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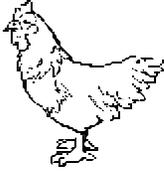
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were mostly unchanged when compared to previous week. Trade sentiment was steady to about steady. Retail demand was fair to moderate, instances better where features showed progress. Food service was fair to good, best into fast food for promotions. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate or available for needs. In the parts structure, trading was mixed and at times cautious. Breast items and wings were balanced to well cleared with wings in the tightest position, and dark meat was more than sufficient with limited interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 08/19/02-08/24/02 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD	LOADS	WTD	LOADS
		AVG		AVG	
Bos/New Eng	47.00-49.00	47.88	16	51.25	34
Chicago	45.00-48.00	47.77	44	49.82	87
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	53.45	21
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	61.67	9
Denver	68.50	68.47	17	66.83	21
Detroit	47.00-49.00	48.50	12	53.42	44
Los Angeles	69.00	66.39	67	62.34	211
New York	45.00-48.00	47.42	24	50.69	50
Philadelphia	45.50-48.00	47.40	10	47.83	21
Pittsburgh	45.00-48.00	46.95	11	55.15	59
St. Louis	47.00-47.25	46.77	20	48.74	40
San Francisco	69.50	68.33	30	70.70	42
Composite 12 City Weighted Average					
Loads	08/19/02	Change/Last Wk	08/12/02	08/20/01	
639	55.55	0.04	55.51	61.39	

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	51.00-54.00	53.07	36
Central	49.00-57.00	53.23	75
West	49.00-61.50	58.90	42

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	60.00-64.00	63.56	80
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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	45.00-66.25	62.71

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	175.50	1,298
BREASTS - B/S	157.50	4,898
BREASTS - WHOLE	85.50	1,133
THIGH MEAT - B/S	63.00	785
LEG QUARTERS	19.00	9,457
WINGS	51.50	3,257

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity was about fair entering the week as dealers kept floor stocks in close balance and cautiously assessed the market. Offerings of the 3 pound and larger birds ranged adequate to balanced, although, the 2.5 pound birds were available. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items were sufficient. Dark meat cuts were at least adequate. Wings were closely cleared.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand following the weekend was light to good, best for retail ads and fast food specials. Supplies were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, breast items and wings were in the strongest positions with supplies balanced to well cleared, and dark meat items were available with mixed interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range, but mostly desirable.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged from last Monday's level. Trading reported for this week's deliveries were at mainly unchanged prices for regular commitments, with new negotiations at unchanged to higher prices. Offerings were easily adequate to cover current needs and often confidently held. Retailers demand by white tablecloth restaurants moderate, fast food fairly good and stores good best where ads planned. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. Trading reported on parts for this week's delivery: leg quarter bulk 18-18.5 and 4/10s 20-20.25, breast 87-92 bone-in and boneless 145-150. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 52.50 up .97 with the reported volume down 3 percent to 30 loads.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices unchanged from last Monday's final. Market tone on whole fryers was steady. Offerings were light to moderate for similar trade interest. Most points noted fairly good weekend clearance, best for casual dining, fast food and some retail features. Floor stocks were in a full range, but generally balanced. Weights desirable. Parts trading was fair on adequate to instances limited offerings. Supplies of wings and occasionally breast items were barely adequate, dark meat items adequate. Market tone was steady fully steady on breast items, steady to firm on wings and steady on remaining items.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds ranged fair to moderate entering the week. Supplies of the 2.5 pound birds remained adequate to available, but the heavier weights were better balanced. Live supplies were moderate; weights were light to heavy, mostly light to desirable. Processor schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 48 to 60 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. Inquiry for parts was selective as dealers assessed the market, however, wings were in the best balance and the remainder of cuts were sufficient.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARA.

	U.S. GRADE A
RANGE	45-64
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	50.43
NO. OF BOXES	9,399

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was cautious and selective entering the week as dealers attempted to assess the market. Offerings of breast items ranged balanced to adequate. Dark meat cuts were at least sufficient. Wings were clearing well. Movement through retail and distributive channels was limited. The market tone was fully steady on wings 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 NEGOTIATED	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	145-150	151.76	397,720
TENDERLOINS	100	107.32	185,040
BREAST - WITH RIBS	81-82	86.98	283,800
BREAST - LINE RUN	81	82.71	135,840
LEGS	31-32	35.33	130,120
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	18.42	429,554
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	30.86	118,990
THIGHS	18-19	21.28	171,500
B/S THIGHS	60-61	57.65	114,280
WINGS (WHOLE)	49-50	50.03	181,520
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.31	28,640
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	15-20	22.45	11,680
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	30-35	42.74	26,720

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	1,314	135.00-154.00	140-145	141.98
TENDERLOINS	64	108.00-187.00	-	144.06
BREAST - WITH RIBS	212	90.00-116.00	90-92	91.46
FRONT HALVES	520	62.00	-	62.00
LEGS	NO TRADING REPORTED	-	-	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	652	14.00-16.00	14	14.16
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,066	15.00-17.00	16-17	16.02
WINGS (WHOLE)	101	46.00-73.00	46	48.62
DRUMSTICKS	NO TRADING REPORTED	-	-	-
THIGHS	1,400	14.00-16.00	14-15	14.97

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	08/19	08/15	08/15	08/12	08/08
ALA	4,110	4,108	5.03	4,080	4.98
ARK	5,506	5,367	4.94	5,133	4.89
DELMARVA	2,376	2,332	4.98	2,091	5.03
KY-LA-TN	2,022	2,008	4.44	1,971	4.46
MISS	2,835	2,799	5.17	2,907	5.18
NC	2,625	2,604	5.90	2,589	5.90
TEXAS	2,467	2,438	4.83	2,481	4.77
TOTAL	21,941	21,656	5.05	21,252	5.03
MON	21,941(A)			21,252(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 19-Aug 2002 is estimated to be 32,826,000 up 2.93 percent from a week ago and up 6.33 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,891,000 last year 30,871,000)

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	891	138.00-223.00	147-153	149.88
TENDERLOINS	146	112.00-185.00	115	130.58
BREAST - LINE RUN	85	84.00-88.00	84-85	84.28
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	90	21.00-34.00	21-22	22.28
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	388	13.00-17.00	14	14.11
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,337	15.00-26.00	18-19	18.84
WINGS (WHOLE)	296	50.00-54.00	-	52.50
WINGS (CUT)	514	62.00-75.00	62-64	66.12
DRUMSTICKS	69	34.00-47.00	-	35.47
THIGHS	27	34.00-44.00	-	36.78
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR AUG 19, 2002 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
40.25 - 44.50	41.86	42.50

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 19-AUG - 23-AUG 2002

CENTS PER POUND	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	140.00 - 157.00	145.00 - 150.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	79.00 - 102.00	79.00 - 86.00
LEGS	20.00 - 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)	46.00 - 62.00	48.00 - 51.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	25.00 - 42.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 45.00	-

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

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	81
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	84-88
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	DRY PACK	96-103
	ICE PACK	94-95
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-113
	DRY PACK	113
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	
	ICE PACK	94-98
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.

CHICKEN 16-AUG-2002
 _____ 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	14.50-17.00	13.50-14.00	828,000	262,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.80	13.75		
15-20%				
RANGE	11.00-15.00	9.00-15.00	1,556,000	104,000
WTD AVERAGE	12.73	12.26		
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 Prices were generally unchanged compared to the past week. Demand was light to no better than moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Schedules were full at processing plants. Finished sales were slow to fair. Trade sentiment was steady at best.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
 FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 19-AUG-02

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5.5-11.75	8-9	9.19

*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.

CHICKEN 16-AUG-2002
 _____ 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	15.50	13.00-14.00	204,000	-
WTD AVERAGE	15.50	13.67		
15-20%				
RANGE	11.00-15.00	11.00-14.00	1,758,410	844,800
WTD AVERAGE	11.47	11.59		
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 light to moderate. Offerings were fully adequate. Processing schedules were reported as normal to instances heavy. Finished product supplies were fully sufficient for trade needs. The undertone was mostly steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 19-AUG-02.

	RANGE	MAJORITY CENTS/LB.	WTD	AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING		6-10.5	8-9	8.70
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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