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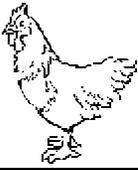
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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices for next week's trading were trending lower in the East and Midwest, but unchanged on regular commitments in the West. Trade sentiment was barely steady in the West and barely steady to weak in other areas of the country. Retail demand was fairly good in the West as feature activity stimulated consumer interest, but elsewhere, draw was noted as sluggish. Food service demand was mixed in a full range of light to good. Supplies of all sizes remained ample and discounted. In the parts structure, breast items continued in ample supply and wings were readily available. The balance of cuts were fully adequate for the cautious and selective buying interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range of light to heavy.

**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 09/30/02-10/05/02 (cents per lb)

### US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	40.00-43.00	35.00-59.25	43.00	27
Los Angeles	69.00			
New York	44.00-46.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	60.00-63.00	37.00-64.50	62.87	80

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 63.75 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.
852	54.75-65.75	63.59

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	180.50	1,127
BREASTS - B/S	147.00	4,558
BREASTS - WHOLE	74.00	1,115
THIGH MEAT - B/S	61.50	841
LEG QUARTERS	19.00	8,070
WINGS	57.00	3,077

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**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Preliminary majority prices for next week's trading into the Chicago area were lower from Monday's final. Offering though more limited were ample for the light trade interest. Whole fryer market tone was cautiously steady to weak. Retail movement was slow to instances fair with the majority of players' cautious going into first of the month. Food service demand was mixed, slow to instances good, best into casual dining and delis. Floor stocks were adequate to ample. Weights generally desirable. Trading on part items continued on a limited basis, as buyers remain cautious and price sensitive. Offerings were moderate to plentiful with wings and breast items in the longest position. The market tone was generally steady on dark meat items and tenders, and barely steady to weak on the balance of items.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Retail demand was light to fair at best and generally unaggressive. Food service was slow to fair. Supplies of all sizes were readily available and competitively priced to help clear additional product. In the parts structure, breast items were fully adequate to ample and slow to clear; wings were available. Other items were at least adequate to fully adequate for the limited demand. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Preliminary majority prices were unchanged from last week. Trading reported for next week's deliveries at generally unchanged prices on regular commitments with new negotiations at mainly lower prices. Offerings remained ample and difficult to place. Buyers reported sharply discounted product easily available with very little additional interest noted going into the weekend. Demand by stores fairly good where features in progress otherwise only fair, white table clothe restaurants fair and fast food fairly good. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances. Trade sentiment was barely steady on parts. Ads noted (per pound unless otherwise stated): Southern California - whole body 59-99, whole cut-up 89-149, Cornish hens 98, cornish hens marinated 149, boneless breast 169-377, boneless breast 2# IQF 699, boneless breast tenders 299-377, boneless leg meat 99-167, split breast 97-99, whole leg 99-149, leg quarter 8# bag 384, leg quarter 10# bag 190-390, leg quarter 40# case 999, wings 87-99, party wings 4# IQF 449, thigh 59-149, drumstick 59-149, drumstick 5# bag 245, gizzards 49, fried chicken tenders 399, fried 8 pieces for 399 (mixed), fried 50 pieces for 1799 (drumstick and thigh), organic whole body 169-249, organic boneless breast 599-799, organic split breast 399, organic whole leg 199, organic thigh 399; Northern California - whole body 59, whole cut-up 149, boneless breast 199-249, breast tenders 249, split breast 99-199, drumstick 99, whole leg 99, thigh 99, wings 99, leg quarters 99; Colorado - boneless breast tenders 299, split breast 99, thigh 69, drumstick 69, fried 8 pieces for 399-449 (mixed); Arizona - whole body 69, cornish hen 22 ounces 2 for 500 and 18 ounces 2 for 500, boneless breast 149-349, boneless breast 4# IQF 796, split breast 97-249, thigh 68-99, drumstick 68-99.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers increased slightly, but was no better than fair entering the weekend as dealers remained very cautious and selective. Offerings of all sizes were readily available at discounted levels. Movement through retail and distributive channels was seasonally sluggish. The market tone was weak. In the parts complex, breast items were ample and discounted. Wings had increased in availability. Dark meat cuts were fully adequate.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds increased slightly entering the weekend. However, seller offerings remained readily available and were often discounted to stimulate an otherwise limited buying interest. Live supplies were mostly moderate. Weights were in a full range of light to heavy. Processor schedules were just moderate as some operations were suspended for the day. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent lower at 47 to 61 cents. Trade sentiment was weak and unsettled. In the parts complex, offerings varied in volume from plant to plant, but were generally more than sufficient for immediate needs \*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	37-65
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	50.44
NO. OF BOXES	9,276
CUMULATIVE	09/23/02-09/27/02 50.97
	09/24/01-09/28/01 61.12
NO. OF BOXES	09/23/02-09/27/02 40,379
	09/24/01-09/28/01 69,828

\*8 of 8 plants reporting

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**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

SEP 27

ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS				WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	632	110.00-202.00	125-132	128.50	1,078	110.00-202.00	-	126.71	4,368	130.58
TENDERLOINS	134	123.00-190.00	125-130	143.24	202	120.00-190.00	120-130	137.22	772	142.01
BREAST - LINE RUN	138	63.00-81.00	65-68	70.10	113	70.00-81.00	70-74	72.21	535	74.67
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				256	56.27
LEGS	83	21.00-33.00	21-22	21.15	TOO FEW TO REPORT				429	21.70
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	391	15.00-18.00	16	15.85	428	15.00-18.00	15-16	15.85	2,032	15.87
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,298	18.00-26.00	18-20	19.24	1,735	16.00-26.00	19-20	19.54	6,905	19.29
WINGS (WHOLE)	116	57.00-63.00	57-59	59.16	319	55.00-63.00	58-59	58.39	1,323	58.60
WINGS (CUT)	407	68.00-83.00	68-69	71.42	349	68.00-82.00	68-69	69.63	2,173	71.90
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				343	34.74
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				134	36.24
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				119	58.37

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 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS  
 TRADING FOR SEP 26, 2002 F.O.B. DOCK. **TODAY'S**

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 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS  
 TRADING FOR SEP 27, 2002 F.O.B. DOCK. **TODAY'S** **5-DAY**

RANGE	AVERAGE
34.00 - 37.00	35.80

RANGE	AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
33.50 - 36.50	34.68	36.18

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, however, dealers remained cautious and selective while keeping floor stocks in close balance. Offerings of breast items remained ample and discounted. Wings had increased in availability. The balance of cuts were fully sufficient. Movement through retail and distributive channels was seasonally light. The market tone remained weak on breast items, barely steady on wings and no better than steady on the remainder of items. TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER LB.

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD	CURRENT NEG			WTD	
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	125-130	130.98	359,120	125-130	129.45	444,880	132.72	1,952,120	
TENDERLOINS	125-130	132.10	181,868	125-130	128.36	132,200	130.73	725,765	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	62-63	67.65	187,960	61-62	69.38	162,640	70.32	896,300	
BREAST - LINE RUN	62	63.72	120,040	61	63.26	113,880	65.81	658,200	
LEGS	31-32	34.52	103,760	31-32	34.79	99,840	33.67	561,600	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	17.66	392,343	17-18	18.55	367,537	18.03	1,775,111	
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	28.46	125,510	28-29	30.35	109,120	28.19	597,980	
THIGHS	20-21	31.04	58,740	20-21	29.91	62,560	30.90	261,930	
B/S THIGHS	62-63	64.70	85,400	62-63	61.31	103,840	63.61	408,800	
WINGS (WHOLE)	57-58	62.14	202,190	56-57	59.57	173,520	63.63	826,210	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.19	32,000	10-12	12.11	29,720	12.14	165,480	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	31.07	13,120	30-35	28.07	12,760	29.82	68,050	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	56.88	33,760	55-60	63.89	22,720	61.41	102,895	

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	
	09/27	09/26	09/25	09/24	09/25	09/24	09/20	09/18
ALA	4,055	3,990	3,946	4,103	5.15	5.11	4,001	5.06
ARK	5,471	5,438	5,378	5,345	5.02	5.08	5,526	5.02
DELMARVA	2,101	2,324	2,317	2,357	5.04	5.07	2,419	5.12
KY-LA-TN	1,998	2,008	1,971	1,993	4.34	4.64	1,877	4.56
MISS	2,526	2,925	2,884	2,637	5.42	5.35	2,934	5.41
NC	2,565	2,635	2,512	2,659	6.05	6.07	2,537	5.93
TEXAS	2,683	2,456	2,477	2,387	4.91	4.86	2,648	4.96
TOTAL	21,399	21,776	21,485	21,435	5.14	5.17	21,942	5.15
MON-FRI108,404(A)	107,836(A)							

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 27-Sep 02 and 28-Sep-02 is estimated to be 32,015,000 down 2.77 percent from a week ago and down 4.3 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,926,000; last year 33,456,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 28-Sep-02 is estimated to be 157,130,000 head down 2 percent from a week ago, and down 2 percent from a year ago

(Last week 160,714,000 Last year 160,610,000)

**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	ICE PACK	94-95
	DRY PACK	96-103
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 14-Sep-02 (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	16,709	15,704	24,139
Avg Weight	3.76	4.77	6.37
% of total /1	30%	28%	43%

**COMPARISONS**

Last week	15,046	13,022	23,142
Avg Weight	3.47	4.73	6.19
% of total /1	29%	25%	45%
Same week, yr ago /2	24,012	43,300	47,189
Avg Weight	3.81	4.79	6.16
% of total /1	21%	38%	41%
To date/2002	969,728	825,146	1,527,990
To date/2001	1,184,294	1,024,063	1,599,050

/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 21-Sep-2002 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	160,714	1,851	1,672	3,523	408
AVG WT	5.13	3.42	7.84	5.52	6.89
LAST WEEK	159,008	1,622	1,672	3,294	378
SAME WK YR AGO	160,816	2,004	1,438	3,442	528
AVG WT	5.16	3.44	8.36	5.50	6.72
TO-DATE/2002	5,900,591	66,519	52,906	119,425	16,106
TO-DATE/2001	5,841,919	67,340	52,477	119,817	19,084

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 159.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 162.7 million head or 3.7 million head more than or 102% of estimated fryers available.

**EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: SEP 24, 2002**

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

	RANGE		RANGE
Pullets 4-6	-	Silkie	1.00 - 2.00ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.35 - 2.00	Geese 9-14	.40 - .45
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.25 - 1.40	Pigeons	1.50 - 1.90ea.
Red Fowl 4-4.5	.35 - .45	White Pigeons	2.00 - 2.25ea.
Red Fowl 5-6	.50 - .70	Rabbits 4-6	.80 - 1.05
Crossbred Fowl 5-9	.50 - .80	Rabbits 7-11	.75 - .95
Crossbred Roosters		Bunnies	1.50 - 4.00ea.
4-6	.70 - 1.10	Guinea Pigs	3.00 - 7.00ea.
Crossbred Roosters		Goats	31.00 - 45.00ea.
7-11	.70 - .90	Doves	2.75 - 4.00ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.40 - 1.50	Chukars	2.00 - 2.20ea.
Banty Roosters	3.50 - 4.50ea.		
Banty Hens	1.50 - 3.00ea.		

Total Coops Sold 540

**EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 23-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)	52-60	55-59
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	60-85	63-68

**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. The trade

sentiment was at least steady. Demand was moderate to mostly good. Weights were in the desirable range. Schedules 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 \$1.35-.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 23-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	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
	14	160.9	158.6 101% 5.18
	21	162.7	159.0 102% 5.13
YEAR TO DATE	5971.2	6020.6	99%
SEPTEMBER 28		158.0	
OCTOBER	5	157.8	

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

	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	09/28/02	09/21/02	% CHG	09/29/01	% CHG
Broilers	157,130	160,714*	-02	160,610*	-02
Cattle	700	682	+03	686*	+02
Hogs	1,951	2,085	-06	2,051*	-05

Under Federal Inspection

\* ACTUAL

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher on heavy canners; unchanged on the lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand ranged fair to good. Offerings were generally sufficient for current inquiry. The undertone was at least steady on heavies; steady on lights.

**LIGHT CANNER HENS****(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)**

20-26 MAJORITY 20-21

CENTS/POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

**LIGHT CANNER HENS****(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)**

22-27.5 MAJORITY 22-22.5

**HEAVY CANNER HENS****(WITHOUT NECKS)**

29-36 MAJORITY 30-31

CENTS/POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

**HEAVY CANNER HENS****(WITHOUT NECKS)**

31-38 MAJORITY 31-33

**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

**EASTERN LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices were unchanged. Supplies were more than sufficient for trade needs. Processing schedules for next week were reported as normal with offerings increasing in availability. Demand was light and unaggressive. Movement of finished product was moderate. The undertone was steady.

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Sales were too few to report. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair with schedules sufficient to cover needs. Trade sentiment was steady.

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices unchanged. Demand mostly moderate with offerings fully adequate to ample. Slaughter schedules full-time for next week. Trade sentiment steady.

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Sales were too few to report prices. Offerings were fully adequate for the mostly light to fair demand. Processing schedules were reported as mostly normal. Finished product supplies were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was steady.

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Trading was TFEWR. Offerings of light fowl were fully adequate for needs. Finished sales were fair with schedules normal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

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

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