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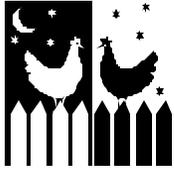
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices for next week's trading are trending unchanged to lower. Trade sentiment was about steady in the West, barely steady to weak elsewhere. Retail demand was seasonally light to fair with few features. Food service was fair to good, best into fast food. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate or readily available and discounted. In the parts structure, trading increased slightly, but remained mostly light and highly selective with most working from present inventories. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

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 11/12-11/17/01 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
(Including branded product)				
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	50.00-53.00	42.00-67.00	51.80	25
Los Angeles	70.00			
New York	49.00-51.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	62.00-65.00	45.00-66.00	64.24	80

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 64.50 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.
661	57.45-66.50	64.37
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:		
ITEM	WTD. AVG.	VOLUME
(CENTS PER POUND)	(000 POUNDS)	
LINE RUN TENDERS	195.00	1,127
BREASTS - B/S	126.50	3,600
BREASTS - WHOLE	63.50	955
THIGH MEAT - B/S	89.50	681
LEG QUARTERS	32.50	6,962
WINGS	92.00	2,514

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MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS The Chicago preliminary majority for next week's deliveries was unchanged from Monday's final. The market tone on whole fryers was barely steady to weak. Offerings were limited on whole birds and fully sufficient on Wogs with little buyer enthusiasm. Retail demand was light to fair and typical for end of the week. Food service movement mostly moderate to instances good into fast food and continued slow into other sectors. Floor stocks were adequate to ample with sizes desirable. Trading on parts items was lackluster with breast items moving best. Supplies were available and discounted on all items. The trade sentiment was barely steady to weak on all items.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was mostly about steady. Demand entering the weekend was seasonally light with interests geared more towards Thanksgiving holiday needs; however, fast food movement had improved. Supplies were more than sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, demand was light and selective. All items were at least adequate or readily available and discounted. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was about steady. Trading reported for next week's deliveries at unchanged to lower prices. Offerings were ample and difficult to clear. Buyers cautious as interest focused on holiday items. Demand was moderate for whole body and fairly good for parts, best to cover specials and features. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers. Trade sentiment barely steady on parts. Ads noted: Southern California - whole body 59-67, whole cut-up 89, boneless breasts 167-399, boneless leg meat 129-139, split breasts 97-229, leg quarters 68 (and 10# bag 590), thighs 179 (and 4# IQF 276), drumsticks 69-179 (and 4# IQF 276), cornish hens 139-168; Northern California - whole body 59, split breasts 129-199, boneless breasts 199-549, drumsticks 99, thighs 99, whole legs 99; Arizona - whole body 45-109, whole cut-up 65-119, boneless breasts 199-469, split breasts 97-99, leg quarters 69-99, wings 4# IQF 599-799, thighs 99-119, drumsticks 99-119.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers remained light and unaggressive entering the weekend as dealers remained cautious and selective. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate to available with slight discounting often noted. Movement through retail and distributive channels was seasonally sluggish. In the parts complex, breast items were fully adequate. Dark meat cuts were at least sufficient. Wings were ample.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds remained seasonally light and unaggressive. Offerings were available and were competitively priced as sellers sought to reduce inventories. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were mostly desirable to light. Processing schedules were light to moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 53 to 67 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, all items continued to be fully sufficient for the mostly 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	50-67
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	55.73
NO. OF BOXES	11,172
CUMULATIVE	55.78
	11/05/01-11/09/01
	11/06/00-11/10/00
NO. OF BOXES	55.75
	11/05/01-11/09/01
	11/06/00-11/10/00
	51,229
	61,932

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

NOV 08

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

NOV 09

ITEM	NOV 08				NOV 09					
	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	WEEKLY (000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	900	105.00-183.00	115-120	123.50	919	102.00-185.00	115-125	118.81	4,539	123.53
TENDERLOINS	165	95.00-205.00	97-105	116.93	195	105.00-205.00	105-110	119.82	805	133.81
BREAST - LINE RUN	107	62.00-65.00	62-64	63.93	107	61.00-65.00	62-64	63.60	502	64.30
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				385	59.82
LEGS	88	39.00-55.00	39-41	40.45	88	39.00-55.00	39-41	40.45	441	40.51
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	438	25.00-32.00	25-27	26.16	438	25.00-32.00	25-26	25.93	2,428	27.16
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,250	28.50-34.00	30-31	30.32	1,210	28.00-34.00	29-31	30.11	5,760	30.62
WINGS (WHOLE)	270	76.00-93.50	85-87	86.39	300	76.00-93.50	90-92	91.35	1,225	88.07
WINGS (CUT)	447	92.00-110.00	94-101	99.97	388	92.00-108.00	96-99	96.20	2,521	99.66
DRUMSTICKS	68	49.00-55.00	-	49.71	TOO FEW TO REPORT				254	49.39
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				418	52.39
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				55	85.00-91.00	-	87.18	175	90.14

***** WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

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TRADING FOR NOV 08, 2001 F.O.B. DOCK. TODAY'S

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RANGE AVERAGE

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41.50 - 47.50 43.33

41.00 - 47.50 42.97 43.51

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, but dealers remained cautious and selective and were unwilling to extend floorstocks beyond most immediate needs. Breast items were fully adequate. Legs and leg quarters were at least sufficient. Wings were readily available and discounted to stimulate interest. Movement through retail and distributive channels was seasonally light. The market tone was cautiously steady.

ICE PACKED B/F PARTS, DLIVRD TO 1ST RCVRs IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER LB.

ITEM	NOV 08			NOV 09		
	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	WEEKLY VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	115-120	121.60	334,683	115-120	120.88	372,800
TENDERLOINS	105	105.94	40,680	105	103.93	103,119
BREAST - WITH RIBS	56-57	65.37	312,600	56-57	63.46	213,840
BREAST - LINE RUN	56	62.68	14,020	56	58.89	201,880
LEGS	41-42	45.42	172,870	41-42	44.57	220,860
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	29-30	30.90	425,678	29-30	29.75	451,225
DRUMSTICKS	39-40	43.04	76,875	39-40	42.51	118,670
THIGHS	37-38	44.10	46,590	37-38	39.97	81,340
B/S THIGHS	86-87	87.17	69,440	86-87	87.80	52,000
WINGS (WHOLE)	83-84	83.27	342,730	83-84	86.46	272,120
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.19	45,360	10-12	12.11	48,600
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	37.21	13,120	30-35	35.43	13,080
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	54.58	25,920	45-50	54.75	31,480

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	
	11/09	11/08	11/07	11/06	11/07	11/06	11/02	10/31
ALA	4,102	4,014	3,934	4,057	5.18	5.15	4,176	5.17
ARK	5,405	5,354	4,873	5,204	4.97	5.00	5,074	4.92
DELMARVA	2,153	2,176	2,293	2,290	4.90	5.07	2,221	4.96
KY-LA-TN	1,965	2,027	1,930	2,008	4.68	4.68	2,171	4.67
MISS	2,767	2,821	2,744	2,828	5.14	5.04	3,065	5.01
NC	2,527	2,567	2,564	2,433	6.02	6.08	2,453	5.92
TEXAS	2,365	2,374	2,144	2,354	4.96	4.88	2,444	4.90
TOTAL	21,284	21,333	20,482	21,174	5.13	5.12	21,604	5.08
MON-FRI106,048(A)					105,660(A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 09-Nov 01 and 10-Nov-01 is estimated to be 31,843,000 down 1.78 percent from a week ago and up 0.3 percent from a year ago. (Last week 32,419,000; last year 31,754,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 10-Nov-01 is estimated to be 153,676,000 head down 1.2 percent from a week ago, and down 2.5 percent from a year ago (Last week 155,524,000 Last year 157,629,000)

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

	RANGE
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

	RANGE
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

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending October 27, 2001 (Preliminary),

	(A) Fast food/ Food service 4.20 Lbs & down	(B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs	(C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs & Up
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	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	29,285	37,011	48,515
Avg Weight	3.80	4.71	6.19
% of total /1	26%	32%	42%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	28,042	25,684	43,427
Avg Weight	3.79	4.70	6.22
% of total /1	29%	26%	45%
Same week, yr ago /2	34,604	38,522	48,214
Avg Weight	3.80	4.78	6.10
% of total /1	29%	32%	40%
To date/2001	1,347,103	1,190,085	1,871,217
To date/2000	1,424,103	1,444,071	1,741,259

/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 03-Nov-2001 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	155,524(A)	1,904	1,350	3,254	524
AVG WT	5.26	3.38	7.93	5.27	6.71
LAST WEEK	156,675	1,855	1,313	3,168	445
SAME WK YR AGO	156,627	1,943	1,306	3,249	510
AVG WT	5.01	3.26	7.85	5.11	6.08
TO-DATE/2001	6,785,773	78,672	60,828	139,500	22,171
TO-DATE/2000	6,807,265	83,567	64,001	147,568	19,720

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 155.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 157.4 million head or 2.0 million head more than or 101 percent of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: NOV 06, 2001

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.80 - 1.58	Silkie	2.50 - 5.00ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.70 - 1.04	Geese	
Pekin Ducks	.05 - .12	9-14 LBS	.20 - .34
Red Fowl 4-4.5 LBS	.30 - .54	Pigeons	1.50 - 2.00ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.50 - .84	White Pigeons	2.50 - 3.25ea.
Crossbred Fowl		Rabbits	
5-9 LBS	.50 - .92	4-6 LBS	.80 - 1.32
Crossbred Roosters		Rabbits	
4-6 LBS	.10 - 1.04	7-11 LBS	.80 - 1.10
Crossbred Roosters		Bunnies	1.00 - 10.00ea.
7-11 LBS	.40 - .94	Guinea Pigs	.25 - 2.25ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.35 - 1.75	Goats	20.00 - 47.00ea.
Banty Roosters	2.50 - 6.00ea.	Kid Goats	20.00 - 32.00ea.
Banty Hens	2.00 - 3.50ea.	Doves	4.50 - 6.50ea.
Leghorn Roosters	.20 - .42	Pullets 4-6 LBS	.50 - .64
Total Coops Sold 890			

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY
FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 05-NOV-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
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	68-75
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 about steady. Demand was moderate to good as the upcoming holiday movement begins to pick up. 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 05-NOV-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
SEPTEMBER 29	162.6	155.7	104	5.01
OCTOBER 6	159.6	155.4	103	5.10
	13	158.4	102	5.04
	20	158.8	103	5.12
	27	158.6	102	5.04
NOVEMBER 3	157.4	155.4	101	5.26
YEAR TO DATE	6868.4	6810.5	101	
NOVEMBER 10		151.8		
	17	148.1		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	11/10/01	11/03/01	% CHG	11/11/00	% CHG
Broilers	153,676	155,524*	-01	157,629*	-03
Cattle	667	669	0	653*	+02
Hogs	2,004	2,027	-01	1,969*	+02
Under Federal Inspection					
*ACTUAL					

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL Majority prices trended slightly higher on both heavy and light canners when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate to good, fairly good to good on heavies. Supplies were in close balance to short. Undertone was at least steady on 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)
26-27 MAJORITY	33-39 MAJORITY 33-35

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
26-29.5 MAJORITY 26.5-27	33.25-41 MAJORITY 34.75-36.25

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Offerings were at least adequate to fully adequate for the mostly light and unaggressive demand. Processing schedules were reported as normal. Canners movement was moderate for the about adequate offerings. The undertone was about steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Offerings were fully adequate for a demand reported as fair at best. Finished sales were moderate. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Offerings had tightened and were rated as adequate to instances short of current production needs. Some producers held back flocks as retail prices continued to hold. Demand was fairly good. Slaughter schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked full 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. Offerings were generally adequate for current trade needs. Processing schedules were reported as normal. Canner supplies were about adequate to instances short and 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 of spent hens. Demand for finished product was seasonally active with processing schedules in line with needs. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

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