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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were unchanged in the West, unchanged to lower elsewhere. Trade sentiment was mostly steady to about steady in the East. Retail demand was light to fair, at times better where features were active. Food service was fair to good and aided by various factors, such as fast food specials, restaurants, and summer activities. Supplies were better balanced and not as burdensome as before, but still at least adequate for needs. In the parts structure, trading was mixed. Breast items were in good balance to closely cleared and held with confidence, and dark meat was more than sufficient. Wings were in a better supply, but obtainable. In production areas, live supplies were moderate with weights in a full range of light to heavy, but mostly desirable.

**Final 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 08/12/02-08/17/02 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	46.00-48.00	47.71	14	51.18	25
Chicago	45.00-48.00	47.63	42	49.96	84
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	53.07	22
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	61.67	9
Denver	68.50	68.49	17	67.42	19
Detroit	47.00-49.00	48.50	12	53.78	44
Los Angeles	69.00	66.49	66	63.21	165
New York	45.00-48.00	47.30	23	50.13	47
Philadelphia	45.00-47.00	46.36	11	47.30	22
Pittsburgh	45.00-48.00	46.90	10	55.32	58
St. Louis	47.00-47.25	46.73	17	48.76	41
San Francisco	69.50	68.21	29	64.64	88

### Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	08/12/02	Change/Last Wk	08/05/02	08/13/01
624	55.51	-0.04	55.55	59.85

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

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	52.00-54.00	53.01	36
Central	49.00-57.00	53.92	74
West	48.00-61.50	57.78	43

### Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	60.00-63.50	62.89	82
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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 64.00 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
1,157	46.00-65.75	62.44

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	173.00	1,303
BREASTS - B/S	156.60	4,893
BREASTS - WHOLE	83.00	1,148
THIGH MEAT - B/S	62.50	785
LEG QUARTERS	19.00	9,472
WINGS	50.50	3,257

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**NORTHEAST** Trucklot buying activity was light entering the week as dealers kept floor stocks in close balance and cautiously assessed the market. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate, but noted as less burdensome. Movement through retail and distributive channels was limited. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were in good balance and boneless-skinless breasts were sufficient. Dark meat cuts were available and wings were generally adequate.

**SOUTHERN** Trade sentiment was generally steady. Retail demand following the weekend was light to fair, best for features. Food service was slightly better with best interest for fast food promotions. Supplies were in a better balance, but still available if needed. In the parts structure, breast items were in good balance to well cleared and moving well. Dark meat was at least adequate with light demand, and wings were in closer balance with improved movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN** Final majority prices were unchanged from last Monday levels. Trading reported for this week's delivery on regular commitments at generally unchanged prices, however new negotiations were at unchanged to higher prices with small sized product in the strongest position. Offerings were in somewhat better balance. Retailer demand was fairly good, best to cover specials and ads. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. Trading reported on parts for this week's delivery: leg quarter bulk 17.5-18 and 4/10s 19.75-20.25, breast 85-90 bone-in and boneless 145-147, drumstick high 20's, thigh meat 60-67. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was at 51.53 up .88 compared to last week with the reported volume unchanged at 31 loads.

**MIDWEST** Final majority prices unchanged to lower from last Monday's final. The market tone on whole fryers was steady. Offerings were limited with smaller weights in best balance. Buyer interest was moderate. Movement was mixed, slow to fairly good; retail features, fast food, casual dining and summer entertainment events provided best interest. Floor stocks adequate to ample. Weights desirable. Parts trading was selective and generally moderate. Supplies were available with wings mixed, dark meat fully sufficient and breast items held with confidence. Market tone was mostly steady on all items.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was generally no better than fair and was frequently limited to previous commitments. Seller offerings continued to vary in their availability, but were fully sufficient for current needs. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were in a full range of light to heavy. Processor schedules were curtailed in some instances and were moderate to light overall. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 48 to 60 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. In the parts complex, inquiry generally centered on well balanced to tight supplies of bone-in breasts. Other cuts were at least 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	44-60
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	49.85
NO. OF BOXES	10,058
*8 of 8 plants reporting.	

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying activity was about fair entering the week as dealers limited purchases and cautiously assessed the market. Offerings of bone-in breasts were closely cleared and boneless-skinless breasts were generally adequate. Dark meat cuts were at least adequate. Wings were sufficient, but noted as better balanced. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair at best. The market tone was fully steady to firm on bone-in breasts, steady to fully steady on boneless-skinless breasts, and about steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	CURRENT	WTD	VOLUME
NEGOTIATED	TRADING	AVG	LBS
BREAST - B/S	145-150	151.19	430,280
TENDERLOINS	95-100	102.17	201,260
BREAST - WITH RIBS	78-79	82.13	180,040
BREAST - LINE RUN	78	81.35	152,200
LEGS	31-32	32.28	177,400
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	18.78	487,680
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	30.90	126,590
THIGHS	18-19	24.15	104,580
B/S THIGHS	60-61	58.85	101,360
WINGS (WHOLE)	44-45	50.93	312,320
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.31	37,000
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	15-20	19.30	13,120
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	30-35	40.81	27,680

NCLUDES NY CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, N. NJ,MA, CT, RI, AND PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED 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.

**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	1,223	138.00-155.00	140-145	143.29
TENDERLOINS	162	85.00-188.00	-	126.87
BREAST - WITH RIBS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
FRONT HALVES	360	54.00-66.00	-	62.11
LEGS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	805	13.00-16.00	13-14	13.96
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,469	16.00-17.00	16	16.16
WINGS (WHOLE)	132	42.00-74.00	-	45.97
DRUMSTICKS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
THIGHS	1,160	14.00-16.00	-	15.03

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	08/12	08/08	08/08	08/05	08/01
ALA	4,112	4,070	4.98	4067	4.96
ARK	5,412	5,081	4.89	5348	4.97
DELMARVA	2,081	2,398	5.03	2132	5.04
KY-LA-TN	1,982	1,960	4.46	1987	4.45
MISS	2,926	2,888	5.18	2860	5.24
NC	2,615	2,610	5.90	2627	5.72
TEXAS	2,458	2,465	4.77	2453	4.70
TOTAL	21,586	21,472	5.03	21474	5.02
MON	21,586(A)		21474(A)		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 12-Aug 2002 is estimated to be 32,295,000 up 0.22 percent from a week ago and up 3.20 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,224,000 last year 31,295,000)

**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	931	138.00-221.00	146-152	148.70
TENDERLOINS	143	105.00-185.00	110-115	129.78
BREAST - LINE RUN	85	84.00-88.00	84-85	84.59
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	88	18.00-36.00	18-19	19.23
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	401	12.00-17.00	13	13.41
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,340	14.00-26.00	18-19	18.30
WINGS (WHOLE)	281	44.00-52.00	-	50.35
WINGS (CUT)	501	57.00-71.00	58-59	61.16
DRUMSTICKS	66	36.00-42.00	-	36.63
THIGHS	27	36.00-44.00	-	38.05
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR AUG 12, 2002 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
39.65 - 44.50	41.44	40.13

**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 12-AUG - 16-AUG 2002

CENTS PER POUND	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	140.00 - 157.00	145.00 - 150.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	78.00 - 101.00	79.00 - 86.00
LEGS	24.00 - 42.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	15.00 - 19.00	16.00 - 18.00
DRUMSTICKS	24.00 - 42.00	-
THIGHS	16.00 - 42.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	40.00 - 59.00	44.00 - 48.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 42.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 45.00	-

\*\*\*Correction on 08/05/02 Wings (Whole) Mostly Price Should Have Read \*43.00\* - 46.00.

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

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	82
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	85-89
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	-
FROZEN DUCKS	-
FROZEN SQUABS	589

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

FRESH FRYERS	91-93
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	-
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**

**DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	96-103
ROASTERS 4# & UP	104-113
HENS OVER 5#	113
DUCKS	152-166

**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.

09-AUG-2002  
**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	- 13.00-14.00		122,400	-
WTD AVERAGE		13.67		
15-20%				
RANGE	12.00-16.00	9.00-14.00	2,617,200	481,600
WTD AVERAGE	14.16	11.47		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

\* INCLUDES THE STATES OF AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN,

**EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

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WTD AVERAGE				

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— PRICES — VOLUME —  
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	12.00-17.00	13.50-14.00	867,000	266,000
WTD AVERAGE	14.85	13.59		
15-20%				
RANGE	11.50-13.00	9.00-15.00	1,619,782	156,000
WTD AVERAGE	12.58	12.14		
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** Negotiated prices for current week kills were generally unchanged from the past week.

Demand was slow for fully adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were only fair with schedules full at most plants. Trade sentiment was steady at best.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\*

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 12-AUG-02.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.5-11.5 CENTS/LB.	8-9	9.07

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were irregular when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings were mostly fully adequate. Processing schedules were reported as normal to instances heavy. Finished product supplies were adequate to fully adequate for trade needs. The undertone was mostly steady.

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	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-10.5 CENTS/LB.	8-9	8.57

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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