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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices for next week are trending unchanged to lower. Trade sentiment was no better than steady to weak. Retail and food service demand was mostly fair at best with scattered features and promotions adding minimal interest. Supplies of heavier weights were adequate to ample and often discounted, smaller sizes in closer balance, but still readily available. In the parts structure, trading was mixed, mostly light with further market conditions being monitored. All items were at least adequate with some lower pricing to help clear. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range, but 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 10/22-10/27/01 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
(Including branded product)				
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	50.00-54.00	40.00-68.00	52.12	25
Los Angeles	71.00			
New York	52.00-54.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	63.50-65.50	51.00-67.00	65.06	83

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 65.50 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.
683	59.40-67.50	65.31

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

ITEM	(CENTS PER POUND)	(000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	203.00	1,266
BREASTS - B/S	136.00	3,974
BREASTS - WHOLE	67.50	1,103
THIGH MEAT - B/S	92.50	770
LEG QUARTERS	35.00	7,808
WINGS	101.50	2,852

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MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS The preliminary majority for next week's deliveries in the Chicago area was unchanged from last Monday's final. The market tone on whole fryers was steady at best to instances weak. Offerings were fully available for the non-aggressive and uninterested buyer interest. Retail and food service channels movement was inactive to occasionally fair. Floor stocks ranged adequate to long with decreases in regular commitments the norm. Weights were in a desirable range. Parts movement was lacking and less than seasonal as players cautiously watch further market developments and the return of consumer confidence. Supplies of all items were adequate to fully adequate. The trade sentiment was steady to barely steady, undertone weak on all items.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was about steady to barely steady. Demand entering the weekend remained light with limited trading unless previously committed. Supplies were more than sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was slow to fair with supplies of all items at least adequate or readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, mostly desirable.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was steady on regular commitments with new negotiations mixed. Offerings adequate overall for whole body product under 3 pounds, which were held with a degree of confidence, heavier weights ample with discounts offered. Buying interest was fair and cautious. Retail demand moderate, best to cover ads. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances. Trade sentiment remained barely steady on parts with white meat items in the weakest position. Ads noted: Southern California - whole body 59-89, whole cut-up 118-169, boneless breasts 169-499, boneless leg meal 138, split breasts 89-189, whole legs 139, leg quarters 59 (10# bags 390), thighs 79-139, drumsticks 79-139; Northern California - whole body 59, roasters 119, boneless breasts 299-499, drumsticks 109-119, thighs 99-129, whole legs 99-109; Arizona - whole body 59-119, boneless 169-299, split breasts 99-269, leg quarters 67-119 (10# bag 590), thighs 99 and drumsticks 99.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly fair to no better than moderate entering the weekend as dealers were reluctant to assume much beyond most immediate needs. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate and often available at discounted levels. Movement through retail and distributive channels was no better than fair. The market tone was no better than steady to weak. In the parts complex, breast items were fully adequate to available. Dark meat cuts were at least sufficient. Wings were sufficient.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds increased entering the weekend, but remained no better than fair, and was often limited to standing commitments. Offerings were fully adequate to ample, and were competitively priced in an effort to stimulate additional movement. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights varied in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to light. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 54 to 68 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady. In the parts complex, all items were at least adequate, with best activity where items were competitively priced to clear inventories.

*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		50-73
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		57.02
NO. OF BOXES		11,681
CUMULATIVE	10/15/01-10/19/01	56.87
	10/16/00-10/20/00	51.77
NO. OF BOXES	10/15/01-10/19/01	67,047
	10/16/00-10/20/00	64,891

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS										
OCT 18					OCT 19					
ITEM	POUNDS		WTD		POUNDS		WTD		WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	807	116.00-191.00	120-130	128.20	952	110.00-191.00	120-130	124.38	4,613	128.84
TENDERLOINS	181	125.00-250.00	125-130	143.60	170	125.00-250.00	125-130	144.80	911	148.23
BREAST - LINE RUN	107	65.00-71.00	66-69	67.88	107	67.00-71.00	68-70	68.53	465	68.78
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				385	60.95
LEGS	250	39.00-57.00	39-42	41.68	170	39.00-57.00	39-42	41.47	890	41.69
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	419	30.00-35.00	30-31	30.35	909	29.50-35.00	30-31	31.33	2,776	31.10
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,210	32.00-37.00	32-34	33.30	850	32.00-37.00	32-34	33.18	5,521	33.27
WINGS (WHOLE)	297	98.00-103.50	100-103	102.12	544	90.00-118.00	104-106	106.17	1,752	104.01
WINGS (CUT)	519	107.00-126.00	107-109	112.67	336	107.00-125.00	109-110	112.19	2,423	113.25
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				180	57.00-60.00	-	58.00	503	54.04
THIGHS	38	37.00-52.00	-	41.16	36	45.00-52.00	-	48.89	215	43.77
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				119	94.06

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
 TRADING FOR OCT 18, 2001 F.O.B. DOCK.

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TODAY'S	RANGE
45.68	44.50 - 49.00

TODAY'S	5-DAY	RANGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE
48.50	46.06	43.25 - 48.50	45.17	46.06

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 entering the weekend, however, dealers remained cautious and unaggressive while limiting orders to most immediate needs. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts were fully adequate, and bone-in breasts were available. Dark meat cuts were at least adequate. Wings ranged adequate to fully adequate. Movement through retail and distributive channels was no better than fair, in addition, scattered promotional activity was limited. The market tone was cautiously steady to instances weak.

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

OCT 18				OCT 19			
ITEM	CURRENT NEG	WTD	VOL/LBS	CURRENT NEG	WTD	WEEKLY	
	TRADING*	AVG**		TRADING*	AVG**	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	125-130	139.04	375,960	125-130	136.71	453,680	137.18 2,277,202
TENDERLOINS	130	141.77	117,880	125	127.18	180,598	139.05 698,409
BREAST - WITH RIBS	60-61	66.77	362,320	60-61	69.84	446,420	68.38 1,820,500
BREAST - LINE RUN	60	60.62	157,200	60	62.50	72,000	61.65 655,000
LEGS	43-44	48.35	208,160	43-44	47.77	221,680	48.07 1,092,120
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	33-34	34.28	558,062	33-34	33.98	574,468	34.17 2,885,047
DRUMSTICKS	40-41	46.99	156,310	40-41	46.06	202,500	47.09 883,120
THIGHS	37-38	46.44	135,820	37-38	45.76	166,010	45.66 775,240
B/S THIGHS	89-90	91.72	92,360	89-90	93.17	88,760	92.94 382,260
WINGS (WHOLE)	97-98	106.45	413,900	97-98	108.23	342,240	107.98 1,910,792
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.11	89,240	10-12	12.02	107,320	11.94 501,360
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	39.03	139,680	30-35	39.68	142,080	39.50 655,595
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	54.95	161,240	45-50	54.80	187,720	54.69 864,790

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	
	10/19	10/18	10/17	10/16	WTS	ACTUAL	WTS	
ALA	4,094	4,117	4,023	3,972	5.07	5.09	4,197	5.15
ARK	5,281	5,240	4,897	5,272	4.95	4.66	5,387	4.97
DELMARVA	2,165	2,249	2,275	2,255	4.98	5.00	2,109	4.97
KY-LA-TN	1,903	1,964	1,890	1,992	4.50	4.67	2,187	4.57
MISS	2,847	2,882	2,793	2,807	5.10	5.20	2,959	5.11
NC	2,602	2,631	2,602	2,569	5.99	6.00	2,753	6.01
TEXAS	2,605	2,394	2,407	2,394	4.96	5.03	2,389	5.04
TOTAL	21,497	21,477	20,887	21,261	5.09	5.05	21,981	5.12
MON-FRI106,838(A)	106,624(A)							

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.
 Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 19-Oct 01 and 20-Oct-01 is estimated to be 32,162,000 down 2.50 percent from a week ago and down 0.7 percent from a year ago.
 (Last week 32,985,000; last year 32,401,000)
 Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 20-Oct-01 is estimated to be 154,915,000 head down 1.0 percent from a week ago, and down 0.9 percent from a year ago
 (Last week 156,472,000 Last year 156,273,000)

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	ICE PACK	95-97
	DRY PACK	97-105
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 October 6, 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	19,784	22,689	39,278
Avg Weight	3.78	4.78	6.21
% of total /1	24%	28%	48%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	31,531	29,359	55,846
Avg Weight	3.73	4.70	6.07
% of total /1	27%	25%	48%
Same week, yr ago /2	29,940	32,778	39,061
Avg Weight	3.81	4.76	6.15
% of total /1	29%	32%	38%
To date/2001	1,266,154	1,102,137	1,736,810
To date/2000	1,319,883	1,329,661	1,610,799

/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 13-Oct-2001 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	156,472 (A)	1,989	1,446	3,435	562
AVG WT	5.04	3.37	7.96	5.30	6.60
LAST WEEK	157,688	1,950	1,320	3,270	504
SAME WK YR AGO	150,464	1,674	1,487	3,161	480
AVG WT	5.07	3.55	7.91	5.60	6.57
TO-DATE/2001	6,316,689	73,216	56,646	129,862	20,699
TO-DATE/2000	6,340,383	78,332	59,390	137,722	18,357

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 155.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 158.4 million head or 3.1 million head more than or 102 percent of estimated fryers available.

NOTICE

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - SALES NOT AVAILABLE

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 15-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)	64-69	68-69
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	65-85	64-77

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 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 \$.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 15-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
SEPTEMBER 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
OCTOBER 6	159.6	155.4	103	5.10
13	158.4	155.3	102	5.04
YEAR TO DATE	6393.6	6345.2	101	
OCTOBER 20		154.2		
27		155.7		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	10/20/01	10/13/01	% CHG	10/21/00	% CHG
Broilers	154,915	156,472*	-01	156,273*	-01
Cattle	683	667	+02	703*	-03
Hogs	2,088	2,030	+03	1,972*	+06

Under Federal Inspection

* ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL Majority prices were unchanged to occasionally higher on both light and heavy canners when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to good, but not aggressive. Supplies and offerings were in a full range but usually in close balance. Undertone was steady to fully steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
25-27 MAJORITY	32-38 MAJORITY 32.5-34

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
26-29.5 MAJORITY 26-27	32.5-41 MAJORITY 34-35.5

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Demand was light to fair for offerings that were fully adequate for trade needs. Processing schedules for next week were reported as normal. Canners movement was fair to moderate with offerings generally adequate for trade needs. The undertone was no better than steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report. Demand was moderate at best for fully adequate offerings of spent leghorn fowl. Finished sales were fair with production schedules adequate for needs. Trade sentiment was about steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices unchanged. Demand generally light to moderate for the ample offerings of spent fowl. Renderer schedules increased this week with processor slaughter schedules less than full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked desired schedules. Offerings adequate.

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. Demand was moderate for offerings that were generally adequate for current trade needs. Processing schedules were reported as normal. Canner supplies were clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was at least steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings from production areas. Finished sales were fair with schedules adequate for needs. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

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