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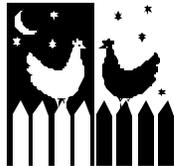
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices for next week are trending mostly unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Retail demand was slow to moderate, but showed signs of improvement entering the extended holiday weekend. Food service was moderate to good, best into fast food channels. Supplies were in good balance to well cleared with inquiries for product still being made. Processing schedules for next week are part time with some plants running tomorrow. In the parts structure, wings were tight to adequate, leg quarters were closer balanced aided by export business, and the remaining items were usually sufficient with mixed interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were irregular, mostly desirable.

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 09/03-09/08/01 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
(Including branded product)				
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	51.00-56.00	51.00-68.75	54.54	26
Los Angeles	71.00			
New York	55.00-57.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	65.00-66.00	52.50-68.00	65.85	82

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 66.00 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.
660	58.75-68.00	66.12
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:		
ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	212.50	1,125
BREASTS - B/S	162.50	3,769
BREASTS - WHOLE	78.00	1,037
THIGH MEAT - B/S	91.00	615
LEG QUARTERS	34.50	7,498
WINGS	102.50	2,712

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MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS

Preliminary majority prices for next week's trading were unchanged into Chicago and too few to report elsewhere. Whole fryer trade sentiment was steady. Offerings of additional whole birds and Wogs were light. Movement into retail accounts picking up somewhat covering for the long holiday weekend. Food service demand was light to fairly good with best interest on fast foods. Floor stocks were adequate with sizes generally desirable. In the parts complex, offerings were limited and clearing. Supplies of wings were in close balance to tight. The remainder of items were sufficient for trade needs. The market tone was fully steady on wings and steady on all other items.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS

Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand entering the holiday weekend was fair to good, best for retail ads and into fast food outlets, with good clearances expected. Supplies were in balance to well cleared with some inquiries still being made for needed product. Most plants are down Monday for Labor Day with spot locations running Saturday. In the parts structure, wings were well cleared and continued to move well and all other items were usually well balanced or available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS

The market tone was steady to fully steady. Trading reported for next week's deliveries on regular commitments at generally unchanged prices, however new negotiations at unchanged to generally higher prices. Offerings in close balance on light weight and generally adequate on heavier weights. Retail demand good overall due to features in progress and the extended holiday weekend needs. Dealers anticipated good weekend clearances. Ads noted: Southern California-whole body 67-89, whole cut-up 119-169, Cornish hens 168, roasters 98, boneless breasts 188-269 (IQF 3# bag 837), split breasts 97-179, whole legs 129, leg quarters 59-77 (10# bag 490), boneless leg meat 119-138, thighs 79-129, drumsticks 79-129 (IQF 5# bag 295), wings (IQF 5# bag 699): Northern California-whole body 65-69, boneless breasts 299, split breasts 199, leg quarters 79, drumsticks 87, thighs 87, Kabobs 499; Arizona-whole body 89, boneless breasts 199-299, split breasts 179, leg quarters (10# bag 390-499). thighs 79-99. drumsticks 79-99, Kabobs 399.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS

Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair to fairly good entering the Labor Day weekend. Offerings of all sizes were well balanced and clearing. Movement into retail and distributive channels was moderate. The market tone was at least steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were in good balance and well cleared. Boneless skinless breasts were at least adequate. Dark meat items were clearing satisfactorily with leg quarters in the best balance. Wings were about adequate.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds increased entering the Labor Day weekend and seller offerings were noted as well balanced and clearing satisfactorily. Live supplies were mostly moderate at desirable weights. Processing schedules were heavy when combined with operations planned for Saturday. Limited operations were planned for the upcoming Monday holiday. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 57 to 71 cents. Trade sentiment remained steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, offerings varied from plant to plant, however, supplies were generally noted as adequate and in fairly good balance to well cleared.

*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	58-76
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	60.45
NO. OF BOXES	11,070
CUMULATIVE	60.16
	08/27/01-08/31/01
	08/28/00-09/01/00
NO. OF BOXES	54.80
	08/27/01-08/31/01
	08/28/00-09/01/00
	63,894
	46,799

*6 of 8 plants reporting.

AUGUST 30, 2001

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

AUGUST 31, 2001

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS			WTD AVG	POUNDS			WTD AVG	WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY		(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY		(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	940	146.00-215.00	155-160	158.80	939	146.00-215.00	155-160	157.30	4,642	158.96
TENDERLOINS	328	140.00-240.00	145	168.14	309	140.00-240.00	145	169.32	2,987	157.10
BREAST - LINE RUN	110	79.00-85.00	-	81.27	TOO FEW TO REPORT				475	81.68
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				420	75.79
LEGS	166	42.00-56.00	42-44	44.61	80	44.00-47.75	-	45.88	828	45.12
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	424	31.00-33.00	31-32	31.40	504	29.50-33.00	31-32	31.29	2,156	31.40
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,258	33.00-35.00	34-35	34.22	1,450	33.00-35.00	34-35	34.17	6,556	34.19
WINGS (WHOLE)	307	102.00-107.00	102-104	103.22	307	102.00-107.00	102-104	103.22	1,680	102.94
WINGS (CUT)	486	111.00-126.00	115-119	116.93	589	115.00-126.00	115-118	118.12	2,676	117.50
DRUMSTICKS	75	48.00-56.00	-	50.41	95	47.00-56.00	-	48.27	410	49.78
THIGHS	55	42.00-56.00	-	43.84	55	45.00-56.00	-	45.73	283	47.35
B/S THIGHS	60	89.00-96.00	-	91.33	TOO FEW TO REPORT				223	90.97

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
51.25 - 57.50	53.20	50.25 - 57.50	53.90	53.73

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 moderate as most dealers worked from from fully adequate floorstocks entering the long holiday weekend. Offerings of bone-in breasts were in good balance. Boneless skinless breast were at least adequate. Dark meat items were closely cleared, with leg quarters in the best balance. Wings were about adequate and clearing satisfactory. Retail and distributive movement was fair, and best where feature activity was planned or in progress. The market tone was fully steady on bone-in breast and leg quarters, at least steady on wings, generally steady on the balance. ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	AUG 30, 2001			AUG 31, 2001			WTD AVG	VOL/LBS	Aug 31 WEEKLY
	CURRENT TRADING*	NEG AVG**	WTD VOL/LBS	CURRENT TRADING*	NEG AVG**	WTD VOL/LBS			
BREAST - B/S	155-160	164.37	434,040	155-160	163.60	472,240	161.06	2,399,820	
TENDERLOINS	135	140.03	91,080	135	140.21	103,440	139.62	521,179	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	75-76	86.48	441,440	75-76	80.85	212,640	82.27	1,478,600	
BREAST - LINE RUN	75	76.28	136,640	75	75.85	117,000	76.47	658,640	
LEGS	42-43	47.72	177,600	42-43	42.76	266,700	45.95	1,092,900	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	31-32	32.40	398,120	32-33	35.46	345,800	32.80	2,710,486	
DRUMSTICKS	40-41	47.00	124,680	40-41	41.61	216,320	44.53	803,380	
THIGHS	37-38	46.55	107,360	37-38	46.37	114,820	45.50	563,310	
B/S THIGHS	89-90	95.69	43,540	89-90	96.67	49,040	93.49	295,720	
WINGS (WHOLE)	93-94	103.83	294,360	95-96	105.21	287,960	103.93	1,652,520	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.00	78,640	10-12	12.00	92,640	12.09	384,760	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	39.99	119,960	30-35	39.98	137,480	39.57	524,225	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	54.95	152,760	45-50	54.85	177,760	54.70	686,462	

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		AVG	
	08/31	08/30	08/29	08/28	08/29	08/28	08/24	08/22
ALA	4,504	4,106	4,001	4,087	5.00	5.01	4,926	5.03
ARK	5,969	5,083	5,119	5,229	4.77	4.88	6,267	4.90
DELMARVA	2,755	2,327	2,359	2,370	5.00	4.96	2,368	4.98
KY-LA-TN	2,243	1,998	2,018	2,041	4.80	4.54	2,374	4.45
MISS	3,206	2,882	2,881	2,842	4.93	5.00	2,951	5.01
NC	2,571	2,571	2,568	2,568	5.91	5.91	3,032	5.82
TEXAS	2,385	2,385	2,380	2,415	4.81	4.81	2,604	4.76
TOTAL	23,633	21,352	21,326	21,552	5.00	5.01	24,522	5.00
MON-FRI	109,722 (A)				108,526 (A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 31 Aug & 01-Sep 01 is estimated to be 35,358,000 down 3.91 percent from a week ago and up 5.2 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 36,798,000; last year 33,597,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 01-Sep-01 is estimated to be 158,798,000 head unchanged from a week ago, and up 0.5 percent from a year ago (Last week 158,648,000 Last year 157,965,000)

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

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	87-89
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	97-105
ROASTERS 4# & UP	104-113
HENS OVER 5#	98
DUCKS	152-166

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live weight, week ending August 18, 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	30,950	33,280	38,253
Avg Weight	3.80	4.63	5.99
% of total /1	30%	32%	37%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	31,288	30,947	39,126
Avg Weight	3.74	4.73	6.03
% of total /1	31%	31%	39%
Same week, yr ago /2	34,631	34,508	43,337
Avg Weight	3.74	4.70	5.97
% of total /1	31%	31%	39%
To date/2001	1,072,917	907,576	1,451,520
To date/2000	1,094,905	1,097,970	1,350,190

/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 25-Aug-2001 (PRELIMINARY)

YOUNG LIGHT HEAVY TOTAL
CHICKENS HENS HENS HENS DUCKS

-----THOUSANDS-----

HEAD	158,648(A)	1,696	1,421	3,117	528
AVG WT	4.92	3.39	8.16	5.56	6.54
LAST WEEK	159,302	1,795	1,466	3,261	458
SAME WK YR AGO	160,646	1,823	1,311	3,134	434
AVG WT	4.91	4.41	8.05	5.93	6.84
TO-DATE/2001	5,217,657	59,932	46,786	106,718	16,999
TO-DATE/2000	5,271,757	66,223	48,758	114,981	15,106

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 156.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 160.6 million head or 4.2 million head more than or 103 percent of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: AUG 28, 2001

RANGE RANGE

Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.90 - 1.64	Leghorn Roosters	.20 - .32
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.80 - 1.32	Silkie	2.00 - 3.50ea.
Red Fowl 4-4.5 LBS	.30 - .52	Pigeons	1.60 - 2.10ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.50 - .74	White Pigeons	2.50 - 3.25ea.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.50 - .82	Rabbits 4-6 LBS	.70 - 1.02
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.40 - 1.10	Rabbits 7-11 LBS	.70 - .94
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.20 - .94	Bunnies	1.00 - 5.00ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.25 - 1.75	Guinea Pigs	.25 - 2.00ea.
Banty Roosters	3.50 - 7.00ea.	Kid Goats	18.00 - 35.00ea.
Banty Hens	2.00 - 3.75ea.	Pullets 4-6 LBS	.50 - .68
Leghorn Hens	.14 - .24		

Total Coops Sold 762

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY for THE WEEK OF 27-AUG-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	122-126	123-127
MOSTLY		

ROASTERS: 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)	65-85 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. Trade sentiment steady. Demand moderate to at times good. Sizes were in the desirable range. Slaughter schedules were full-time to over-time in anticipation of the upcoming Labor Day holiday. 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.

PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 27-AUG-2001

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	116-124	125
MOSTLY		

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

MILLION HEAD MILLION HEAD

WEEK ENDING	SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
JULY	21	160.4	159.5	101 4.96
	28	160.0	160.8	100 4.79
AUGUST	4	158.9	160.6	99 5.09
	11	159.5	159.2	100 5.90
	18	161.2	159.1	101 5.10
	25	160.6	156.4	103 4.92
YEAR TO DATE	5,281.1	5,256.9	100	
SEPTEMBER	1	154.5		
	8	154.7		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

-----THOUSANDS-----

W/E	09/01/01	08/25/01	% CHG	09/02/00	% CHG
Broilers	158,798	158,648*	N/C	157,965*	+0.5
Cattle	722	725	N/C	723*	N/C
Hogs	1,852	1,799	+03	1,850*	N/C

Under Federal Inspection

* ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL Majority prices were mostly unchanged on both light and heavy canners, when compared to a week earlier. Offerings were at least adequate on light canners, about adequate on the heavies. Demand was light to moderately good. The undertone was at least steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) 23-25 MAJORITY	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS) 30-38 MAJORITY 31-32
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CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) 24.5-29.5 MAJORITY 24.5-25	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS) 32-40 MAJORITY 32-33
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EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Offerings were fully adequate for the mostly light and unaggressive demand. Processing schedules for next week were reported as less than normal. Canners movement was moderate with offerings more than sufficient for trade needs. The undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report on negotiated sales. Light hen demand was limited with offerings fully adequate for needs. Schedules for next week were reduced. Processed sales were slow. Trade sentiment was about steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices unchanged. Offerings ample for the light demand. Alternative users of spent fowl were handling excess product at this call. Slaughter schedules full-time for next week. Trade sentiment about steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked full schedules. Offerings ample.

LIVE HENS

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

<u>HEAVY</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(2)
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
<u>LIGHT</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
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. Offerings were fully adequate to ample for the mostly light to fair demand. Processing schedules were reported as less than normal due to upcoming holiday. Canner supplies were adequate to fully adequate for trade needs. The undertone was about steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report prices. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were slow with supplies easily covering sales needs. Schedules were reduced for the holiday week. Trade sentiment was steady at best.

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