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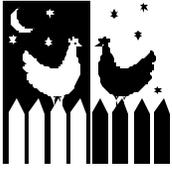
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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices for next week are trending unchanged to lower. Trade sentiment was weak in the West, no better than steady in the remaining areas. Retail and food service demand had improved in some areas, but others reported interest as below expectations and feel last month's tragedy in the Northeast may have contributed. Supplies were readily available to ample and even when discounted was difficult to clear. In the parts structure, trading was light to moderate, best for retail ads. Availability was at least sufficient for all items. 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 10/08-10/13/01 (cents per lb)

### US GRADE A

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
(Including branded product)				
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	50.00-54.00	50.00-69.00	53.04	25
Los Angeles	71.00			
New York	53.00-55.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	64.00-66.00	50.00-68.00	65.46	84

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 66.25 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.
685	59.75-67.75	66.15
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:		
	WTD. AVG.	VOLUME
ITEM	(CENTS PER POUND)	(000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	214.00	1,251
BREASTS - B/S	146.00	3,974
BREASTS - WHOLE	71.00	1,095
THIGH MEAT - B/S	92.50	761
LEG QUARTERS	36.00	7,938
WINGS	107.00	2,859

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**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into the Chicago area were unchanged from Monday's final. Whole fryer market tone was steady to barely steady. Offerings of additional product were fully sufficient with buyers working off current commitments. Movement into all sectors was mixed, light to fairly good, mostly light. Floor stocks well cleared to fully adequate with sizes in a desirable range. Parts trading continued on the light side overall. Supplies were more balanced but fully sufficient for trade needs. The market tone was cautiously steady on tenderloins, steady on dark meat items and barely steady on all other items.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was no better than steady. Demand was light to fair, but had improved slightly for expected weekend needs. Supplies were at least sufficient. In the parts structure, trading was mixed and interest increased to fulfill retail and further processing requirements. Availability was more balanced with wings in the longest position. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** The market tone was weak. Trading reported for next week's deliveries at generally lower prices. Offerings ample for current needs. Whole body product weighing over 3 pounds remained in the longest position. Buying interest was fair but disappointing, with some buyers contributing the slower movement for first-of-the-month to the lingering effects of last month's tragedies. Retail demand moderate overall best for parts. Dealers anticipated fair weekend clearances. Ads noted: Southern California - whole body 67-99, whole cut-up 79-99, cornish hens 139, roasters 129, boneless breasts 177-299, split breasts 88-129, leg quarters 77 (10# bags 390-590), thighs 89-98, drumsticks 79-98, boneless leg meat 138-149; Northern California - split breasts 169, drumsticks 139, thighs 139; Arizona - whole body 69-109, roasters 99, cornish hens 199, boneless breasts 188, split breasts 99, thighs 79, drumsticks 79.

**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers increased slightly but was mostly fair to no better than moderate as dealers remained very cautious and selective. Offerings of the 3 pound birds were generally adequate. The balance of sizes were at least adequate to available. Movement through retail and distributive channels ranged fair to moderate at best. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breasts were fully adequate to available. Bone-in breasts were at least adequate. Dark meat cuts were more than sufficient. Wings were fully adequate.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook birds increased slightly entering the weekend and was mostly fair overall. Seller offerings were generally sufficient for trade needs. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were in a full range of light to heavy, mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 55 to 69 cents. Trade sentiment was no better than steady. Breast items were fully adequate. Wings were readily available and slow to clear. Leg items were at least 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	50-72
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	58.33
NO. OF BOXES	13,111
CUMULATIVE	
	10/01/01-10/05/01
	10/02/00-10/06/00
NO. OF BOXES	67,945
	10/01/01-10/05/01
	10/02/00-10/06/00
	62,162

\*8 of 8 plants reporting.

OCT 04

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

OCT 05

ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS				WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	928	115.00-191.00	130-140	139.86	952	115.00-191.00	142-145	144.28	4,675	142.03
TENDERLOINS	180	150.00-250.00	150	165.11	188	150.00-250.00	150	164.47	908	164.98
BREAST - LINE RUN	107	71.00-76.00	72-74	72.63	111	70.00-76.00	70-72	71.17	469	72.87
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				354	66.58
LEGS	128	39.00-57.00	39-42	41.69	129	39.00-57.00	39-42	41.50	641	41.95
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	406	30.00-33.00	30-32	30.73	901	29.50-34.00	30-32	32.02	2,845	31.52
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,200	32.00-37.00	33-35	33.78	910	32.00-37.00	33-35	34.31	5,550	34.02
WINGS (WHOLE)	311	108.00-111.00	-	110.15	165	99.00-111.00	99-102	104.15	1,333	109.83
WINGS (CUT)	501	112.00-130.50	115-118	120.21	584	110.00-130.00	116-119	120.19	3,163	122.27
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				279	60.29
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				175	55.29
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 OCT 04, 2001 F.O.B. DOCK.				TRADING FOR OCT 05, 2001 F.O.B. DOCK.					
RANGE		TODAY'S AVERAGE		RANGE		TODAY'S AVERAGE		5-DAY AVERAGE	
46.00 - 52.00		48.62		44.75-51.50		48.39		48.96	

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 increased slightly moving into the weekend, however, dealers remained cautious and attempted to keep floorsocks closely balanced. Offerings of breast items were at least adequate to fully adequate. Legs and leg quarters were generally sufficient. Wings were usually available. Movement through distributive channels was about fair, with best movement noted into scattered retail promotional activity. The market tone was cautiously steady on wings, about 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			WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	CURRENT NEG			WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
	TRADING*	WTD	WTD			TRADING*	WTD	WTD		
BREAST - B/S	125-130	139.19	520,360	125-130	140.94	482,240	139.59	2,610,080		
TENDERLOINS	145	148.99	117,880	145	148.15	189,068	148.77	642,503		
BREAST - WITH RIBS	60-61	69.62	341,680	60-61	69.39	307,760	67.83	1,619,800		
BREAST - LINE RUN	60	62.56	162,000	60	63.60	180,000	62.46	809,200		
LEGS	43-44	48.33	243,720	43-44	48.39	206,080	47.78	1,132,486		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	34-35	34.22	539,177	34-35	33.99	575,520	34.13	2,914,161		
DRUMSTICKS	41-42	47.42	174,000	41-42	47.80	163,560	47.31	864,760		
THIGHS	37-38	46.16	141,040	37-38	46.69	147,840	46.58	714,340		
B/S THIGHS	89-90	92.50	78,880	89-90	94.81	62,360	93.71	339,460		
WINGS (WHOLE)	98-99	106.95	404,920	98-99	108.30	353,760	106.62	2,060,530		
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.17	89,840	10-12	12.06	98,520	12.09	453,760		
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	39.34	124,560	30-35	39.71	134,200	39.55	630,630		
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	54.43	148,840	45-50	54.84	171,920	54.19	779,146		

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			
	10/05	10/04	10/03	10/02	10/03	10/02	09/28	09/26
ALA	3,935	4,054	4,077	4,085	5.12	5.15	4,606	5.09
ARK	5,175	4,962	5,161	5,073	4.91	5.09	5,278	4.90
DELMARVA	2,404	2,306	2,240	2,298	5.00	5.03	2,188	4.98
KY-LA-TN	1,980	2,027	2,005	2,005	4.58	4.64	2,195	4.62
MISS	2,873	2,861	2,852	2,886	5.04	5.11	2,829	5.06
NC	2,627	2,624	2,492	2,598	5.87	6.05	2,866	5.91
TEXAS	2,367	2,374	2,414	2,423	5.05	5.11	2,367	4.95
TOTAL	21,361	21,208	21,241	21,368	5.07	5.17	22,329	5.07
MON-FRI 107,245(A)	107,194(A)							

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 05-Oct 01 and 06-Oct-01 is estimated to be 31,958,000 down 4.62 percent from a week ago and up 2.1 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 33,507,000; last year 31,300,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 06-Oct-01 is estimated to be 155,488,000 head down 3.2 percent from a week ago, and up 1.0 percent from a year ago (Last week 160,610,000 Last year 153,977,000)

**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**

	ICE PACK	DRY PACK	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS			96-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP			98-106
HENS OVER 5#			113-123
			104-113
			91
			98
DUCKS			152-166

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED** Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending September 29, 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	30,545	26,026	42,636
Avg Weight	3.86	4.76	6.02
% of total /1	31%	26%	43%
<b>COMPARISONS</b>			
Last week	24,012	43,300	47,189
Avg Weight	3.81	4.79	6.16
% of total /1	21%	38%	41%
Same week, yr ago /2	31,637	36,677	39,739
Avg Weight	3.65	4.75	6.09
% of total /1	29%	34%	37%
To date/2001	1,214,839	1,050,089	1,641,686
To date/2000	1,259,781	1,263,432	1,529,888

/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 29-Sep-2001 (PRELIMINARY)

YOUNG LIGHT HEAVY TOTAL  
CHICKENS HENS HENS HENS DUCKS  
-----THOUSANDS-----

HEAD	160,610(A)	1,937	1,403	3,340	549
AVG WT	5.01	3.40	8.26	5.44	6.62
LAST WEEK	160,816	2,004	1,438	3,442	528
SAME WK YR AGO	155,386	1,792	1,513	3,305	499
AVG WT	4.96	3.41	7.95	5.49	7.01
TO-DATE/2001	6,002,529	69,277	53,880	123,157	19,633
TO-DATE/2000	6,035,942	74,862	56,365	131,227	17,404

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 155.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 162.6 million head or 6.9 million head more than or 104 percent of estimated fryers available.

#### **EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: OCT 02, 2001**

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.70 - .84	Silkie	2.00 - 3.75ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.60 - .76	Geese 9-14 LBS	.20 - .34
Pekin Ducks	.10 - .20	Pigeons	1.00 - 1.50ea.
Red Fowl 4-4.5 LBS	.30 - .64	White Pigeons	2.50 - 3.00ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.70 - 1.10	Rabbits	
Crossbred Fowl		4-6 LBS	.60 - .92
5-9 LBS	.70 - 1.04	Rabbits	
Crossbred Roasters		7-11 LBS	.60 - .92
4-6 LBS	.40 - 1.00	Bunnies	1.00 - 6.00ea.
Crossbred Roasters		Guinea Pigs	.25 - 2.50ea.
7-11 LBS	.40 - .94	Goats	50.00 - 65.00ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.50 - 2.15	Kid Goats	25.00 - 50.00ea.
Banty Roasters	3.00 - 6.50ea.	Doves	4.00 - 5.50ea.
Banty Hens	2.00 - 3.50ea.	Pullets 4-6 LBS	.50 - .64
Leghorn Hens	.05 - .14		
Leghorn Roasters	.10 - .18	Total Coops Sold	804

#### **EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 01-OCT-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)	65-69	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 was moderate to at times 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 \$1.50-.75, livers at \$1.50-1.50, 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 01-OCT-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
AUGUST	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
	29 162.6	155.7	104	5.01
YEAR TO DATE	6075.6	6034.5	101	
OCTOBER	6	155.4		
	13	155.3		

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

	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	10/06/01	09/29/01	% CHG	10/07/00	% CHG
Broilers	155,488	160,610*	-3.2%	153,977*	+1.0%
Cattle	671	684	-02%	708*	-05%
Hogs	1,947	2054	-05%	1,955*	NC
Under Federal Inspection					

\*ACTUAL

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Majority prices trended slightly higher on both light and heavy cannery when compared to a week earlier. Trading was moderate for a moderate to good demand. Offerings were about adequate for current trade needs. Undertone was at least steady on the lights; fully steady on the heavies.

CENTS/POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, W/O FREIGHT COST INCLUDED  
**LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)**      **HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)**  
 24-27 MAJORITY 24-25.5      32-38 MAJORITY 32.5-33.75

CENTS/POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED  
**LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)**      **HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)**  
 25-28.5 MAJORITY 25.5-26.5      32.5-40 MAJORITY 33.25-34.75

**EASTERN LIGHT** Prices were unchanged. Demand was light to fair but generally unaggressive for the mostly fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules for next week were reported as normal. Cannery movement was moderate with offerings adequate for trade needs. The undertone was steady.

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Negotiations were too few to report. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent light hens. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were slow to fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices unchanged. Offerings were ample for the mostly light demand. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

### **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 at least adequate to fully adequate. Processing schedules were reported as normal. Cannery supplies were generally sufficient for trade needs. The undertone was steady.

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair with processing schedules normal. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plants worked irregular schedules. Offerings generally adequate.

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