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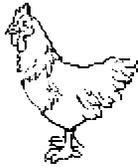
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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices for next week's trading was trending higher in the East, irregular, but mostly unchanged in all other areas. Trade sentiment was fully steady in the Northeast, about steady in the West, steady elsewhere. Retail demand was slow to moderate. Food service covered the full range, best into fast food and restaurants. Supplies were at least adequate for trade needs. In the parts structure, wings remained seasonally strong with supplies tight, and dark meat was available. Tenders were balanced with all other breast items adequate to ample and at times discounted to help clear. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, mostly desirable to slightly heavier.

**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 09/16/02-09/21/02 (cents per lb)

### US GRADE A

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
(Including branded product)				
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	45.00-48.00	40.00-59.75	47.96	24
Los Angeles	69.00			
New York	49.00-52.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	61.50-64.00	42.00-66.00	63.59	80

**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.
840	55.25-66.50	64.10
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:		
ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	182.50	1,147
BREASTS - B/S	158.00	4,523
BREASTS - WHOLE	84.00	1,135
THIGH MEAT - B/S	59.00	846
LEG QUARTERS	19.00	8,080
WINGS	55.00	3,107

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**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into the Chicago area were unchanged from last Monday's final. Whole fryer market tone was mostly steady. Offers of Wogs and whole birds adequate with buyer's cautious and keeping commitments in close balance. Retail and food service demand remained mostly slow to fair at best. Floor stocks in a full range. Weights desirable to occasionally heavy. Parts trading best for wings, limited on remaining items. Supplies of wings were in balance to tight, leg quarters adequate, tenderloins varied with boneless/skinless and whole breasts fully adequate to ample. The market tone was steady to firm on wings, steady on tenders and leg quarters, and barely steady to weak remaining breast items.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand entering the weekend was slow to moderate with features and promotions having best movement. Supplies were usually sufficient to handle light trade needs. In the parts structure, wings were in the strongest position with supplies close to tight and sought. Breast items were more available with decreased interest, and dark meat was improved, but still available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Preliminary majority prices were unchanged. Trading reported for next week's deliveries at generally unchanged prices on regular commitments with new negotiations at unchanged to generally lower prices. Offerings were ample. Discounts reported as commonplace to help stimulate buying interest. Demand by stores moderate to good, white tablecloth restaurants moderate overall and good by fast food; best for parts and to cover features. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances. The market tone was about steady to fully steady on white meat items with wings in the strongest position, dark meat items was steady to fully steady with boneless thigh in the strongest position. Ads noted (per pound unless otherwise stated): Southern California - whole body 49-99, whole cut-up 97-139, whole seasoned 97, whole organic 269, cornish 149, boneless breast 177-249, boneless breast 3# IQF 537, boneless breast marinated 547, boneless leg meat 79-119, split breast 97-119, whole leg 99, leg quarter 10# bag 280-390, leg quarter 40# case 999-1098, wings 99, thigh 69-99, drumstick 69-99, chicken franks 97-119, chicken franks 3# package 399, chicken bologna 97, 8 pieces (mixed) fried for 299; Northern California - whole body 59, whole cut-up 99, roaster 119, Cornish 149, boneless breast 199-299, split breast 99-249 drumstick 99, whole leg 99, thigh 99; Colorado - whole body 99, boneless breast 179-299, split breast 149, drumstick 79-99, thigh 79-199, wings 2.5# IQF 499, 8 piece (mixed) fried for 299-499; Arizona - whole body 79-119, whole cut-up 99, cornish 199, boneless breast 199-299, boneless breast 2.5# IQF 599, breast tenders 2.5# IQF 599, split breast 199 (buy one get one), leg quarter 10# bag 390, chicken kabob 387, 8 pieces (mixed) fried for 499.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was moderate as dealers assumed product to cover weekend needs. Offerings of all sizes were in good balance. Movement through retail and distributive channels was about moderate. The market tone was fully steady. In the parts complex, breast items were fully adequate and occasionally discounted to clear excess product. Dark meat cuts were at least sufficient. Tenderloins ranged adequate to balanced. Wings were clearing well under continued seasonal interest.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was mostly moderate entering the weekend. Seller offerings were about adequate for current inquiry. Live supplies were moderate; weights were in a full range of light to heavy, mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 52 to 64 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady. In the parts complex, wings and tenders continued in good balance and were well cleared. Breast items were fully adequate to available. Other cuts were sufficient for current inquiry. \*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		49-64
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		53.49
NO. OF BOXES		7,507
CUMULATIVE	09/09/02-09/13/02	53.13
	09/10/01-09/14/01	62.70
NO. OF BOXES	09/09/02-09/13/02	45,778
	09/10/01-09/14/01	70,276

\*8 of 8 plants reporting.

SEP 12

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

SEP 13

ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS				WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	911	138.00-223.00	140-145	144.40	835	135.00-223.00	137-142	140.83	4,407	144.21
TENDERLOINS	146	125.00-190.00	125-127	140.16	139	125.00-190.00	-	143.09	702	140.49
BREAST - LINE RUN	118	81.00-87.00	82-85	83.81	113	82.00-87.00	82-85	84.25	507	85.00
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				369	71.95
LEGS	88	20.00-34.00	20-21	21.27	88	21.00-34.00	21-22	22.18	439	22.00
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	398	15.00-17.00	16	15.79	438	15.00-17.00	15-16	15.81	2,150	15.44
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,256	17.00-26.00	18-20	19.30	1,296	17.00-26.00	18-20	19.32	6,568	19.20
WINGS (WHOLE)	286	52.00-60.00	54-56	55.78	286	52.00-61.00	56	55.90	1,430	55.09
WINGS (CUT)	423	66.00-79.00	66-68	69.56	487	65.00-81.00	67-69	71.30	2,211	68.74
DRUMSTICKS	68	34.00-47.00	-	35.53	67	34.00-47.00	-	35.52	340	35.51
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				113	39.03
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				245	56.33

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

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RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
43.25 - 45.50	44.23

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
43.00 - 45.50	44.16	43.70

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 increased slightly entering the weekend but was moderate overall as dealers attempted to keep floor stocks in good balance. Offerings of breast items were fully adequate and available at discounted levels. Dark meat cuts were at least sufficient. Wings continued to clear well. Tenderloins ranged adequate to balanced. Movement through retail and distributive channels was about moderate. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm on wings, barely steady to weak on breast items and steady on the balance.

TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER LB.

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD	CURRENT NEG			WEEKLY	
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	150	152.29	387,840	145-150	148.74	438,840	151.38	2,198,140	
TENDERLOINS	125-130	133.52	102,280	125-130	128.46	159,720	127.15	757,040	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	79-80	85.63	210,920	77-78	86.63	195,960	87.01	821,660	
BREAST - LINE RUN	79	80.03	134,720	77	79.51	194,520	81.07	750,200	
LEGS	31-32	34.69	116,480	31-32	31.76	179,560	33.38	813,880	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	18.19	373,747	17-18	18.09	359,865	18.39	2,420,546	
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	35.63	64,780	29-30	32.43	115,910	32.17	645,060	
THIGHS	19-20	31.56	57,720	19-20	30.29	70,920	30.52	370,700	
B/S THIGHS	60-61	57.03	84,280	60-61	62.74	52,640	60.90	400,220	
WINGS (WHOLE)	54-55	59.84	199,280	55-56	60.89	330,960	58.84	1,357,030	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.26	31,120	10-12	12.47	25,560	12.21	169,480	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	20-25	26.28	10,465	20-25	23.11	16,160	25.71	88,410	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	59.26	17,560	50-55	59.55	16,240	58.59	102,850	

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		
	09/13	09/12	09/11	09/10	09/11	09/10	09/06	09/04	
ALA	4,401	4,094	3,947	4,089	5.05	5.06	4,217	5.13	
ARK	5,387	5,365	5,287	5,328	4.94	4.99	6,415	4.94	
DELMARVA	2,580	2,363	2,419	2,378	5.02	5.10	2,815	5.09	
KY-LA-TN	2,177	2,033	2,027	2,372	4.26	4.54	2,372	4.68	
MISS	2,836	2,867	2,867	2,820	5.36	5.42	3,113	5.29	
NC	2,633	2,699	2,582	2,659	6.03	6.02	3,219	6.05	
TEXAS	2,590	2,468	2,475	2,515	4.88	4.86	2,515	4.88	
TOTAL	22,604	21,889	21,604	22,125	5.08	5.13	24,666	5.14	
MON-FRI109,729(A)								94,074(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 13-Sep 02 and 14-Sep-02 is estimated to be 33,818,000 down 8.63 percent from a week ago and down 2.7 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 37,014,000; last year 34,754,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 14-Sep-02 is estimated to be 159,991,000 head up 14 percent from a week ago, and unchanged from a year ago

(Last week 140,001,000 Last year 159,987,000)

**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#	75
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

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 31-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	19,467	14,108	26,570
Avg Weight	4.00	4.86	5.89
% of total /1	32%	23%	44%

**COMPARISONS**

Last week	14,275	8,249	16,530
Avg Weight	3.90	4.78	6.30
% of total /1	37%	21%	42%
Same week, yr ago /2	36,307	34,742	39,639
Avg Weight	3.81	4.77	6.03
% of total /1	33%	31%	36%

To date/2002	937,973	796,420	1,480,709
To date/2001	1,131,959	964,193	1,520,453

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 07-Sep-2002 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	140,001	1,156	1,084	2,240	348
AVG WT	5.05	3.60	7.90	5.68	6.72
LAST WEEK	165,624	1,848	1,640	3,488	384
SAME WK YR AGO	141,857	1,633	1,320	2,953	443
AVG WT	4.95	3.40	7.89	5.41	6.78
TO-DATE/2002	5,580,869	63,046	49,562	112,608	15,320
TO-DATE/2001	5,521,116	63,489	49,516	113,005	18,015

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 157.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 141.7 million head or -15.3 million head less than or 90% of estimated fryers available.

**EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: SEP 10, 2002**

\*\*\*AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL POULTRY\*\*\*

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.95 - 1.20	Silkie	1.25 - 2.00ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.00 - 1.30	Geese	
Pekin Ducks	.75 - .90	9-14 LBS	.50 - .60
Red Fowl 4-4.5 LBS	.40 - .60	Pigeons	1.25 - 1.90ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.75 - 1.00	White Pigeons	1.75 - 2.25ea.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.30 - .50	Rabbits	
Crossbred Roosters		4-6 LBS	.30 - .40
4-6 LBS	.70 - .90	Rabbits	
Crossbred Roosters		7-11 LBS	.30 - .40
7-11 LBS	.70 - .90	Bunnies	1.00 - 3.50ea.
Banty Roosters	2.75 - 4.50ea.	Guinea Pigs	4.75 - 6.75ea.
Banty Hens	2.50 - 3.50ea.	Goats	24.00 - 30.00ea.
Leghorn Hens	.04 - .10	Doves	3.50 - 7.00
Leghorn Roosters	.08 - .12		

Total Coops Sold 440

**EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 09-SEP-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)	55-60	59-60
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	63-85	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 were full-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 09-SEP-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
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
31	167.6	157.2	107% 4.90
SEPTEMBER 7	141.7	157.0	90% 5.05
YEAR TO DATE	5505.9	5546.0	99%
SEPTEMBER 14		158.6	
21		159.0	

**BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**

	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	09/14/02	09/07/02	% CHG	09/15/01	% CHG
Broilers	159,991	140,001*	+14	159,987*	0
Cattle	666	632	+05	700*	-05
Hogs	2,049	1,853	+11	1,938*	+06

Under Federal Inspection

\* ACTUAL

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Majority prices were unchanged on heavy canners; unchanged to slightly higher on lights when compared to a week earlier. Trading was moderate for the mostly fair to fairly good demand. Offerings were at least adequate to adequate. The undertone was steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b>
<b>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>(WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
20-26 MAJORITY 20-20.5	28-36 MAJORITY 30-31

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b>
<b>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>(WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
22-27.5 MAJORITY 22-22.5	29-38 MAJORITY 31-32.5

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

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Trading was too few to report. Demand for leghorn fowl was light. Offerings easily exceeded finished product requirements. Trade sentiment was steady.

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices unchanged. Offerings at least fully adequate to mostly ample for the fair demand. Many producers are currently paying increased freight charges to move spent fowl into rendering and slaughter operations. Slaughter schedules full-time for next week. Trade sentiment steady.

**WEST COAST LIGHT** Plant schedules full. Offerings ample.

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was fair for the adequate to fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal. Finished product supplies cleared satisfactorily and were at least adequate for trade needs. The undertone was steady.

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Sales were too few to report. Interest was moderate for fully adequate offerings from production areas. Schedules were normal with dressed supplies adequate for needs. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

**LIVE HENS**

Preliminary Price, Cents Per LB., Generally For Slaughter  
The Week of 16-SEP-02.

<b>HEAVY</b>	<b>RANGE</b>
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR (1)
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR (2)
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR
South Central Heavy	TFEWR (1)

**LIGHT** **RANGE**  
Cents Per LB., Day Of Negotiation, Generally For Slaughter Within  
The Next 10 Days.

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

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