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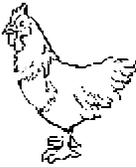
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices for next week were trending higher in the East, unchanged elsewhere. Trade sentiment was at least steady. Demand into all channels was fair to fairly good, best for retail features and active first of the month business. Also, interest over the extended weekend and for Labor Day is expected to be good. Supplies of all sizes were sufficient to handle trade needs. Processing schedules were mixed with various plants down Monday, and some operating tomorrow or next Saturday. In the parts structure, demand was light to moderate. Tenders were short with all other breast items balanced. Dark meat and wings were in better supply, but still obtainable. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights 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 09/02/02-09/07/02 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
(Including branded product)				
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	45.00-48.00	44.00-59.75	47.41	23
Los Angeles	69.00			
New York	47.00-50.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	60.00-64.00	46.00-64.50	63.68	83

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 64.25 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.
816	55.25-66.50	64.07
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:		
ITEM	WTD. AVG.	VOLUME
	(CENTS PER POUND)	(000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	181.50	1,082
BREASTS - B/S	156.50	4,557
BREASTS - WHOLE	85.00	1,118
THIGH MEAT - B/S	59.00	705
LEG QUARTERS	18.50	7,390
WINGS	52.50	3,360

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MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices into the Chicago area were unchanged from last Monday's final. Whole fryer trade sentiment was steady. Offers on whole fryers and Wog's varied along with buyer interest. Retail demand was slightly elevated, mostly fair to occasionally fairly good into resort areas and where features were in progress. Food service trade was irregular and mostly moderate. The possibility of a baseball strike and the Chicago hotel workers strike was affecting some receivership operations. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. Weights desirable. Trading on parts selective and limited for the moderate offerings. The market tone remained steady on all items.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand entering the extended holiday weekend was light to moderate, and trading limited since most needs have been satisfied. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient for trade needs. Processing schedules for next week are mixed, with most plants observing Monday's holiday and some operating either tomorrow or next Saturday to compensate. In the parts structure, trading was fair to moderate. Holiday needs absorbed availability with breast items and dark meat better balanced to close, and wings were readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices were unchanged from last Friday's levels. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Reported trading for next week's deliveries on regular commitments at unchanged prices however new negotiations were unchanged to mainly higher. Offerings were generally adequate and confidently held. Retailer demand was good to cover first-of-the month and the extended 3-day Labor Day weekend needs. Dealers anticipated good weekend clearances. Ads noted (per pound unless otherwise stated): Southern California - whole body 69-119, whole cut-up 99-119, whole split 98-119, cornish hen 219 each, cornish hen 12 count case 1899, boneless breast 169-198, boneless breast 3# IQF 717, boneless thigh meat marinated 228, boneless leg meat 98-99, split breast 87-117, whole leg 99, leg quarter 10# bag 190-390, wings 69-99, party wings 4# IQF 499, party wings 5# 499, thigh 87-99, drumstick 87-99, pieces (mixed) fried for 399-499, 16 pieces (8 drumstick and 8 thigh) fried for 399; Northern California - whole body 69-99, whole cut-up 129, split breast 99-199; Colorado - boneless breast tenders 399, boneless breast tenders 2.5# IQF 750, boneless breast fillets 299, hot wings 3# IQF 299, leg quarter 39, 8 pieces (mixed) fried for 399-499, 16 pieces (mixed) fried for 799, 24 pieces (mixed) fried for 1197, 50 pieces (mixed) fried for 599-899, 100 pieces (mixed) fried for 4899, 500 pieces (mixed) fried for 23499; Arizona - whole split 129, boneless breast 279-429, boneless breast 2.5# IQF 799-899, boneless breast fillets 399, split breast 129, leg quarter 89, leg quarter 10# bag 390, hot wing 299, thigh 69-149, drumstick 69-149, chicken kabob 399, 8 pieces (mixed) fried for 299-499.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was only moderate for the holiday weekend. Offerings of 3.5 pound and larger birds were available. However, lighter sizes were in good balance. Movement through retail and distributive channels improved but was still mostly fair. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, breast items were clearing to occasionally short but mostly sufficient for needs. Tenders were short to adequate. Dark meat cuts and wings remained available but in a improved position.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds increased as buyers sought to insure adequate supplies through the holiday extended weekend. Seller offerings were generally adequate and in fairly good balance. Live supplies were moderate; weights light to heavy, mostly light to desirable. Processor schedules were moderately heavy to heavy as some plants looked to operate on Saturday. Light and spotty operations were also planned for Monday. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 49 to 60 cents. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, supplies were adequate to well cleared.

*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		45-64
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		50.43
NO. OF BOXES		15,358
CUMULATIVE	08/26/02-08/30/02	50.81
	08/27/01-08/31/01	60.16
NO. OF BOXES	08/26/02-08/30/02	52,233
	08/27/01-08/31/01	63,894

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

AUG 29		SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS								AUG 30	
ITEM	POUNDS		WTD		POUNDS		WTD		WEEKLY		
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG	
BREAST - B/S	926	138.00-223.00	140-148	147.17	716	138.00-223.00	140-146	146.35	4,390	147.85	
TENDERLOINS	238	120.00-190.00	-	148.82	176	115.00-190.00	115-120	131.22	759	141.06	
BREAST - LINE RUN	121	81.00-88.00	82-84	83.34	90	84.00-89.00	84-86	84.89	463	84.30	
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				313		72.38
LEGS	88	21.00-34.00	21-22	22.18	87	21.00-34.00	21-22	22.05	438	22.13	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	388	14.00-17.00	15	14.94	388	14.00-17.00	15	15.04	1,900	14.71	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,417	16.00-26.00	18-19	18.68	1,417	16.00-26.00	18-19	19.01	7,075	18.59	
WINGS (WHOLE)	283	53.00-57.00	53-54	54.20	283	53.00-57.00	53-54	54.20	1,414	54.20	
WINGS (CUT)	372	63.00-75.00	63-65	64.91	423	63.00-77.00	63-65	66.62	2,162	66.61	
DRUMSTICKS	70	34.00-47.00	-	35.45	65	34.00-47.00	-	35.09	341	35.39	
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				27	34.00-44.00	-	36.11	137	36.73	
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				55	51.00-65.00	-	56.09	205	58.00	
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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS					WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS						
TRADING FOR AUG 29, 2002 F.O.B. DOCK.					TRADING FOR AUG 30, 2002 F.O.B. DOCK.						
		RANGE		TODAY'S AVERAGE				RANGE		TODAY'S AVERAGE	
		42.75 - 46.50		44.27				43.00 - 46.50		44.52	
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 was moderate as dealers stocked inventories for the holiday weekend. Offerings of breast items were usually in close balance but still sufficient, tenders ranged from tight to short. Dark meat cuts and wings were in a better position but available for full needs. Movement into retail and distributive outlets was only moderate for the holiday weekend. The market tone was steady.

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

AUG 29		CURRENT NEG			WTD			AUG 30	
ITEM	TRADING*	VOL/LBS	AVG**	WTD	TRADING*	VOL/LBS	AVG**	WEEKLY	
								WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	145-150	500,360	149.97	149.97	145-150	317,640	151.07	150.18	2,472,480
TENDERLOINS	120-125	165,600	121.48	121.48	120-125	78,600	118.40	119.66	742,123
BREAST - WITH RIBS	81-82	232,840	84.99	84.99	81-82	512,100	86.87	86.48	1,200,620
BREAST - LINE RUN	81	125,320	83.87	83.87	81	72,836	83.65	83.52	594,556
LEGS	31-32	112,800	33.15	33.15	31-32	117,800	37.10	32.09	837,400
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	536,658	17.83	17.83	17-18	532,648	18.06	18.49	2,344,128
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	206,380	26.79	26.79	29-30	190,760	27.95	27.87	902,900
THIGHS	19-20	58,210	31.43	31.43	19-20	83,480	31.70	31.13	370,780
B/S THIGHS	60-61	93,400	58.79	58.79	60-61	106,040	55.12	57.35	495,370
WINGS (WHOLE)	50-51	204,860	56.20	56.20	50-51	219,880	54.90	56.36	1,118,004
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	23,480	12.33	12.33	10-12	40,280	12.11	12.20	149,240
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	15-20	16,440	20.72	20.72	15-20	10,080	22.76	21.25	68,330
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	16,680	50.36	50.36	40-45	17,760	52.04	49.77	86,070
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		ACTUAL WTS	
	08/30	08/29	08/28	08/27	08/28	08/27	08/23	08/21
ALA	4,498	4,042	4,029	4,140	5.01	5.04	4,277	5.03
ARK	6,514	5,450	5,461	5,404	4.91	4.92	5,702	4.87
DELMARVA	2,603	2,360	2,352	2,345	5.03	5.04	2,311	5.15
KY-LA-TN	2,188	2,015	1,906	1,933	4.43	4.52	1,962	4.51
MISS	3,220	2,903	2,877	2,738	5.20	5.29	2,908	5.29
NC	3,216	2,691	2,642	2,659	5.91	5.91	2,487	5.91
TEXAS	2,568	2,463	2,459	2,314	4.83	4.77	3,138	4.82
TOTAL	24,807	21,924	21,726	21,528	5.05	5.07	22,785	5.07
MON-FRI	112,764(A)				108,827(A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 30-Aug 02 and 31-Aug-02 is estimated to be 37,114,000 up 8.55 percent from a week ago and up 1.7 percent from a year ago. (Last week 34,191,000; last year 36,492,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 31-Aug-02 is estimated to be 163,381,000 head up 2 percent from a week ago, and up 1 percent from a year ago (Last week 160,767,000 Last year 161,602,000)

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

	RANGE
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

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 17-Aug-02 (Preliminary),

	(A) Fast food/ Food service	(B) Retail	(C) Deboning
	4.20 Lbs & down	4.21-5.25 Lbs	5.26 Lbs & Up
-----THOUSANDS-----			

Head	15,906	15,741	22,779
Avg Weight	3.874	5.84	5.84
% of total /1	29%	29%	42%

COMPARISONS

Last week	17,251	121,381	28,745
Avg Weight	3.844	6.33	6.33
% of total /1	26%	32%	43%

Same week, yr ago /2	30,950	33,280	38,253
Avg Weight	3.804	5.99	5.99
% of total /1	30%	32%	37%

To date/2002	904,231	774,063	1,437,609
To date/2001	1,072,917	907,576	1,451,520

/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 24-Aug-2002 (PRELIMINARY)

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

HEAD	160,767	1,779	1,650	3,429	405
AVG WT	4.99	3.32	7.93	5.54	6.79
LAST WEEK	159,433	1,764	1,523	3,287	400
SAME WK YR AGO	158,648	1,696	1,421	3,117	528
AVG WT	4.92	3.39	8.16	5.56	6.54
TO-DATE/2002	5,275,244	60,042	46,838	106,880	14,588
TO-DATE/2001	5,217,657	59,932	46,786	106,718	16,999

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 160.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 162.7 million head or 2.7 million head more than or 102% of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: AUGUST 27, 2002

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL POULTRY

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.00 - 1.05	Pigeons	2.35 - 3.10ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.30 - 1.40	White Pigeons	3.10 - 4.10ea.
Pekin Ducks	.75	Rabbits	
Red Fowl 4-4.5 LB	.40 - .60	4-6 LBS	.85 - 1.05
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.60 - .80	Rabbits	
Crossbred Roosters		7-11 LBS	.90 - 1.00
4-6 LBS	.40 - .50	Bunnies	3.00 - 5.00ea.
Crossbred Roosters		Guinea Pigs	5.25 - 6.50ea.
7-11 LBS	.60 - .80	Goats	24.00 - 27.00ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.20 - 1.30	Doves	3.50 - 4.50ea.
Banty Roosters	3.00 - 4.50ea.	Chukars	2.60 - 2.90ea.
Banty Hens	2.50 - 4.00ea.	Total Coops Sold	440
Silgies	1.50 - 2.00ea.		
Geese			
9-14 LBS	.50 - .55		

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 26-AUG-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

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	52-57	56-57
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	62-85	63-75

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. The trade sentiment was steady. Demand was moderate to fairly good.

Weights were in the desirable range. Schedules full-time to over-time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.25-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.35-1.45, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$.35-.50, livers at \$.75-1.70, and feet at \$.80-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 26-AUG-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	AVG WT
JULY	20	161.9	163.1 99% 5.01
	27	163.2	163.4 100% 5.07
AUGUST	3	159.6	162.5 98% 4.99
	10	162.5	162.1 100% 5.02
	17	161.4	161.9 100% 5.12
	24	162.7	160.0 102% 4.99
YEAR TO DATE	5338.3	5388.8	99%
AUGUST	31	157.2	
SEPTEMBER	7	157.0	

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

	-----THOUSANDS-----					
W/E	08/31/02	08/24/02	% CHG	09/01/01	% CHG	
Broilers	163,381	160,767*	+02	161,602*	+01	
Cattle	715	725	-01	720*	-01	
Hogs	2,011	1,958	+03	1,868*	+08	
Under Federal Inspection						
* ACTUAL						

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL Majority prices were unchanged on light canners but slightly higher on heavy canners when compared to a week earlier. Supplies were fully adequate on lights, about adequate to adequate on heavies. Demand was moderate with traders unaggressive for irregular offerings. The undertone on limited trading was at least steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
20-26 MAJORITY 20-21	29-36 MAJORITY 29-31

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
22-27.5 MAJORITY 22-22.5	30-38 MAJORITY 31-32.5

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Demand was slow and unaggressive for fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules for next week were reported as less than normal due to the holiday week. Movement of finished product was moderate with offerings usually sufficient for full needs. The undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings from production areas. Finished sales were slow with current schedules easily satisfying needs. Trade sentiment was steady at best.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices unchanged. Demand was fair with offerings adequate to available. Slaughter schedules reduced for next week due to the upcoming Labor Day holiday. Trade sentiment steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plant schedules moderate. 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 f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	(2)
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 fair for usually adequate to fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as less than normal for the holiday week. Finished product supplies cleared easily and were about adequate to adequate for full trade needs. The undertone was generally steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Negotiations were too few to report. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were full and produced at least adequate volume for needs. Trade sentiment was steady at best.

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