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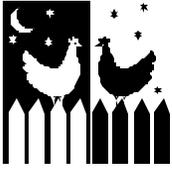
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices for next week are trending unchanged in the West, unchanged to lower elsewhere. Trade sentiment was mostly barely steady to weak, but about steady in the West. Demand entering the weekend showed some typical increased interest, but was usually no better than fair; however, movement was good into fast food, restaurants, and catering services for holiday activities. Supplies were at least adequate for trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was slow to fair, better for weekend needs. Bone-in breasts were in best balance with wings moving into a better position in some areas. The remaining items were readily available. 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 12/10-12/15/01 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	45.00-49.00	45.00-66.00	47.83	24
Los Angeles	69.00			
New York	45.00-47.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	61.00-63.50	50.00-64.50	63.11	75

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 63.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
699	57.80-65.50	63.28
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	189.50	1,306
BREASTS - B/S	127.00	4,559
BREASTS - WHOLE	56.50	1,098
THIGH MEAT - B/S	86.00	765
LEG QUARTERS	29.00	8,406
WINGS	86.50	3,147

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MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices into the Chicago area for next week's deliveries were lower from Monday's majority. The market tone on whole fryers was barely steady to weak. Buyer interest was lackluster for the ample offerings. Retail demand was somewhat improved, mostly fair at best. Food service movement increased going into the weekend, best into fast food and sit-down restaurants with catering orders increasing somewhat for the holiday season. Floor stocks were adequate to ample with seasonal adjustments keeping inventories manageable. Weights were generally desirable. In the parts complex, trading remained less than desired, slow to moderate. Supplies were fully sufficient to occasionally burdensome. The market tone was steady on wings, and cautiously steady to weak on all other items.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was steady at best. Demand entering the weekend was still seasonally slow to fair; however, some sellers reported a slight increase in inquiries, just at lower levels. Supplies were at least sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was mixed. Breast items and wings were in a more manageable position, but remained available. Dark meat was adequate to ample and slow to clear. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was about steady. Offerings ample for the seasonally lighter buyer interest. Retailer demand light to moderate. Dealers expected satisfactory weekend clearances. Parts also about steady. Ads this week: Southern California-California wholebody 69, cutup 79-87, boneless breasts 167-469, breasts 88-229, thighs 67-179, boneless thighs 199, legs 67-179, boneless legs 138, wings 169, leg quarters 39, corn dogs 48oz. 479; Northern California- cutup 99, breasts 100-129, legs 109; Arizona-wholebody 39-49, boneless breasts 169-250 fresh, 2.5lb 749 frozen, breasts 179, thighs 100, legs 100, leg quarters 47, roasters 119.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers increased slightly entering the weekend, but was no better than moderate overall as dealers remained cautious and unaggressive. Offerings of all sizes were fully adequate and available at discounted levels. Movement through retail and distributive channels was seasonally sluggish. The market tone was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, dark meat cuts were readily available. Boneless-skinless breasts were at least adequate. Bone-in breasts ranged balanced to adequate.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds and parts increased as expected entering the weekend, but generally remained no better than fair. Whole bird offerings were again readily available. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights varied in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent lower at 48 to 62 cents. Trade sentiment was no better than steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were generally noted as in best balance. Wings were occasionally reported as moving into better balance. Other items remained fully sufficient for current trade needs.

*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	43-63	
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	51.64	
NO. OF BOXES	10,217	
CUMULATIVE		
	12/03/01-12/07/01	52.46
	12/04/00-12/08/00	55.21
NO. OF BOXES		
	12/03/01-12/07/01	50,084
	12/04/00-12/08/00	59,374

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

DEC 06

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

DEC 07

ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS				WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	952	102.00-168.00	115-123	119.34	927	102.00-168.00	118-125	120.22	4,817	120.00
TENDERLOINS	147	105.00-200.00	110	121.47	152	105.00-200.00	105-110	117.31	826	119.14
BREAST - LINE RUN	91	58.00-62.00	58-60	58.44	94	58.00-65.00	59-61	58.66	435	59.99
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				357	59.45
LEGS	88	36.50-48.00	37-39	37.55	88	34.00-48.00	34-36	35.27	475	37.11
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	444	21.00-27.00	21-23	21.41	476	21.00-27.00	21-23	21.79	2,216	21.69
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,330	23.00-31.00	24-25	24.81	1,370	23.00-31.00	24-26	24.96	6,333	24.97
WINGS (WHOLE)	281	77.00-88.50	84-87	86.49	281	77.00-88.50	84-86	86.49	1,490	85.73
WINGS (CUT)	436	92.00-110.00	93-96	96.07	604	94.00-110.00	94-103	97.62	2,549	96.82
DRUMSTICKS	95	44.00-49.00	-	46.53	73	41.00-49.00	-	44.95	379	46.11
THIGHS	62	42.00-50.00	-	44.84	62	43.00-50.00	-	45.40	267	44.54
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				167	84.37

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR DEC 06, 2001 F.O.B. DOCK. **TODAY'S**

RANGE	AVERAGE
39.00 - 44.50	40.46

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR DEC 07, 2001 F.O.B. DOCK. **TODAY'S**

RANGE	AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
39.00 - 44.50	40.76	40.57

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 as dealers assumed product for weekend needs, but was noted as no better than moderate overall. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts were at least adequate, however, bone-in breasts were in good balance. Dark meat items were readily available. Wings were sufficient. Movement through retail and distributive channels was about fair, with scattered promotional activity offering the best draw, particularly on bone-in breasts. The market tone was fully steady on bone-in breasts, no better than steady on dark meat items and about steady on the balance.

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

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			CURRENT NEG			WEEKLY	
	TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	115	118.53	355,560	115	120.17	383,360	120.06	1,656,620
TENDERLOINS	100	104.09	88,080	100	104.51	120,077	103.43	402,492
BREAST - WITH RIBS	50-51	59.48	182,120	51-52	57.44	174,680	58.70	894,360
BREAST - LINE RUN	50	52.73	134,200	51	53.40	149,800	52.25	804,120
LEGS	38-39	43.61	139,400	38-39	43.04	199,120	43.65	705,080
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	22-23	24.91	454,380	22-23	24.49	388,671	24.65	1,941,475
DRUMSTICKS	38-39	41.59	104,170	38-39	40.02	124,350	41.32	535,810
THIGHS	35-36	38.23	112,270	34-35	41.06	80,740	40.43	390,248
B/S THIGHS	86-87	85.44	72,680	86-87	84.38	60,720	83.05	290,510
WINGS (WHOLE)	83-84	88.10	294,934	83-84	86.54	316,480	87.35	1,584,054
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	13.06	41,840	10-12	12.16	44,080	12.41	186,960
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	35.70	13,080	30-35	35.27	10,520	35.69	53,505
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	63.02	17,800	55-60	63.53	22,360	61.91	114,990

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	
	12/07	12/06	12/05	12/04	12/05	12/04	11/30	11/28
ALA	4,182	4,048	4,003	3,993	5.11	5.15	3,928	5.19
ARK	5,491	5,400	5,004	5,295	5.00	4.98	6,230	4.98
DELMARVA	2,278	2,304	2,328	2,302	5.07	5.10	2,140	4.97
KY-LA-TN	1,989	2,003	2,034	2,087	4.63	4.72	2,142	4.60
MISS	2,931	2,847	2,800	2,863	5.09	5.15	2,835	5.07
NC	2,597	2,626	2,661	2,551	5.91	6.00	2,639	5.97
TEXAS	2,574	2,414	2,405	2,368	5.04	5.04	2,424	4.96
TOTAL	22,042	21,642	21,235	21,459	5.12	5.15	22,338	5.11
MON-FRI 108,116(A)	106,847(A)							

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 07-Dec 01 and 08-Dec-01 is estimated to be 32,977,000 down 1.62 percent from a week ago and up 7.2 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 33,520,000; last year 30,755,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 08-Dec-01 is estimated to be 156,429,000 head unchanged from a week ago, and up 3.1 percent from a year ago

(Last week 157,112,000 Last year 151,794,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY,

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

(L.A. AREA)	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	85-87
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 94-95
	DRY PACK 96-103
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 104-113
	DRY PACK 113-123
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK 91
	ICE PACK 98
DUCKS	152-166

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending November 24, 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	18,553	11,666	26,504
Avg Weight	3.76	4.87	6.20
% of total /1	33%	21%	47%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	30,024	21,873	40,044
Avg Weight	3.68	4.73	6.21
% of total /1	33%	24%	44%
Same week, yr ago /2	30,197	17,326	34,042
Avg Weight	3.78	4.81	6.16
% of total /1	37%	21%	42%
To date/2001	1,452,690	1,279,591	2,026,125
To date/2000	1,538,288	1,551,445	1,895,946

/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 01-Dec-2001 (PRELIMINARY)

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

HEAD	157,112(A)	1,932	1,419	3,351	644
AVG WT	5.18	3.65	7.92	5.46	6.69
LAST WEEK	113,595	1,174	931	2,105	430
SAME WK YR AGO	146,306	1,876	1,346	3,222	474
AVG WT	4.93	3.37	8.00	5.30	6.56
TO-DATE/2001	7,363,281	85,190	66,154	151,344	24,233
TO-DATE/2000	7,371,715	90,451	69,232	159,683	21,555

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 152.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 159 million head or 6.5 million head more than or 104 percent of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: DEC 04, 2001

	RANGE	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.72 - .86	Silkie 2.00 - 2.50ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.72 - .82	Geese 9-14 LBS .28 - .36
Pekin Ducks	.20 - .32	Pigeons 2.25 - 2.70ea.
Red Fowl 4-4.5 LBS	.24 - .52	White Pigeons 2.75 - 3.00ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.60 - 1.10	Rabbits
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.60 - 1.04	4-6 LBS 1.00 - 1.72
Crossbred Roasters 4-6 LBS	.50 - 1.24	Rabbits 7-11 LBS 1.00 - 1.32
Crossbred Roasters 7-11 LBS	.40 - 1.10	Bunnies 1.00 - 6.00ea.
Guinea Fowl	.75 - 1.05	Guinea Pigs .25 - 2.50ea.
Banty Roasters	2.50 - 6.00ea.	Kid Goats 20.00 - 32.00ea.
Banty Hens	2.00 - 3.50ea.	Doves 4.00 - 5.50ea.
Leghorn Hens	.12 - .26	Pullets 4-6 LBS .50 - .64
Leghorn Roasters	.20 - .44	Total Coops Sold 820

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 03-DEC-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)	61-68	63-66
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	65-85	68-73

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 desirable. 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 03-DEC-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
OCTOBER	27 158.6	155.7	102	5.04
NOVEMBER	3 157.4	155.4	101	5.26
	10 156.4	151.8	103	4.93
	17 154.1	148.1	104	5.10
	24 115.0	149.1	77	4.98
	1 159.0	152.5	104	5.18
YEAR TO DATE	7452.9	7412.0	101	
DECEMBER	8 154.1			
	15 152.0			

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	12/08/01	12/01/01	% CHG	12/09/00	% CHG
Broilers	156,429	157,112*	0	151,794*	+03
Cattle	665	670	-01	672*	-01
Hogs	2,086	2,047	+02	1,987*	+05

Under Federal Inspection

* ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher on heavy cannors unchanged on the lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand ranged fair to good best on heavies. Supplies were in close balance to instances tight. Undertone was at least steady to fully steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
26-27.5 MAJORITY 26.5	32-38 MAJORITY 33-35

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
26.-28.5 MAJORITY 26.5-27	32.5-41 MAJORITY 35-36.5

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate for the generally normal processing schedules. Demand was no better than fair and generally unaggressive. Cannors movement was moderate and clearing. The undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Negotiations were too few to report. Supplies of spent leghorn fowl were adequate providing adequate volume for processing schedules. Finished sales were moderate. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices unchanged. Demand was mostly moderate for the adequate to fully adequate offerings of spent fowl. Slaughter schedules normal for next week. Trade sentiment steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked full schedules. Offerings ample.

LIVE HENS

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

<u>HEAVY</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(2)
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
<u>LIGHT</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
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 sufficient for trade needs. Processing schedules were mostly normal. Canner supplies were about adequate and clearing satisfactorily. The market tone was at least steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report prices. Offerings were adequate for a fair demand. Finished sales were moderate to good with schedules sufficient for needs. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

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