOV 21, 2000

	RANGE	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.60 - .70	Silkie 3.50 - 3.75ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.50 - .60	Geese 9-14 LBS .40 - .50
Red Fowl 4-4.5 LBS	.20 - .30	Pigeons 1.50 - 1.75ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.25 - .40	White Pigeons 1.75 - 2.00ea.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.40 - .50	Rabbits 4-6 LBS .80 - 1.00
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.60 - .80	Rabbits 7-11 LBS .60 - .90
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.50 - .60	Bunnies 1.00 - 6.00ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.00 - 1.25	Guinea Pigs .35 - 3.50ea.
Banty Roosters	2.00 - 2.50ea	Doves 2.00ea.
Banty Hens	1.50 - 2.00ea.	
Leghorn Hens	.10 - .25	Total Coops Sold 525

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 20-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)	70-71	
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	65-83	73-75

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 was at least steady. Demand was fairly good to good. Sizes were in the desirable range. Schedules were reduced this week due to the Thanksgiving holiday. 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 20-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 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
18	150.7	144.4	104	5.06
YEAR TO DATE	7202.7	7046.3	102	
NOVEMBER 25		143.2		
DECEMBER 2		145.6		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	11/25/00	11/18/00	% CHG	11/27/99	% CHG
Broilers	114,513	148,934*	-23	109,769*	+04
Cattle	594	656	-09	580*	+02
Hogs	1,780	2,022	-12	1,784*	0
Under Federal Inspection					

* ACTUAL

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

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITH OUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS **HEAVY CANNER HENS**
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) (WITHOUT NECKS)

21-24 MAJORITY 28.5-32.5 MAJORITY 30-31.5

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS **HEAVY CANNER HENS**
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) (WITHOUT NECKS)

25-26 MAJORITY 29.5-33.5 MAJORITY 30.5-32.5

EASTERN LIGHT Prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate with processing schedules increased next week over current weeks reduced holiday schedules. Demand was moderate but unaggressive. Finished product sales were clearing. The undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were too few to report. Demand was moderate for leghorn hens for slaughter. Schedules were reduced for the holiday week. Trade sentiment was only steady

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices unchanged. Offerings were fully adequate to ample for the only fair demand. Slaughter schedules reduced for Thanksgiving holiday week. Trade sentiment generally steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked reduced holiday schedules. Offerings adequate.

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-.25 (2)	
(1) Buyer Loading	(2) Producer Loading	

(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was moderate but not as active as current week. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate. Floor stocks of finished product were about adequate to generally adequate for current needs. The market tone was at least steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate to good for heavy fowl. Finished sales were seasonally good. Schedules were reduced for the holiday week. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

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