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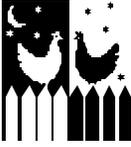
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By Executive Order the President has designated December 24, 2001 a federal holiday.

Reports normally released on Monday will be released on December 26, 2001.

NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were trending unchanged to slightly lower. Trade sentiment was no better than steady to barely steady. Retail demand was seasonally light to fair, best for featured items. Food service was fair to good, best into fast food. Supplies were at least adequate to fully adequate with heavier sizes often available and competitively priced to stimulate interest. In the parts structure, trading was fair at best. Bone-in breasts ranged adequate to available. Boneless skinless breasts were fully adequate. Wings were about adequate to tight. Other items were at least adequate to readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights in a full range of light to heavy.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 12/17/01-12/22/01 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD	LOADS	WTD	LOADS
		AVG		AVG	
Bos/New Eng	47.50-49.00	48.53	16	50.91	25
Chicago	45.00-49.00	48.05	47	50.19	85
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	54.36	19
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	62.38	12
Denver	67.50	67.49	17	65.21	21
Detroit	47.00-49.00	48.82	11	55.33	37
Los Angeles	68.00	65.10	71	60.84	168
New York	45.00-47.00	46.96	23	49.19	50
Philadelphia	45.50-47.00	46.20	10	47.80	22
Pittsburgh	45.50-47.50	46.70	10	54.72	55
St. Louis	47.25-47.50	47.43	19	49.28	41
San Francisco	68.50	67.65	30	70.40	49

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	12/17/01	Change/Last Wk	12/10/01	12/18/00
584	55.25	-0.35	55.60	56.68

00G BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delv'd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	52.00-57.00	54.14	36
Central	50.00-56.00	54.80	63
West	50.00-61.50	59.31	46

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	60.25-63.25	62.28	845
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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 63.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	WTD AVG	VOLUME
ITEM	(CENTS PER POUND)	(000 POUNDS)	
1,123	45.00-65.50	61.65	
LINE RUN TENDERS	184.50	1,386	
BREASTS - B/S	125.50	4,919	
BREASTS - WHOLE	56.50	1,138	
THIGH MEAT - B/S	85.50	805	
LEG QUARTERS	28.00	9,636	
WINGS	86.00	3,265	

THIS INFORMATION IS SUPPLIED BY THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S POULTRY MARKET NEWS SERVICE.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity was seasonally light and unaggressive entering the week as dealers remained cautious and selective. Offerings of the 3.5 pound and larger sizes were readily available and the smaller weights were at least adequate. The market tone was no better than steady. In the parts complex, boneless-skinless breasts were fully adequate and bone-in breasts were available. Dark meat cuts, particularly thighs were fully sufficient. Wings were mixed and ranged balanced to adequate.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was no better than steady. Demand was light to fair following the weekend, best where feature activity was planned. Food service was fair to moderate, best for fast food. Supplies were more than sufficient for current trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was mixed. Breast items were in better balanced, but still available, boneless skinless breast were fully adequate. Wings were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Dark meat items were available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were 1 cent lower than last Monday's level. The market tone was barely steady. Reported trading for this week's deliveries at mainly lower prices on regular commitments with new negotiations of heavyweight at unchanged to lower prices and lightweights unchanged to higher prices. Offerings of heavyweights ample with smaller weight generally adequate and held with a degree of confidence. Sharper discounts and a somewhat improved interest helped to stimulate purchases of additional product by some buyers. Demand moderate to good by stores best to cover planned features, moderate by dine-in restaurants and fairly good overall by fast food. Dealers reported fairly good weekend clearances. Parts trading reported: leg quarters 26-28.5 bulk and 28-31 4/10s, breast bone-in 59-67 and boneless 108-120. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 53.59 up .16 from last Monday with the volume reported up 14 percent to 32 loads.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices for this week's deliveries were unchanged to slightly lower into all areas with Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole fryer trade sentiment mostly barely steady. Additional product offerings fully available for the very light buyer interest. Retail movement was slow to fair at best. Food service demand mixed, mostly fair to fairly good, best into fast food and catering. Floor stocks adequate to ample with sizes desirable to heavy. Parts trading was limited. Supplies of wings in close balance, all other items fully sufficient. The market tone was steady to firm on wings and cautiously steady to weak on all other items.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally light to fair at best. Offerings were fully adequate to ample and were in the closer better balance on the under 3 pound sizes. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate. Some plants have scheduled some mid-week downtime in an effort to keep production in a closer balance with needs. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 48 to 62 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. In the parts complex, volumes available generally differed from plant to plant, but all items were at least adequate for immediate 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	44-66
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	50.37
NO. OF BOXES	12,000

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was about fair entering the week as dealers cautiously assessed the market and generally limited purchases to most immediate needs. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts were fully adequate and bone-in breasts had increased in availability. Dark meat cuts were at least sufficient. Wings were mixed ranging adequate to closely cleared. Movement through retail and distributive channels was seasonally light to no better than fair. The market tone was about steady. ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT	WTD	VOLUME
	TRADING		AVG	/LBS
BREAST - B/S	115	119.62	119.62	359,650
TENDERLOINS	100	105.83	105.83	68,320
BREAST - WITH RIBS	52-53	59.53	59.53	207,120
BREAST - LINE RUN	52	52.99	52.99	192,480
LEGS	37-38	40.32	40.32	195,520
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	22-23	24.42	24.42	386,650
DRUMSTICKS	38-39	40.94	40.94	123,940
THIGHS	30-31	35.93	35.93	67,000
B/S THIGHS	86-87	85.11	85.11	50,740
WINGS (WHOLE)	83-84	90.37	90.37	254,520
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.38	12.38	37,360
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	35.55	35.55	15,040
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	52.97	52.97	31,520

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 PRODUCT SHIPPED, 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	1,432	100.00-125.00	105-110	107.96
TENDERLOINS	112	105.00-192.00	105	118.52
BREAST - WITH RIBS	128	52.00-84.00	52	63.68
FRONT HALVES	320	57.00-59.00	57-58	57.88
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	131	20.00-25.00	21	22.09
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,041	20.00-27.00	24-25	23.39
WINGS (WHOLE)	59	67.00-82.00	82	78.53
DRUMSTICKS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
THIGHS	1,744	32.00-40.00	32-34	33.07

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	12/17	12/13	12/13	12/10	12/06
ALA	4,099	4,056	5.04	4,011	5.01
ARK	5,377	5,112	4.83	5,299	4.88
DELMARVA	2,247	2,291	5.16	2,140	5.15
KY-LA-TN	1,887	1,926	4.55	1,924	4.57
MISS	2,912	2,802	5.07	2,836	5.12
NC	2,504	2,622	5.98	2,531	6.02
TEXAS	2,387	2,440	4.88	2,409	4.90
TOTAL	21,413	21,249	5.06	21,150	5.08
MON	21,413(A)		21,150(A)		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 17-Dec 2001 is estimated to be 32,036,000 up 0.94 percent from a week ago and up 7.94 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,738,000, last year 29,679,000)

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. **POUNDS**

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
				AVG
BREAST - B/S	821	105.00-170.00	120-125	125.04
TENDERLOINS	160	105.00-199.00	110-115	124.83
BREAST - LINE RUN	90	58.00-64.00	59-60	59.33
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	160	32.50-48.00	-	40.25
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	436	21.00-27.00	21-23	21.86
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,251	23.00-31.00	24-26	24.94
WINGS (WHOLE)	281	80.00-88.00	85-87	86.51
WINGS (CUT)	494	93.00-110.00	96-98	98.31
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 DECEMBER 17, 2001 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
39.00- 44.00	40.43	39.74

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 DEC-17-21-2001 CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	104.00 - 127.00	117.00 - 120.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	47.00 - 73.00	53.00 - 63.00
LEGS	36.00 - 47.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	22.00 - 28.00	24.00
DRUMSTICKS	30.00 - 45.00	-
THIGHS	29.00 - 42.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	75.00 - 88.00	79.00 - 81.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	25.00 - 42.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 52.00	-

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

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	80-99
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	84-103
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	93-99
FROZEN DUCKS	139-154
FROZEN SQUABS	589

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

FRESH FRYERS	84-86
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	93-94
	DRY PACK	95-102
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-113
	DRY PACK	113-123
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	91
	ICE PACK	98
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.

		14-DEC-2001			
CHICKEN		PRICES		VOLUME	
		(Cents per Pound)			
FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT	
15% OR LESS					
RANGE	17.00	17.00	434,000	-	
WTD AVERAGE	17.00	17.00			

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT	
15% OR LESS					
RANGE	14.50-16.00	14.00	1,050,000	580,000	
WTD AVERAGE	15.56	14.00			
15-20%					
RANGE	13.50-15.00	10.00-13.75	1,080,800	-	
WTD AVERAGE	13.72	11.99			
20% OR MORE					
RANGE	-	12.75	120,000	-	
WTD AVERAGE		12.75			

* 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 higher on spent heavy hens when compared to the past week. Demand was good for adequate supplies of raw materials. Processing schedules were full with finished product supplies adequate. Trade sentiment was at least steady to fully steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *			
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 10-DEC-01			
	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
	CENTS/LB.		
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7.25-12	8.5-9.25	9.26

* 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.

		14-DEC-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	-	11.00-14.00	183,600	-	
WTD AVERAGE		12.56			
15-20%					
RANGE	11.00-12.00	10.00-12.00	1,387,200	897,600	
WTD AVERAGE	11.50	10.53			
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 fair to moderate. Offerings were mostly adequate. Processing schedules were normal. Canner supplies were about adequate and clearing satisfactorily. The market tone was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 10-DEC-01			
	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
	CENTS/LB.		
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7.5-10.5	8-9	8.65
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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