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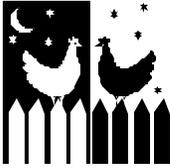
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were trending unchanged to lower for next week. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Demand entering the weekend was mixed, mostly disappointing to fair, with very little optimism for next week's first of the month business. Supplies were adequate to ample, longest for heavier weights, and often discounted. In the parts structure, trading was light with weekend purchases below expectations. Availability was at least adequate for all parts, longest and attractively priced for breast items. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were 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 10/01-10/06/01 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

| AREAS | MAJORITY | RANGE | WTD AVG | LOADS |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------|
| (Including branded product) | | | | |
| Delivered to First Receivers | | | | |
| Chicago | 50.00-54.00 | 48.00-69.00 | 52.88 | 25 |
| Los Angeles | 72.00 | | | |
| New York | 54.00-56.00 | | | |
| Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent | | | | |
| Mississippi | 65.00-67.00 | 52.00-69.00 | 66.15 | 82 |

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. |
|-------|-------------|-------------------|
| 679 | 61.20-67.75 | 66.38 |

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

| ITEM | (CENTS PER POUND) | VOLUME (000 POUNDS) |
|------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| LINE RUN TENDERS | 214.50 | 1,269 |
| BREASTS - B/S | 150.50 | 3,954 |
| BREASTS - WHOLE | 73.00 | 1,094 |
| THIGH MEAT - B/S | 93.00 | 756 |
| LEG QUARTERS | 36.00 | 7,923 |
| WINGS | 110.00 | 2,869 |

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MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS The preliminary prices for next week's trading into the Chicago area were lower from Monday's final. Whole fryer market tone was cautiously steady to weak. Offerings remained fully adequate to ample with very little buyer interest. Retail and food service demand was in a full range, mostly light. Most trade interests noted pessimistic views for first of the month movement next week. Floor stocks were well cleared to plentiful with weights desirable. Supplies of wings and leg quarters were in the best position, although trading was waning, the balance of items were fully sufficient to ample and slow to clear. The market tone was weak on breast items, steady to barely steady on wings and steady on the balance.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Demand entering the weekend was slow to fair with limited trading and very little optimism for next week's first of the month business. Supplies were adequate to ample for trade needs. In the parts structure, all items were at least sufficient with movement unaggressive and questionable for next week. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was barely steady. Reported trading for next week's deliveries at unchanged to lower prices with newly negotiated heavy WOGs in the weakest position. Offerings remained ample overall for current needs. Buying interest was only fair. Retail demand fair to fairly good best for parts. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances. Trade sentiment barely steady on parts with breasts in the weakest position. Ads noted: Southern California - whole body 67-69, whole cut-up 119-169, roasters 98, cornish hens 178-199, boneless breasts 177-499, split breasts 97-118, whole legs 89-139, leg quarters 69 and 10# bags 490-590, thighs 89-139 and 4# bags IQF 316, drumsticks 78-139 and 4# bags IQF 316, boneless leg meat 138; Northern California - roasters 98, cornish hens 129-178, boneless breasts 187-199 and 4# bags IQF 796, split breasts 98, drumsticks 99 and buy one get one free, thighs 99 and buy one get one free; Arizona - whole body 99, boneless breasts 199-299 and 4# bags IQF 796, leg quarters 10# bags 390, drumsticks 99 and 4# bags IQF 349, thighs 99 and 4# bags IQF 349, wings 4# bags IQF 599.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was limited entering the weekend as dealers remained very cautious and unaggressive. Offerings of all sizes continued fully adequate to ample and available at discounted levels. Retail and distributive movement was slow and disappointing. The market tone was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, breast items remained ample. Legs and wings were available. Thighs were often in the best balance.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds increased slightly in spots, but generally remained disappointingly light and insufficient to clear readily available offerings. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent lower at 56 to 70 cents. Trade sentiment continued weak and unsettled. In the parts complex, all items were at least adequate. Most cuts were competitively priced and remained difficult to clear.

*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 | 45-75 |
| WEIGHTED AVERAGE | 60.39 |
| NO. OF BOXES | 12,879 |
| CUMULATIVE | |
| | 09/24/01-09/28/01 61.12 |
| | 09/25/00-09/29/00 53.60 |
| NO. OF BOXES | |
| | 09/24/01-09/28/01 69,828 |
| | 09/25/00-09/29/00 55,324 |

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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| ITEM | POUNDS | | | | POUNDS | | | | WEEKLY | |
|---------------------|-------------------|---------------|----------|---------|-------------------|---------------|----------|---------|--------|---------|
| | (000) | RANGE | MAJORITY | WTD AVG | (000) | RANGE | MAJORITY | WTD AVG | (000) | WTD AVG |
| BREAST - B/S | 793 | 115.00-206.00 | 135-145 | 137.89 | 923 | 115.00-206.00 | 140-150 | 139.01 | 4,469 | 144.58 |
| TENDERLOINS | 185 | 150.00-250.00 | 150-155 | 164.70 | 190 | 150.00-250.00 | 150 | 164.32 | 963 | 166.71 |
| BREAST - LINE RUN | 103 | 74.00-79.00 | 75-77 | 77.20 | 107 | 73.00-78.00 | 73-74 | 73.79 | 483 | 77.78 |
| FRONT HALVES | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | 350 | 71.85 |
| LEGS | 168 | 41.00-47.00 | 41-44 | 43.37 | 128 | 41.00-57.00 | 41-43 | 42.94 | 920 | 44.11 |
| LEG QUARTERS (BULK) | 431 | 30.00-33.00 | 30-32 | 30.59 | 446 | 29.50-33.00 | 30 | 30.44 | 2,090 | 30.45 |
| LEG QUARTERS (4/10) | 1,330 | 32.00-36.50 | 33-35 | 33.94 | 1,240 | 32.00-36.50 | 33-35 | 34.19 | 6,400 | 33.97 |
| WINGS (WHOLE) | 283 | 108.00-112.00 | 109-110 | 111.07 | 311 | 108.00-112.00 | 109-110 | 110.80 | 1,451 | 111.16 |
| WINGS (CUT) | 531 | 113.00-130.50 | 117-122 | 121.12 | 549 | 117.00-134.00 | 121-123 | 123.92 | 2,723 | 121.13 |
| DRUMSTICKS | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | 236 | 59.35 |
| THIGHS | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | 167 | 42.59 |
| B/S THIGHS | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | 60 | 89.00-95.00 | - | 91.00 | 162 | 93.32 |

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

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TRADING FOR SEP 27, 2001 F.O.B. DOCK.

TRADING FOR SEP 28, 2001 F.O.B. DOCK.

| RANGE | TODAY'S AVERAGE |
|---------------|-----------------|
| 47.75 - 53.50 | 50.17 |

| RANGE | TODAY'S AVERAGE | 5-DAY AVERAGE |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 46.25 - 52.00 | 48.72 | 51.15 |

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 was no better than fair as the normal increases usually seen in weekend purchasing was noted as below expectations. Offerings of breast items were fully adequate to ample, and discounting remained prevalent.

Legs and wings were increasingly available. The balance of product was at least adequate. Movement through foodservice and distributive channels was slow and disappointing, and retail activity remained lackluster. Trade sentiment was very cautious. The market tone was at least steady on thighs, barely steady to weak 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 | 125-130 | 143.78 | 516,595 | 125-130 | 143.83 | 497,320 | 146.91 | 2,601,929 | |
| TENDERLOINS | 145 | 148.99 | 112,040 | 145 | 146.21 | 178,139 | 148.50 | 664,278 | |
| BREAST - WITH RIBS | 62-63 | 70.60 | 366,800 | 62-63 | 68.67 | 332,000 | 72.50 | 1,626,560 | |
| BREAST - LINE RUN | 62 | 66.98 | 12,670 | 62 | 61.25 | 144,000 | 66.11 | 577,870 | |
| LEGS | 44-45 | 47.92 | 220,400 | 43-44 | 46.67 | 334,120 | 47.62 | 1,245,240 | |
| LEG QUARTERS (BULK) | 34-35 | 34.31 | 550,226 | 34-35 | 33.81 | 575,617 | 34.14 | 2,868,039 | |
| DRUMSTICKS | 41-42 | 48.17 | 150,062 | 41-42 | 47.44 | 184,770 | 47.83 | 825,202 | |
| THIGHS | 37-38 | 46.16 | 121,270 | 37-38 | 46.75 | 130,390 | 46.48 | 662,240 | |
| B/S THIGHS | 89-90 | 93.42 | 76,760 | 89-90 | 94.97 | 55,480 | 93.31 | 347,880 | |
| WINGS (WHOLE) | 101-102 | 111.48 | 374,520 | 100-101 | 110.18 | 467,640 | 111.07 | 2,123,680 | |
| BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED) | 10-12 | 12.09 | 92,960 | 10-12 | 12.06 | 95,360 | 12.08 | 450,040 | |
| LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS) | 30-35 | 39.80 | 116,400 | 30-35 | 39.78 | 134,560 | 39.70 | 623,090 | |
| GIZZARDS (HEARTS) | 45-50 | 55.00 | 138,160 | 45-50 | 54.65 | 167,080 | 54.79 | 772,540 | |

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 | |
|----------|-----------|--------|--------|--------|---------|-------|-----------|-------|
| | 09/28 | 09/27 | 09/26 | 09/25 | 09/26 | 09/25 | 09/21 | 09/19 |
| ALA | 4,340 | 4,056 | 4,040 | 4,052 | 5.09 | 5.11 | 4,077 | 5.03 |
| ARK | 5,250 | 5,103 | 5,166 | 5,250 | 4.90 | 4.95 | 5,403 | 4.93 |
| DELMARVA | 2,232 | 2,177 | 2,334 | 2,294 | 4.98 | 4.97 | 2,188 | 4.96 |
| KY-LA-TN | 2,185 | 2,018 | 1,982 | 2,015 | 4.62 | 4.58 | 2,298 | 4.59 |
| MISS | 2,841 | 2,888 | 2,791 | 2,901 | 5.06 | 4.95 | 2,975 | 5.08 |
| NC | 2,498 | 2,558 | 2,551 | 2,528 | 5.91 | 5.96 | 2,934 | 5.88 |
| TEXAS | 2,385 | 2,410 | 2,360 | 2,408 | 4.95 | 5.01 | 2,505 | 4.96 |
| TOTAL | 21,731 | 21,210 | 21,224 | 21,448 | 5.07 | 5.07 | 22,380 | 5.06 |
| MON-FRI | 86,160(A) | | | | | | 86,259(A) | |

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 28-Sep 01 and 29-Sep-01 is estimated to be 32,512,000 down 3.19 percent from a week ago and up 1.6 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 33,583,000; last year 32,009,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 29-Sep-01 is estimated to be 156,121,000 head down 2.9 percent from a week ago, and unchanged percent from a year ago (Last week 160,816,000 Last year 155,386,000)

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 15, 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 | 24,012 | 43,300 | 47,189 |
| Avg Weight | 3.81 | 4.79 | 6.16 |
| % of total /1 | 21% | 38% | 41% |
| COMPARISONS | | | |
| Last week | 28,323 | 16,570 | 31,408 |
| Avg Weight | 3.82 | 4.69 | 6.10 |
| % of total /1 | 37% | 22% | 41% |
| Same week, yr ago /2 | 30,943 | 40,852 | 32,411 |
| Avg Weight | 3.77 | 4.77 | 6.19 |
| % of total /1 | 30% | 39% | 31% |
| To date/2001 | 1,184,294 | 1,024,063 | 1,599,050 |
| To date/2000 | 1,228,144 | 1,226,755 | 1,490,149 |

/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 22-Sep-2001 (PRELIMINARY)

YOUNG LIGHT HEAVY TOTAL
CHICKENS HENS HENS HENS DUCKS

-----THOUSANDS-----

| | | | | | |
|----------------|------------|--------|--------|---------|--------|
| HEAD | 160,816(A) | 2,004 | 1,438 | 3,442 | 528 |
| AVG WT | 5.16 | 3.44 | 8.36 | 5.50 | 6.72 |
| LAST WEEK | 159,987 | 1,847 | 1,523 | 3,370 | 541 |
| SAME WK YR AGO | 155,155 | 1,718 | 1,658 | 3,376 | 495 |
| AVG WT | 5.03 | 3.26 | 7.99 | 5.58 | 6.51 |
| TO-DATE/2001 | 5,841,919 | 67,340 | 52,477 | 119,817 | 19,084 |
| TO-DATE/2000 | 5,880,556 | 73,070 | 54,852 | 127,922 | 16,905 |

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 157.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 162.8 million head or 5.6 million head more than or 104 percent of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: SEP 25, 2001

RANGE RANGE

| | | | |
|------------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|
| Muscovy Ducks - Drakes | .70 - .92 | Silkie | 2.00 - 3.50ea. |
| Muscovy Ducks - Hens | .60 - .86 | Geese | |
| Pekin Ducks | .20 - .34 | 9-14 LBS | .20 - .36 |
| Red Fowl 4-4.5 LBS | .20 - .60 | Pigeons | 1.00 - 1.50ea. |
| Red Fowl 5-6 LBS | .60 - 1.14 | White Pigeons | 2.25 - 2.90ea. |
| Crossbred Fowl | | Rabbits | |
| 5-9 LBS | .60 - 1.10 | 4-6 LBS | .60 - 1.02 |
| Crossbred Roosters | | Rabbits | |
| 4-6 LBS | .30 - 1.00 | 7-11 LBS | .60 - .92 |
| Crossbred Roosters | | Bunnies | 1.00 - 7.00ea. |
| 7-11 LBS | .30 - .94 | Guinea Pigs | .25 - 2.25ea. |
| Guinea Fowl | 1.75 - 2.10 | Kid Goats | 22.00 - 33.00ea. |
| Banty Roosters | 3.00 - 6.50ea. | Doves | 4.50 - 6.50ea. |
| Banty Hens | 1.50 - 3.25ea. | Chukars | 2.50 - 3.00ea. |
| Leghorn Hens | .05 - .18 | Pullets 4-6 LBS | .60 - .72 |
| Leghorn Roosters | .10 - .24 | Total Coops Sold | 804 |

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 24-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 | 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 remained unchanged. Trade

sentiment steady. Demand was moderate to instances fairly good. Sizes were desirable and 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 24-SEP-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 | |
| AUGUST 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 | |
| 22 | 162.8 | 157.2 | 104 | 5.16 | |
| YEAR TO DATE | 5,913.0 | 5,878.8 | 101 | | |
| SEPTEMBER 29 | | 155.7 | | | |
| OCTOBER 6 | | 155.4 | | | |

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

-----THOUSANDS-----

| | | | | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| W/E | 09/29/01 | 09/22/01 | % CHG | 09/30/00 | % CHG |
| Broilers | 156,121 | 160,816* | -03 | 155,386* | 0 |
| Cattle | 684 | 679 | +01 | 707* | -03 |
| Hogs | 2,054 | 1,951 | +05 | 1,965* | +05 |
| Under Federal Inspection | | | | | |

*ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL Majority prices trended slightly higher on both light and heavy canners when compared to a week earlier. Supplies were sufficient for current trade needs. Demand was fair to good. Undertone was at least steady on the lights; fully steady on the heavies.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

| LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) | HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS) |
|---|--|
| 24-27 MAJORITY 24-25 | 32-38 MAJORITY 32.25-32.75 |

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

| LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) | HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS) |
|---|--|
| 25-29.5 MAJORITY 25-26 | 33-40 MAJORITY 33-33.75 |

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Demand was light for the mostly fully adequate to ample offerings. Processing schedules for next week were reported as normal. Canners movement was moderate with offerings adequate for trade needs. The undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings of leghorn fowl. Finished sales were moderate with schedules sufficient for needs. Trade sentiment was about steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices unchanged. Demand was mostly moderate with offerings fully adequate to ample. Slaughter schedules full-time. Trade sentiment about steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked irregular schedules. Offerings spotty.

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 | 0-0 | (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 for the mostly light to fair demand. Processing schedules were reported as normal. Canner supplies were generally adequate for trade needs. The undertone was about steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were mixed, but usually reported as moderate. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

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