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Majority prices were unchanged in the West, mostly higher in the Midwest, and lower in the East when compared to previous week. Trade sentiment was overall mostly steady. Retail demand was generally slow to fair with some improvements reported. Food service was fair to fairly good, best into fast food. Supplies were more than adequate for current needs. In the parts structure, wings were in balance and moving. The remaining items were at least sufficient with light trading. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights in a full range, but mostly desirable.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 12/04-12/09/00 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	52.00-53.00	52.97	16	56.80	27
Chicago	48.00-52.00	51.21	42	54.14	76
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	60.09	29
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	59.86	14
Denver	65.50	65.44	17	64.42	24
Detroit	49.00-52.00	51.24	17	56.26	51
Los Angeles	66.00	64.20	68	61.98	134
New York	52.00-54.00	53.41	29	56.10	68
Philadelphia	48.00-50.00	49.22	9	51.98	22
Pittsburgh	49.00-51.00	50.58	12	56.23	58
St. Louis	51.00	50.51	18	53.43	43
San Francisco	66.50	65.57	30	68.19	51

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	12/04/00	Change/Last Wk	11/27/00	12/06/99
597	58.21	0.09	58.12	58.62

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	55.00-60.00	59.81	42
Central	54.00-59.00	56.96	60
West	54.00-60.00	58.73	53
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent			
Mississippi	58.00-61.50	60.46	83

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
1,111	48.00-63.00	60.26

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	125.50	4,917
BREASTS - WHOLE	63.00	1,555
THIGH MEAT - B/S	81.00	795
LEG QUARTERS	27.00	9,440
WINGS	79.50	3,100

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole birds was mostly light and unaggressive entering the week as dealers cautiously assessed the market, and only secured enough product for most immediate needs. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate to available, with the lighter birds usually in the better balanced position. Movement into retail and distributive channels was generally limited. The market tone was about steady at prevailing price levels. In the parts complex, boneless-skinless breasts were fully adequate to available, and bone-in breasts were about adequate. Leg quarters were more than sufficient. Wings were usually clearing well.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand was light to moderate, best for fast food, with first of the month not quite up to expectations. Supplies were usually sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, all items were at least adequate with slow to fair movement; however, wings were still well balanced and moving and some reports of interest increasing for breast items due possibly to retail ads. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trading for this week's deliveries on regular commitments at mainly unchanged prices with new negotiations at unchanged to lower prices. Offerings fully adequate. Retailer demand was moderate to good, best by fast food. Dealers reported moderate weekend carryovers. Reported Trading on parts: leg quarters bulk 24-26 and bagged 4/10s 25.5-27, Bone in breasts 63-72 and boneless 110-113. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG was 53.92 down 2.47 with the reported volume up 22 percent.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices for this week's deliveries were higher into all areas with Ohio reporting TFEWR from last Monday's final majority. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was mostly steady. Additional offerings were irregular, mostly light on whole fryers with WOGs heavy. Movement somewhat improved into retail accounts, slow to fair at best. Food service demand was in a full range, mostly moderate. Floor stocks adequate to ample, sizes desirable. Parts trading best for wings and breast items, but generally slow overall. Supplies were fully adequate for trade needs. Trade sentiment about steady on wings, barely steady on all other items.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally light to fair at best. Seller offerings were fully sufficient for current inquiry. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were mixed in a range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent lower at 53 to 67 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. In the parts complex, all items were noted as at least adequate for the generally light and cautious 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	46-66
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	55.19
NO. OF BOXES	11,155
*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 remained cautious and hesitant to build inventories significantly. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts were fully adequate, however, bone-in breasts about adequate to better balanced. Dark meat items were readily available. Wings continued to clear well. Movement through retail and distributive channels was unaggressive. The market tone was cautiously steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	CURRENT TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	110	110.89	805,816
TENDERLOINS	140-145	144.00	145,840
BREAST - WITH RIBS	52-53	59.20	280,480
BREAST - LINE RUN	52	52.82	124,080
LEGS	34-35	35.41	261,120
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	22-23	23.14	396,721
DRUMSTICKS	26-27	33.42	193,930
THIGHS	30-31	33.61	195,280
B/S THIGHS	78-79	83.71	41,360
WINGS (WHOLE)	77-78	86.20	311,200
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.01	92,240
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	40-45	44.70	91,000
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	65-70	69.85	125,160

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	702	98.00-113.00	100	99.95
TENDERLOINS	239	130.00-249.00	-	154.97
BREAST - WITH RIBS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
FRONT HALVES	480	53.00-69.00	55-60	58.96
LEGS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	644	19.00-24.00	20	20.27
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,229	19.00-26.00	22	21.78
WINGS (WHOLE)	501	55.00-78.00	78	76.50
DRUMSTICKS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
THIGHS	939	23.50-41.00	23.5	23.65

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	12/04	11/30	11/30	11/27	11/23
ALA	3,730	3,745	5.08	3,901	(A)
ARK	5,355	5,177	4.87	4,946	Holiday
DELMARVA	2,322	2,282	4.91	2,338	(A)
KY-LA-TN	2,058	1,964	4.55	1,994	Holiday
MISS	2,845	2,877	5.05	2,722	Holiday
NC	2,005	2,600	5.91	2,643	(A)
TEXAS	2,062	2,297	4.77	2,299	Holiday
TOTAL	20,377	20,942	5.03	20,843	4.59
MON	20,377(B)			20,843(B)	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 04-Dec 2000 is estimated to be 30,486,000 down 2.53 percent from a week ago and up 0.97 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,277,000, last year 30,193,000)

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	855	101.00-192.00	120-130	130.07
TENDERLOINS	155	150.00-235.00	150-155	165.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	160	31.00-46.00	31-33	34.75
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	342	18.00-23.00	20-22	20.25
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,621	20.50-29.00	23-25	24.80
WINGS (WHOLE)	306	75.00-80.00	76-77	78.89
WINGS (CUT)	448	87.00-107.00	89-90	91.50
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 DECEMBER 04, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
39.50 - 43.50	41.38	43.79

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 04-DEC-2000 TO 08-DEC-2000, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	100.00 - 120.00	110.00 - 115.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	57.00 - 74.50	60.00 - 65.00
LEGS	33.00 - 42.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	18.00 - 29.00	22.00 - 23.00
DRUMSTICKS	33.00 - 41.00	-
THIGHS	27.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	73.00 - 83.00	75.00 - 77.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 17.00	-
LIVERS	25.00 - 46.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 45.00	-

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	81
FROZEN DUCKS	139
FROZEN SQUABS	589

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

FRESH FRYERS	81-84
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	76
DUCKS	133
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		152-165

EASTERN REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 01-DEC-00

CHICKEN PRICES

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	20.00	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE	20.00			

240,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	16.25-20.00	-	17.00	16.00
WTD AVERAGE	16.59		17.00	16.00

948,000 pounds, this includes 348,000 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%				
RANGE	13.50-20.25	22.00	12.00-15.00	12.75-13.00
WTD AVERAGE	17.00	22.00	13.60	12.85

1,951,000 pounds, this includes 630,000 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	13.00
WTD AVERAGE				13.00

160,000 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 slightly lower compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were active in shipping channels with current schedules providing adequate product for needs. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 04-DEC-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	4-9 CENTS/LB.	5.5-7	6.17

* 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. 01-DEC-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	20.00	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE	20.00			

40,800 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%				
RANGE	15.50-20.00	17.50-20.00	10.50-14.00	13.00-14.25
WTD AVERAGE	19.15	18.88	11.36	13.63

1,825,600 pounds, this includes 928,000 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 Majority trading was unchanged to slightly lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings. Floor stocks of finished product ranged from about adequate to adequate for current requirements. Processing schedules were normal to heavy. The market tone was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 04-DEC-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	3.25-8.5	4-6	5.36

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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