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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices for next week are trending unchanged to lower. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady to weak. Retail demand was mostly slow to fair with few features present. Food service movement was sluggish with reports of attendance at dine-in restaurants in the West light as a result of last week's terrorist acts. Supplies were at least adequate with heavier weights at times ample and discounted. In the parts structure, demand was limited to fair with purchases selective. All items were adequate to ample with wings still in good balance but had become more available. In production areas, live 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 09/24-09/29/01 (cents per lb)

### US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	52.00-56.00	52.00-63.00	55.23	22
Los Angeles	72.00			
New York	57.00-59.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	66.50-67.00	52.50-69.00	66.17	84

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 66.50 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.
670	61.40-67.50	66.39

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

ITEM	(CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	215.00	1,259
BREASTS - B/S	159.50	3,974
BREASTS - WHOLE	79.50	1,074
THIGH MEAT - B/S	93.50	771
LEG QUARTERS	36.00	7,933
WINGS	111.00	2,881

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**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Preliminary majority prices for next week's trading into the Chicago area were unchanged from Monday's final. Trade sentiment on whole fryers was steady to barely steady. Offerings of additional product were ample on heavy sizes and light on small weights. All areas reported retail business slow to fair at best. Food service demand was slow to light, occasionally moderate. Floor stocks were adequate to long. Weights were desirable to heavy. Trading on parts items continued generally quiet with most buyers reluctant to acquire additional items under current demand patterns. Supplies were balanced on wings with all other items adequate to ample. The market tone was barely steady to weak on breast items and thighs with remaining items about steady.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was cautiously steady with conditions for next week unsettled. Demand entering the weekend was unaggressive to fair with limited trading. Supplies were at least sufficient to easily handle trade needs. In the parts structure, interest was best for wings with supplies balanced. The remaining items were adequate to ample with light interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** The market tone was about steady. Trading reported on regular commitments at generally unchanged prices however newly negotiated whole body product unchanged to generally lower prices. Offerings of heavy weights were plentiful and sharply discounted but small sizes generally adequate. Buying interest fair at best and centered on regular commitments. Demand at dine-in restaurants only fair at best due to the effect of last week's terrorist acts, fast food was fairly good. Demand by stores moderate to good best to cover ads. Dealers anticipated moderate to heavier than desired weekend carryovers. Ads noted: Southern California - whole body 59-99, cut-up 79-99, split 99, boneless breasts 198-499, boneless thigh meat 168, boneless leg meat 129-138, split breasts 99-149, whole legs 88, leg quarters 57 (10# bags 390-690), wings 158, thighs 87-99, drumsticks 87-107, wing drumettes 239; Northern California - whole cut-up 89-99, boneless breasts 399, split breasts 199, drumsticks 79, thighs 79, whole legs 79; Arizona - whole body 47-99, roasters 99-149, cornish hens 289 each or 2 for 500, boneless breasts 179-299, split breasts 87-249, leg quarters 79-119 (10# bags 490), thighs 99-149 (4# IQF 399-499), drumsticks 99-149 (4# IQF 399-499).

**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers ranged fair to no better than moderate as dealers attempted to keep floorstocks as closely balanced as possible. Offerings were at least adequate to available, with discounting occasionally noted on the 3 pound weights. Retail and distributive movement was subdued as trade sentiment remained unsettled overall. The market tone was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, breast items were fully adequate and available at discounted levels. Dark meat cuts were at least sufficient. Wings had increased in availability.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was about moderate at best entering the weekend. Seller offerings were fully adequate to ample and were in the heavier balance on the 2.5 and 3.0 sizes where spot sales were noted as low as 54 cents. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were mostly desirable to light. Processing schedules were just moderate as several plants aligned operations in closer balance with needs. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent lower at 59 to 73 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Breast cuts, particularly bone-in were readily available. Leg items and wings were adequate.

\*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		56-76
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		62.59
NO. OF BOXES		14,329
CUMULATIVE	09/17/01-09/21/01	62.86
	09/18/00-09/22/00	57.46
NO. OF BOXES	09/17/01-09/21/01	72,963
	09/18/00-09/22/00	55,292

\*8 of 8 plants reporting.

SEP 20

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

SEP 21

ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS				WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	909	130.00-215.00	140-145	154.01	894	130.00-215.00	145-150	151.29	4,662	155.08
TENDERLOINS	181	148.00-245.00	148-150	164.14	190	150.00-245.00	-	163.74	1,233	165.75
BREAST - LINE RUN	72	80.00-84.00	-	80.56	142	79.00-86.00	79-81	81.51	501	81.19
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				376	75.55
LEGS	170	42.00-56.00	42-45	49.41	209	42.00-56.00	42-44	44.47	966	45.67
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	427	31.00-33.00	31-32	31.41	467	29.50-33.00	31-32	31.16	2,175	31.33
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,289	33.00-37.00	33-34	33.85	1,399	33.00-37.00	33-35	34.03	6,245	34.02
WINGS (WHOLE)	305	105.00-112.50	-	110.38	305	105.00-112.50	107-109	110.38	1,490	110.21
WINGS (CUT)	324	117.00-124.00	117-120	119.27	667	117.00-125.00	119-122	120.31	2,637	120.05
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				44	51.00-60.00	-	52.02	320	57.89
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				64	45.00-56.00	-	48.11	242	46.38
B/S THIGHS	75	78.00-95.00	-	84.40	TOO FEW TO REPORT				195	90.92

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 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

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TRADING FOR SEP 20, 2001 F.O.B. DOCK.

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**TODAY'S AVERAGE**  
 RANGE 51.25 - 57.50  
 56.23

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 RANGE 50.25 - 57.50  
 53.83

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 interest increased slightly entering the weekend, however, dealers limited purchases and were cautious and selective as the market remained very subdued. Offerings of bone-in breasts were ample and discounted, and boneless-skinless breasts were fully adequate. Dark meat cuts were at least adequate, and wings had increased in availability. Distributive movement was about fair to moderate, although, distributors were attempting to keep floorstocks very lean as trade sentiment remains unsettled. The market tone was barely steady to weak 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			CURRENT NEG			WEEKLY		
	TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS	
BREAST - B/S	140-145	151.05	513,160	140-145	150.59	549,560	155.52	2,743,640	
TENDERLOINS	145	149.85	118,880	145	149.80	172,651	146.10	683,988	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	72-73	81.61	268,200	70-71	79.21	307,680	81.89	1,526,640	
BREAST - LINE RUN	72	74.17	216,000	70	71.87	135,000	75.67	850,200	
LEGS	44-45	47.99	250,600	44-45	47.49	346,000	47.69	1,322,500	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	34-35	34.19	647,991	34-35	34.06	547,989	34.17	3,280,711	
DRUMSTICKS	41-42	47.96	201,280	41-42	47.39	199,720	47.82	942,040	
THIGHS	37-38	46.38	150,200	37-38	46.65	151,440	46.46	738,660	
B/S THIGHS	89-90	94.26	71,840	89-90	95.45	64,240	94.34	349,830	
WINGS (WHOLE)	102-103	110.99	383,080	102-103	112.18	420,560	111.32	2,011,120	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.18	96,840	10-12	12.09	110,200	12.09	502,160	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	39.79	132,840	30-35	39.62	150,480	39.74	683,100	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	54.98	165,680	45-50	54.88	187,000	54.89	864,886	

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	
	09/21	09/20	09/19	09/18	09/19	09/18	09/14	09/12
ALA	3,978	4,055	3,980	4,065	5.03	5.08	4,144	5.03
ARK	5,600	5,038	5,161	5,250	4.93	4.94	6,197	4.87
DELMARVA	2,211	2,294	2,339	2,349	4.96	4.91	2,484	4.99
KY-LA-TN	2,174	2,017	2,063	1,995	4.59	4.51	1,953	4.56
MISS	2,984	2,842	2,834	2,856	5.08	5.14	2,757	4.99
NC	2,645	2,612	2,577	2,517	5.88	5.97	3,366	5.75
TEXAS	2,381	2,395	2,409	2,321	4.96	4.99	2,689	4.89
TOTAL	21,973	21,253	21,363	21,353	5.06	5.08	23,590	5.00
MON-FRI108,203(A)	108,593(A)							

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 21 & 22-Sep-01 is estimated to be 32,874,000 down 7.13 percent from a week ago and up 3.6 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 35,399,000; last year 31,724,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 22-Sep-01 is estimated to be 156,600,000 head down 2.1

percent from a week ago, and up 0.9 percent from a year ago

(Last week 159,987,000 Last year 155,155,000)

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

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	88-90
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	98-106
	ICE PACK	96-99
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 wt., week ending September 8, 2001 (Preliminary),

	(A) Fast food/ Food service	(B) Retail	(C) Deboning
	4.20 Lbs & down	4.21-5.25 Lbs	5.26 Lbs & Up
-----THOUSANDS-----			
Head	28,323	16,570	31,408
Avg Weight	3.82	4.69	6.10
% of total /1	37%	22%	41%

**COMPARISONS**

Last week	36,307	34,742	39,639
Avg Weight	3.81	4.77	6.03
% of total /1	33%	31%	36%
Same week, yr ago /2	23,867	18,621	25,522
Avg Weight	3.75	4.78	6.13
% of total /1	35%	27%	38%
To date/2001	1,160,282	980,763	1,551,861
To date/2000	1,197,201	1,185,903	1,457,738

/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 15-Sep-2001 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	159,987(A)	1,847	1,523	3,370	541
AVG WT	4.97	3.38	8.08	5.50	6.75
LAST WEEK	141,857	1,633	1,320	2,953	443
SAME WK YR AGO	160,820	1,813	1,570	3,383	405
AVG WT	4.94	3.42	8.03	5.56	6.69
TO-DATE/2001	5,681,103	65,336	51,039	116,375	18,556
TO-DATE/2000	5,725,401	71,352	53,194	124,546	16,410

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 155.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 161.9 million head or 6.4 million head more than or 104 percent of estimated fryers available.

**EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: SEP 18, 2001**

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.70 - .84	Silkie	2.00 - 2.50ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.70 - .92	Geese	
Pekin Ducks	.20 - .32	9-14 LBS	.20 - .32
Red Fowl 4-4.5 LBS	.50 - .74	Pigeons	1.00 - 1.50ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.60 - 1.16	White Pigeons	2.25 - 2.75ea.
Crossbred Fowl		Rabbits	
5-9 LBS	.60 - 1.10	4-6 LBS	.60 - 1.02
Crossbred Roasters		Rabbits	
4-6 LBS	.50 - 1.02	7-11 LBS	.60 - .94
Crossbred Roasters		Bunnies	1.50 - 7.00ea.
7-11 LBS	.50 - .92	Guinea Pigs	.25 - 2.50ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.50 - 2.05	Kid Goats	20.00 - 32.00ea.
Banty Roasters	3.00 - 6.00ea.	Doves	4.00 - 6.00ea.
Banty Hens	2.00 - 3.50ea.	Pullets 4-6 LBS	.60 - .74
Leghorn Hens	.20 - .44		
Leghorn Roasters	.10 - .32	Total Coops Sold	748

**EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 17-SEP-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 MOSTLY	137	143

MIDWEST MOSTLY	122-126	123-127
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**ROASTERS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	64-69	66-68
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 was moderate to fairly good. Sizes were in the desirable range. Slaughter schedules were normal. 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 \$0.50-.75, livers at \$0.50-1.50, and feet at \$0.90-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 17-SEP-2001

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS MOSTLY	116-124	125

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
AUGUST 11	159.5	159.2	100	5.90
18	161.2	159.1	101	5.10
25	160.6	156.4	103	4.92
SEPTEMBER 1	163.6	154.5	106	5.01
8	143.6	154.7	93	4.95
15	161.9	155.5	104	4.97
YEAR TO DATE	5750.2	5721.6	100	
SEPTEMBER 22		157.2		
29		155.7		

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

	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	09/22/01	09/15/01	% CHG	09/23/00	% CHG
Broilers	156,600	159,987*	-02	155,155*	+01
Cattle	686	697	-02	725*	-05
Hogs	1,951	1,932	+01	1,922*	+02

Under Federal Inspection

\* ACTUAL

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL** Majority prices were unchanged to higher on the heavy canners, unchanged on the lights when compared to a week earlier. Offerings were sufficient for trade requirements. Demand was fair to good. Undertone was mostly steady on lights, fully steady on heavies.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
24-27 MAJORITY 24-25	32-38 MAJORITY 32-32.5

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
24.75-28.25 MAJORITY 24.75-25	32.5-40 MAJORITY 32.75-33.5

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

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Sales were too few to report. Offerings were fully adequate for sales needs. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices unchanged. Ample offers continue for the about moderate demand. Slaughter schedules full-time. Trade sentiment about steady.

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

### **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 light to fair. Offerings were fully adequate. Processing schedules were reported as normal. Canner supplies were adequate for trade needs. The undertone was mostly steady.

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading was too few to report. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were fair with current schedules at least adequate for needs. Trade sentiment was about steady.

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