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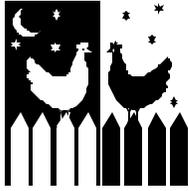
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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were trending unchanged to higher for next week's trading. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm in the West, mostly steady to fully steady elsewhere. Retail and food service demand was mostly fair to moderate, good where specials and seasonal interest was active. Supplies were usually balanced for trade needs. In the parts structure, breast items were better balanced and moving well in some locations, but were overall still at least adequate. Dark meat was balanced to well cleared, and wings were fully sufficient to ample. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range.

**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 07/23-07/28/01 (cents per lb)

### US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	51.00-55.00	51.00-67.00	54.28	25
Los Angeles	70.00			
New York	56.00-58.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	64.50-65.50	53.00-67.00	64.92	85

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 64.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

### PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
744	57.85-66.75	64.10

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD. AVG.	VOLUME
LINE RUN TENDERS	207.00	1,250
BREASTS - B/S	141.50	4,008
BREASTS - WHOLE	71.50	1,066
THIGH MEAT - B/S	93.00	721
LEG QUARTERS	32.00	7,800
WINGS	96.00	2,717

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**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Preliminary majority prices into the Chicago area were unchanged for deliveries next week. The whole fryer trade sentiment was steady, instances firm. Producer offerings were light for the cautious and limited trade needs. Market activity was in a full range, mostly light to fair at best into retail channels. Food service movement was much the same, light to moderate. Floor stocks were balanced to ample. Sizes were in a desirable range to light. Parts supplies ample on bone-in breasts, wings varied, but more available. Dark meat items were in close balance to short and boneless/skinless breasts were adequate. The market tone was steady to firm on dark meat items, steady to weak on whole breasts and wings, and generally steady on the balance of items.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand entering the weekend increased slightly with more inquiries reported and trading mixed. Supplies were in good balance to less available for needs. In the parts structure, breast items were not as plentiful as early week, but still adequate to readily available. Dark meat was sufficient and moving well, and wings were more than adequate to satisfy light needs. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Preliminary majorities 1 cent higher than last week. The market tone was firm. Trading reported on regular commitments at higher prices and new negotiations unchanged to higher prices. Offerings in fairly good balance with the moderate buying interest. Retailer demand moderate to good. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances. Ads noted: Southern California - whole body 69-89, whole cut-up 79-89, boneless breast 177-499, cornish hen twin pack 599 each, drumstick 69-139, thigh 69-139, whole leg 99, leg quarter 79, boneless leg meat 129; Northern California - whole body 69-99, drumstick 69, thigh 69, split breast 199, boneless breast 249-299; Arizona - boneless breast 179-339, drumstick 87, thigh 87, leg quarter 79-99, boneless thigh meat 299-349.

**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers ranged fair to instances fairly good entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes were balanced to adequate for most immediate needs. Movement into retail and distributive channels continued fair to moderate, best where seasonal interest was a factor. The market tone was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were at least adequate and boneless-skinless breasts were available. Wings were fully sufficient, and the balance of parts were well cleared.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds increased slightly but continued fair to moderate overall. Offerings of all sizes ranged balanced to adequate. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 58 to 72 cents. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, bone-in were better balanced and boneless-skinless breasts were at least adequate. Wings were fully sufficient, and the balance of parts were clearing well.

\*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	56-77
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	61.46
NO. OF BOXES	12,705
CUMULATIVE	
	07/16/01-07/20/01 60.78
	07/17/00-07/21/00 56.30
NO. OF BOXES	
	07/16/01-07/20/01 63,333
	07/17/00-07/21/00 42,080

\*7 of 8 plants reporting.

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS											
ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS				WEEKLY		
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG	
BREAST - B/S	947	118.00-205.00	140-145	143.32	948	118.00-205.00	140-145	141.86	4,607	143.41	
TENDERLOINS	970	140.00-230.00	145	146.55	1,015	140.00-230.00	140-145	148.39	5,022	146.87	
BREAST - LINE RUN	114	73.00-79.00	-	75.05	81	73.00-78.00	-	73.47	509	74.54	
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				350		71.20
LEGS	169	40.00-52.00	41-43	42.71	209	40.00-53.00	43-45	46.59	965	43.80	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	469	27.50-30.00	28-29	28.29	509	27.00-30.00	28	28.11	2,113	28.23	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,308	29.50-34.00	30-31	31.39	1,350	29.50-34.00	30-32	31.41	6,271	31.37	
WINGS (WHOLE)	304	85.00-98.00	95-97	96.12	304	85.00-98.00	94-96	96.12	1,540	96.45	
WINGS (CUT)	510	102.00-110.00	103-106	105.84	599	102.00-110.00	104-106	105.55	2,751	105.96	
DRUMSTICKS	109	47.00-53.00	-	51.00	109	47.50-53.00	-	51.16	510	51.38	
THIGHS	143	49.00-52.00	-	51.07	76	49.00-52.00	-	50.05	397	50.20	
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				TFEWR		
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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS					WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS						
TRADING FOR JULY 19, 2001 F.O.B. DOCK.					TRADING FOR JUL 20, 2001 F.O.B. DOCK.						
RANGE					RANGE						
47.50 - 52.00					47.00 - 53.00						
TODAY'S AVERAGE					TODAY'S AVERAGE						
49.52					49.81						
5-DAY AVERAGE					5-DAY AVERAGE						
49.72					49.72						

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 was mostly moderate entering the weekend as dealers assessed the market and purchased accordingly. Offerings of bone-in breasts were adequate to better balanced today, and boneless skinless breasts were clearing well. Wings were at least adequate to available at times. Dark meat cuts were well cleared. Retail and distributive movement was fair to fairly good at times, best for planned promotional activity. The market tone was generally steady.

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

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS										
ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	CURRENT NEG			WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
	TRADING*	WTD	WTD			TRADING*	WTD	WTD		
BREAST - B/S	130	140.81	140.81	443,520	130	141.17	141.17	464,020	139.07	2,564,720
TENDERLOINS	135	140.40	140.40	96,200	135	139.94	139.94	175,466	139.55	647,138
BREAST - WITH RIBS	60-61	68.88	68.88	288,720	60-61	66.99	66.99	300,920	71.00	1,314,000
BREAST - LINE RUN	60	58.71	58.71	159,400	60	56.14	56.14	208,800	61.43	999,520
LEGS	41-42	47.65	47.65	246,240	42-43	47.30	47.30	265,600	46.30	1,300,560
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	30-31	31.66	31.66	661,288	30-31	31.18	31.18	513,020	31.45	3,059,029
DRUMSTICKS	39-40	47.13	47.13	173,040	40-41	46.68	46.68	166,340	46.39	858,610
THIGHS	37-38	43.49	43.49	171,400	37-38	45.05	45.05	147,530	44.17	794,120
B/S THIGHS	88-89	91.33	91.33	64,920	88-89	91.24	91.24	71,560	90.29	363,020
WINGS (WHOLE)	87-88	93.92	93.92	361,320	87-88	95.04	95.04	359,700	94.17	1,763,940
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.15	12.15	95,000	10-12	12.05	12.05	102,440	12.08	472,000
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	39.61	39.61	124,560	30-35	39.92	39.92	136,720	39.76	627,200
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	49.88	49.88	132,320	45-50	49.65	49.65	167,160	49.61	723,010

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		ACTUAL WTS	
	07/20	07/19	07/17	07/18	07/18	07/17	07/13	07/11
ALA	4,170	3,960	3,911	3,814	5.07	5.04	4,524	4.90
ARK	4,905	5,325	5,065	5,137	4.75	4.76	5,499	4.73
DELMARVA	2,190	2,325	2,311	2,331	5.02	5.07	2,472	5.11
KY-LA-TN	1,821	2,001	1,989	1,938	4.46	4.50	2,146	4.50
MISS	2,914	2,833	2,817	2,745	5.06	4.97	2,807	4.94
NC	2,455	2,492	2,611	2,555	5.84	5.86	2,977	5.89
TEXAS	2,404	2,391	2,327	2,310	4.67	4.77	2,624	4.72
TOTAL	20,859	21,327	21,031	20,830	4.98	4.99	23,049	4.95
MON-FRI	111,990(A)				107,162(A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.  
 Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 20 & 21-Jul-01 is estimated to be 31,207,000 down 9.77 percent from a week ago and down 5.0 percent from a year ago.  
 (Last week 34,587,000; last year 32,836,000)  
 Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 21-Jul-01 is estimated to be 158,155,000 head unchanged from a week ago, and down 2.1 percent from a year ago  
 (Last week 158,097,000 Last year 161,559,000)

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

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	85-87
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK 96-104 ICE PACK 94-96
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 104-113 DRY PACK 113-123
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 98 DRY PACK 91
DUCKS	152-166

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED** Under federal inspection, classified by live weight, week ending July 07, 2001 (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	33,503	24,570	37,598
Avg Weight	3.84	4.84	6.02
% of total /1	35%	26%	39%
<b>COMPARISONS</b>			
Last week	35,394	24,343	45,188
Avg Weight	3.84	4.64	6.08
% of total /1	34%	23%	43%
Same week, yr ago /2	31,470	35,327	34,107
Avg Weight	3.76	4.80	6.10
% of total /1	31%	35%	34%
To date/2001	876,730	703,220	1,212,349
To date/2000	895,527	867,920	1,114,117

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 14-Jul-2001 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	158,097 (A)	1,685	1,642	3,327	538
AVG WT	5.06	4.12	8.32	6.19	6.57
LAST WEEK	136,728	1,449	1,237	2,686	398
SAME WK YR AGO	161,559	1,882	1,428	3,310	455
AVG WT	5.01	3.48	7.96	5.41	6.48
TO-DATE/2001	4,268,621	49,922	37,893	87,815	13,975
TO-DATE/2000	4,320,869	55,025	39,026	94,051	12,602

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 158.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 160 million head or 1.4 million head more than or 100 percent of estimated fryers available.

**EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: JULY 17, 2001**

	RANGE	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.52 - 1.86	Silkie 2.00 - 2.50ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.50 - 1.80	Pigeons 2.00 - 2.75ea.
Pekin Ducks	.30 - .44	White Pigeons 3.00 - 3.75ea.
Red Fowl 4-4.5 LBS	.50 - .66	Rabbits 4-6 LBS .70 - .96
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.60 - .92	Rabbits 7-11 LBS .70 - .92
Crossbred Fowl		Bunnies .25 - 3.00ea.
5-9 LBS	.60 - 1.14	Guinea Pigs .10 - .75ea.
Crossbred Roasters		Goats 40.00 - 54.00ea.
4-6 LBS	.40 - 1.10	Doves 4.00 - 6.00ea.
Crossbred Roasters		Pullets 4-6 LBS .60 - .72
7-11 LBS	.40 - 1.20	
Guinea Fowl	1.70 - 1.95	Total Coops Sold 828
Banty Roasters	3.50 - 9.00ea.	
Banty Hens	2.50 - 4.50ea.	
Leghorn Hens	.16 - .24	

**EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 16-JULY-2001

**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	123-127
MOSTLY	122-124	123-125
<b>ROASTERS:</b> PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED		
RANGE	MOSTLY	
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	68-69	
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	62-85	63-71
<b>SQUABS:</b> 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** Trade sentiment steady. Demand moderate to fairly good. Sizes were in the desirable range. Slaughter schedules were full-time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$5.00-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.35-1.38, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$.50-.75, livers at \$.50-1.50, and feet at \$.90-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 16-JULY-2001

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	116-124	125
MOSTLY		

**ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO**

**ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
JUNE	9	161.6	156.9	103
	16	164.2	158.1	104
	23	159.8	158.3	101
	30	166.6	158.5	105
JULY	7	138.4	158.1	88
	14	160.0	158.6	101
YEAR TO DATE	4320.5	4301.3	100	
JULY	21	159.5		
	28	160.8		

**BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**

	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	07/21/01	07/14/01	% CHG	07/22/00	% CHG
Broilers	158,155	158,097	0	161,559	-02
Cattle	678	695	-02	699	-03
Hogs	1,745	1,755	-01	1,799	-03
Under Federal Inspection					
* ACTUAL					

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL** Majority prices were about unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Offerings were in a full range of barely adequate to fully adequate for trade needs. Demand was moderate. The undertone was usually steady to fully steady on heavies and steady on light 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>
23-25.5 MAJORITY 23-25	31-38 MAJORITY 31-32

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
24.5-28.25 MAJORITY 25-26	28-40 MAJORITY 32-33

**\*\*Correction for July 13,2001 for light canner hens with out freight costs:**

**23-25.5 MAJORITY 23-25**

**EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices were unchanged. Offerings were fully adequate for trade needs. Demand was light and unaggressive. Processing schedules for next week were reported as normal to heavy. Canners movement was moderate with offerings sufficient for full needs. The undertone was steady.

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Trading was too few to report. Demand was only fair for fully adequate offerings of leghorn fowl. Processing schedules were full for next week. Canner sales were only moderate. Trade sentiment was about steady.

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices unchanged. Demand was light to moderate with offerings ample. Alternative methods of disposal were being used to eliminate excess spent hens. Slaughter schedules full-time for next week. Trade sentiment about steady.

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plants worked full schedules. Demand was generally moderate. Offering adequate overall.

### **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	0-0 (1)	
Eastern Light	0-0 (2)	
So. Central Light	TFEWR (2)	
No. Central Light	TFEWR (1)	
No. Central Light	0 (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 fair for fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal. Canner supplies were irregular for trade needs. The undertone was steady.

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were moderate with supplies sufficient to cover needs. Trade sentiment was about steady.

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