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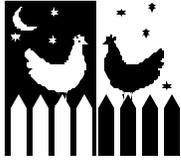
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices were mostly unchanged to lower. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady to weak, mostly barely steady. Demand into retail and food service was slow to fair, best where features and fast food promotions were active. Supplies were at least adequate with discounts still present to help clear additional product. In the parts structure, availability of all items was at least sufficient for the light and selective buying interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range, but mostly desirable.



Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 10/29/01-11/03/01 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	52.50-54.00	53.29	19	63.49	42
Chicago	50.00-54.00	52.87	44	55.20	82
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	58.45	18
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	64.04	12
Denver	69.50	69.49	17	67.83	21
Detroit	52.00	53.77	13	58.30	40
Los Angeles	70.00	68.35	76	64.25	145
New York	51.00-53.00	51.92	25	55.62	51
Philadelphia	50.50-52.00	51.10	10	52.17	21
Pittsburgh	50.50-52.50	51.70	10	58.69	55
St. Louis	52.25-52.50	51.96	18	53.08	38
San Francisco	70.50	69.65	30	70.29	58

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	10/29/01	Change/Last Wk	10/22/01	10/30/00
583	59.37	-0.02	59.39	58.23

OOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	57.00-64.00	62.95	56
Central	54.00-61.00	58.48	64
West	51.00-63.50	59.59	44

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	62.00-64.50	64.37	78
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 65.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,114	50.00-67.25	63.67

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	198.00	1,491
BREASTS - B/S	131.00	5,044
BREASTS - WHOLE	66.00	1,343
THIGH MEAT - B/S	91.50	820
LEG QUARTERS	34.50	9,638
WINGS	99.00	3,332

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SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was steady at best. Demand following the weekend was mixed with some reports of slight improvements for first of the month business, but overall slow to fair. Supplies were at least adequate as most worked with regular commitments and awaited further market developments. In the parts structure, trading was fair. All items were more than sufficient or readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity was very light and unaggressive as dealers remained cautious and selective entering the week. Offerings of all sizes were fully adequate to ample and available at discounted levels. Movement through retail and distributive channels was only fair at best. The market tone ranged cautiously steady to instances weak. In the parts complex, breast items were ample. Dark meat items were at least sufficient. Wings were readily available.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices 1 cent lower than last week. Trading for this week's deliveries reported on regular commitments and new negotiations at generally lower prices. Offerings were ample for current needs. Retail demand fair, best where features planned. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. Trading reported on parts: Leg quarters bulk 33-35 and 4/10s 34-35, breasts bone-in 64-75 and boneless 118-120. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was down 2.12 to 53.18 with the volume reported down 6 percent to 30 loads from last week.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices for this week's deliveries were generally unchanged with Ohio cities TFEWR from last Monday's final. The market tone on whole fryers was barely steady. Offerings of additional product varied with discounted price levels the norm. Retail and food service demand was slow to fairly good. Retail features and fast food promotions provided best movement. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. Weights were desirable to heavy. Parts trading was light as players continue to work off regular commitments. The market tone was cautiously steady to weak on dark meat items and barely steady to instances weak on remaining items.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was slow. Seller offerings varied by size and volume, and were more than sufficient for needs. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were mostly moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 53 to 67 cents. Trade sentiment was steady at best. In the parts complex, all items were at least adequate for the light and highly selective buying interest.

*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	47-71
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	56.00
NO. OF BOXES	9,085

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was noted as fair to moderate over the weekend, however, entering the week dealers were very cautious as they assessed the market and noted little or no additional product beyond normal commitments. Offerings of breast items remained ample and discounted. Legs and leg quarters were at least adequate. Wings were fully sufficient and increasing in availability at some locations. Weekend clearances were noted as fair to instances fairly good over the weekend, however, distributive movement was seasonally light and unaggressive. 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

ITEM	NEGOTIATED TRADING	CURRENT	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S		120	122.24	250,287
TENDERLOINS		115	115.67	63,880
BREAST - WITH RIBS	56-57		64.75	226,520
BREAST - LINE RUN	56		59.29	203,360
LEGS	42-43		45.84	164,280
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	31-32		31.88	416,247
DRUMSTICKS	40-41		44.90	69,980
THIGHS	37-38		42.97	54,740
B/S THIGHS	86-87		89.40	36,120
WINGS (WHOLE)	94-95		91.07	291,160
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12		12.26	50,243
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35		31.95	11,000
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50		52.76	21,440

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.
 ** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCTSHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS 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	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,520	105.00-128.00	110-115	113.55
TENDERLOINS	193	113.00-247.00	-	136.52
BREAST - WITH RIBS	292	55.00-84.00	57-61	63.62
FRONT HALVES	280	55.00-66.00	58-60	57.72
LEGS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	440	28.00-33.00	28-30	30.09
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,434	30.00-35.00	31-32	31.29
WINGS (WHOLE)	204	79.00-97.00	80-83	81.73
DRUMSTICKS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
THIGHS	1,821	33.00-39.00	33-35	34.10

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	10/29	10/25	10/25	10/22	10/18
ALA	4,073	4,079	5.06	4,083	5.02
ARK	5,108	5,147	4.84	5,256	4.92
DELMARVA	2,246	2,253	4.97	2,269	4.95
KY-LA-TN	1,991	2,052	4.55	1,756	4.51
MISS	2,845	2,730	5.13	2,874	4.98
NC	2,538	2,601	5.88	2,468	5.92
TEXAS	2,387	2,410	4.82	2,412	4.87
TOTAL	21,188	21,272	5.03	21,118	5.03
MON	21,188(A)			21,118(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.
 Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 29-Oct 2001 is estimated to be 31,700,000 up 0.03 percent from a week ago and up 1.06 percent from a year ago.
 (Last week 31,690,000, last year 31,368,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS 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	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	929	108.00-190.00	120-125	126.29
TENDERLOINS	189	115.00-210.00	115-120	133.15
BREAST - LINE RUN	105	65.00-69.50	66-68	67.23
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	124	39.00-56.00	39-42	41.93
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	431	29.00-33.00	29-30	29.52
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,290	31.00-35.00	31-33	32.16
WINGS (WHOLE)	308	88.00-102.00	97-99	98.66
WINGS (CUT)	479	100.00-117.00	105-108	107.54
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR OCT 29, 2001 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
43.25 - 46.00	43.89	44.16

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 29-OCT-02-NOV-2001 CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	110.00 - 142.50	120.00 - 125.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	60.00 - 79.00	60.00 - 68.00
LEGS	42.00 - 52.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	29.00 - 36.00	31.00 - 32.00
DRUMSTICKS	39.00 - 50.00	-
THIGHS	36.00 - 49.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	75.00 - 100.00	90.00 - 94.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10.00 - 17.00	-
LIVERS	25.00 - 46.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 45.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	82-101
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	86-108
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	93-99
FROZEN DUCKS	139-154
FROZEN SQUABS	589

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

FRESH FRYERS	86-88
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

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	94-96
	DRY PACK	96-104
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-113
	DRY PACK	113-123
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	98
	DRY PACK	91
DUCKS		152-166

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

		26-OCT-2001			
CHICKEN		PRICES		VOLUME	
		(Cents per Pound)			
FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT	
15% OR LESS					
RANGE	17.00	-	240,000	-	
WTD AVERAGE	17.00				
CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED		PRICES		VOLUME	
		(Cents per Pound)			
FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT	
15% OR LESS					
RANGE	15.75-16.00	15.00-16.00	802,000	260,000	
WTD AVERAGE	15.77	15.54			
15-20%					
RANGE	12.75-16.50	12.00-14.00	1,435,520	818,000	
WTD AVERAGE	13.88	12.35			
20% OR MORE					
RANGE	-	-	-	-	
WTD AVERAGE					

* INCLUDES THE STATES OF CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Sales of dressed product were fair with current schedules providing needed volume. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *			
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 29-OCT-01			
	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
	CENTS/LB.		
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-11.5	8-9	8.84

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

		26-OCTP-2001			
CHICKEN		PRICES		VOLUME	
		(Cents per Pound)			
FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT	
15% OR LESS					
RANGE	-	-	-	-	
WTD AVERAGE					
CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED		PRICES		VOLUME	
		(Cents per Pound)			
FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT	
15% OR LESS					
RANGE	20.00	15.00	122,400		
WTD AVERAGE	20.00	15.00			
15-20%					
RANGE	13.00-16.00	9.00-14.00	1,524,400	237,600	
WTD AVERAGE	13.90	11.32			
20% OR MORE					
RANGE	-	-	-	-	
WTD AVERAGE					

* INCLUDES THE STATES OF AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for the mostly adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal. Canner supplies were about adequate to short and clearing satisfactorily. The undertone on live hens was mixed but at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *			
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 29-OCT-01			
	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
	CENTS/LB.		
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.75-10.5	8-9	8.42
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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