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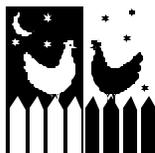
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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices for next week's trading were irregular. Trade sentiment was mixed, steady to firm in the East, mostly about steady elsewhere. Retail demand was fair at best with features having best movement. Food service was fair to good with fast food strongest. Processing schedules were heavy due to many plants operating Saturday; however, for New Year's week, schedules were part time. In the parts structure, wings were short to close balanced and clearing well. Breast items were in a better balance but still available, and dark meat was sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate with weights ranging desirable to heavy, 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 12/31-01/04/02 (cents per lb)

### US GRADE A

AREAS	(Including branded product)	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers					
Chicago		46.00-49.00	45.00-54.00	48.32	25
Los Angeles		68.00			
New York		46.00-48.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent					
Mississippi		60.00-63.00	49.00-63.50	62.02	77

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 62.75 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.
659	56.45-64.05	62.56

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

ITEM	(CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	184.50	1,330
BREASTS - B/S	127.50	4,516
BREASTS - WHOLE	54.50	1,128
THIGH MEAT - B/S	85.00	740
LEG QUARTERS	27.50	8,403
WINGS	86.00	3,061

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**MIDWEST** Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into the Chicago area were unchanged to 1 cent higher from Monday's final. Whole fryer market tone was about steady. Additional offerings of product were light with buyer interest remaining cautious and limited. Retail movement was slow to instances fair at best. Food service demand was mostly moderate. Floor stocks were closely watched and in balance. Weights were desirable. In the parts complex, wings were showing good clearance where available, and interest on remaining items was limited to instances moderate. Supplies of wings were barely adequate to short, leg quarters sufficient with breast items in better balance on current production. The market tone was fully steady to firm on wings, steady on leg quarters and about steady on all other items.

**SOUTHERN** Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand entering the weekend was light to moderate with optimism for next week for first of the month business and planned specials. Supplies were close balanced to tight as a result of this week's reduced holiday schedules. Processing schedules are mixed with numerous plants running Saturday along with part-time operations for New Year's week. In the parts structure, trading was mixed, strongest for wings which were barely adequate to short. Breast items had renewed interest due to first of the month, but were available, and dark meat was sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy, mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trading for next week's deliveries at mainly unchanged prices for regular commitments and new negotiations were unchanged to higher. Offerings were short where processors worked reduced slaughter schedules and colder weather conditions existed, elsewhere fully adequate for current needs. Available whole body product trended lighter than desired in some locations Demand was fair for whole body and generally good for parts, best by fast food. Dealers anticipated light to moderate weekend carryovers Trade sentiment steady to fully steady on parts with white meat items in the strongest position. Ads noted: Southern California - whole body 59-79, boneless breast 169-229, boneless leg meat 109-138, split breast 97-159, leg quarter 49, thigh 78-99, drumstick 78-99, roaster 98, cornish hen 139.

**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly fair to no better than moderate Offerings of all sizes were no more than adequate to instances tight. Movement through retail and distributive channels was seasonally slow. The market tone was steady to fully steady, instances firm. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were ample and boneless skinless breasts were at least sufficient. Dark meat cuts were generally adequate. Wings were short of full needs.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was generally noted as good entering the weekend. Most plants reported offerings as tight on all sizes. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were light to heavy, mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were very heavy when combined with operations planned for this weekend. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher a 50 to 64 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, demand was good on some items; just fair on others. Wings were short of an active call. Breasts cuts remained readily available and leg cuts were fully adequate.

\*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	47-66	
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	53.19	
NO. OF BOXES	9,696	
CUMULATIVE		
	12/24/01-12/28/01	51.21
	12/25/00-12/29/00	50.87
NO. OF BOXES		
	12/24/01-12/28/01	36,500
	12/25/00-12/29/00	49,203

\*8 of 8 plants reporting.

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	POUNDS (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	835	103.00-157.00	122-127	121.64	2,484	122.02
TENDERLOINS	143	105.00-190.00	115-120	126.89	454	126.65
BREAST - LINE RUN	75	56.00-64.00	57-59	57.07	315	58.98
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				210	59.79
LEGS	88	32.00-48.00	33-35	33.45	264	33.45
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	410	21.00-27.00	21-22	21.49	1,282	21.62
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,380	23.00-29.00	24-27	25.51	4,081	25.18
WINGS (WHOLE)	283TOO FEW TO REPORT				884	86.89
WINGS (CUT)	460	95.00-110.00	97-100	100.66	1,314	100.54
DRUMSTICKS	62	43.00-49.00	-	44.65	201	44.67
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				106	46.21
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				82	85.62

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 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR DECEMBER 28, 2001— F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
39.00 - 44.50	40.58	40.70

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 ranged fair to moderate approaching the weekend as dealers assessed the market and purchased accordingly. Offerings of bone-in breasts were ample and often available at slight discounts to stimulate sales. Boneless-skinless breasts were at least adequate, but noted in a better balanced position today. Dark meat cuts were sufficient. Wings were short of full needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was about fair. The market tone was firm on wings, barely steady on bone-in breasts and about steady on the balance.

PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES.

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	WEEKLY WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	115	120.10	367,160	119.20	1,199,510
TENDERLOINS	100	106.20	70,160	105.68	181,010
BREAST - WITH RIBS	45-46	50.60	201,680	50.30	619,360
BREAST - LINE RUN	45	45.98	208,400	46.13	521,560
LEGS	37-38	40.52	273,320	40.84	608,920
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	22-23	24.80	385,831	24.92	1,211,681
DRUMSTICKS	38-39	40.81	98,180	41.22	296,280
THIGHS	28-29	35.50	97,360	36.24	219,010
B/S THIGHS	83-84	83.03	73,640	84.95	164,080
WINGS (WHOLE)	85-86	94.15	289,920	93.42	830,760
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.43	44,720	12.42	93,840
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	38.16	13,760	36.65	37,090
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	59.40	14,680	58.67	49,220

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	
	12/28	12/27	12/26	12/25	12/26	12/25	12/21	12/19
ALA	5,605	4,174	3,475	Holiday	5.21	Holiday	5,416	5.11
ARK	7,438	5,369	4,984	Holiday	5.15	Holiday	6,758	4.86
DELMARVA	4,160	2,384	2,227	Holiday	6.38	Holiday	3,500	5.33
KY-LA-TN	2,295	2,052	1,706	Holiday	4.66	Holiday	2,583	4.52
MISS	4,317	2,904	2,481	Holiday	5.36	Holiday	3,435	5.16
NC	3,904	2,599	2,214	Holiday	5.23	Holiday	3,260	6.00
TEXAS	4,526	2,417	2,225	Holiday	5.09	Holiday	3,497	4.94
TOTAL	32,245	21,899	19,312	Holiday	5.29	Holiday	28,449	25.10
MON-FRI	76,074(A)				Holiday		111,215(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 28-Dec 01 and 29-Dec-01 is estimated to be 48,242,000 up 13.00 percent from a week ago and up 14.4 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 42,691,000; last year 42,174,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 29-Dec-01 is estimated to be 137,970,000 head down 13.5 percent from a week ago, and up 18.4 percent from a year ago

(Last week 159,450,000 Last year 116,494,000)

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

	RANGE
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	DRY PACK	95-102
	ICE PACK	93-94
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 December 15, 2001 (Preliminary),

	(A) Fast food/ Food service 4.20 Lbs & down	(B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs	(C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs & Up
-----THOUSANDS-----			
Head	16,831	18,672	25,932
Avg Weight	3.55	4.58	6.18
% of total /1	27%	30%	42%

COMPARISONS			
Last week	30,731	18,082	53,466
Avg Weight	3.76	4.74	6.13
% of total /1	30%	18%	52%
Same week, yr ago /2	21,441	16,824	32,773
Avg Weight	3.74	4.76	6.31
% of total /1	30%	24%	46%
To date/2001	1,525,603	1,332,768	2,146,858
To date/2000	1,622,337	1,621,461	2,022,632

/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 22-Dec-2001 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	159,450(A)	1,942	1,419	3,361	492
AVG WT	4.95	3.23	7.78	5.15	6.30
LAST WEEK	154,764	1,945	1,403	3,348	479
SAME WK YR AGO	148,274	1,364	1,176	2,540	545
AVG WT	5.14	3.96	7.09	5.41	6.39
TO-DATE/2001	7,834,427	90,978	70,660	161,638	25,712
TO-DATE/2000	7,820,313	95,642	72,963	168,605	23,196

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 145.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 161.4 million head or 15.7 million head more than or 11 percent of estimated fryers available.

\*\*\*\*NOTICE\*\*\*\*

#### EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY —

DATE OF AUCTION: DECEMBER 25, 2001

"DUE TO THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY, NO SALES WERE REPORTED FOR DECEMBER 25, AND NO SALES WILL BE REPORTED JANUARY 1, 2002 DUE TO THE NEW YEARS HOLIDAY."

BEGINNING JANUARY 8, 2002, ALL POULTRY WILL BE AI TESTED.

#### EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 24-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 MOSTLY	137	143

MIDWEST MOSTLY	122-126	123-127
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**ROASTERS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	60-67	63-65
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	65-85	65-73

**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 were unchanged. Trade sentiment was at least steady. Demand was good due to the Christmas and New Years holidays. Sizes were in the desirable range. Slaughter schedules reduced. 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 24-DEC-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
NOVEMBER 17	154.1	148.1	104	5.10
24	115.0	149.1	77	4.98
DECEMBER 1	159.0	152.5	104	5.18
8	158.8	154.1	103	5.26
15	156.6	152.0	103	5.08
22	161.4	145.7	111	4.95
YEAR TO DATE	7929.7	7863.8	101	
DECEMBER 29		141.6		
JANUARY 5		144.2		

#### BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

W/E	-----THOUSANDS-----		% CHG	12/30/00	% CHG
	12/29/01	12/22/01			
Broilers	137,970	159,450*	-14	116,494*	+18
Cattle	495	699	-29	552*	-10
Hogs	1,523	2,145	-29	1,634*	-07

Under Federal Inspection

\* ACTUAL

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL** Majority prices were generally unchanged on the light canners, irregular on the heavies when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to fairly good. Supplies were sufficient on lights, about adequate on the heavies. Undertone was generally steady on lights; at least steady on heavies.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
24.5-27 MAJORITY 26-27	30.75-38 MAJORITY 33-34.75

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
25-28.5 MAJORITY 26.5-27	32.75-41 MAJORITY 35-36

**EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices were unchanged. Offerings were mostly adequate for the reduced processing schedules. Demand was fair but generally unaggressive. Canners movement was mostly moderate and clearing. The undertone was steady.

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Trading was too few to report. Demand was light to moderate for fully adequate supplies of light hens. Finished sales were mostly light. Schedules were reduced but as desired. Trade sentiment was barely steady.

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices unchanged. Fully adequate offers continue for the moderate demand. Slaughter schedules reduced next week for the New Year's holiday. Trade sentiment steady.

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plants worked light holiday schedules. Offerings ample.

### **LIVE HENS**

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

<b>HEAVY</b>	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(2)
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
<b>LIGHT</b>	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
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 ranged light to moderate for adequate but reduced offerings. Processing plants were on holiday schedules. Canner supplies were about adequate and clearing satisfactorily. The market tone was at least steady to fully steady.

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate. Offerings were adequate. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales had slowed. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

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