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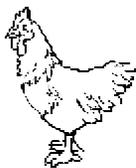
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices for next week are trending lower in the West, market tone weak. Elsewhere, trade sentiment was steady at best with caution at unchanged to lower prices. Retail demand was slow to light with few features. Food service was mixed, best into fast food for promotions. Supplies of all sizes remained at least adequate with heavier weights often ample and discounted to move. In the parts structure, trading was irregular, best where weekend needs were being met. Dark meat was sufficient, and wings were ample with slow movement. Breast items were not as plentiful due to retail business, but was readily available and easy to locate if needed. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range of light to heavy, 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 10/07/02-10/12/02 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	40.00-43.00	36.00-59.00	43.04	25
Los Angeles	68.00			
New York	44.00-46.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	59.00-62.00	37.00-64.00	62.05	81

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 63.50 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.
856	54.50-65.50	63.38
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:		
	WTD. AVG.	VOLUME
ITEM	(CENTS PER POUND)	(000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	180.00	1,152
BREASTS - B/S	143.00	4,533
BREASTS - WHOLE	71.00	1,125
THIGH MEAT - B/S	60.00	841
LEG QUARTERS	19.00	8,010
WINGS	55.50	3,057

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MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS The preliminary majority prices for next week's trading into Chicago was unchanged from Monday's final majority. Whole fryer market tone was steady to cautiously steady. Offerings were light but adequate. Retail demand was slow to fair. Food service movement was in a full range, slow to good. Floor stocks were adequate. Weights were desirable. Parts trading was light and selective. Supplies of white meat items were fully available and dark meat items adequate. The market tone was cautiously steady to weak on breast items and wings and mostly steady on the balance.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was no better than steady. Demand entering the weekend was mixed and had improved slightly in spot areas, but was mostly light to fair, best for ads and promotions. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate for trade needs. In the parts structure, all items were readily available to ample with limited interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices 1 cent lower throughout the region. Trading reported for next week's deliveries at mainly lower prices. Offerings of heavy weight product ample with sizes less than 3 pounds in somewhat better position. Heavy weight product sharply discounted to help stimulate buying interest. Retailer demand was fairly good best where featured. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers. Ads noted (per pound unless otherwise stated): Southern California - whole body 49-129, whole cut-up 119, whole split 119, Cornish hens 149, boneless breast 157-399, boneless breast tenders 3# IQF 698, boneless breast steaks 299, boneless breast fillets 177, boneless breast marinated 499, boneless leg meat 98-109, split breast 129-179, whole leg 99-169, leg quarter seasoned 77, leg quarter 77, leg quarter 10# bag 290-390, wings 99-169, party wings 4# IQF 499, thigh 79-169, drumstick 79-169, drumstick 10# bag 390., combo pack (drumstick, thigh, wing) 118, chicken franks 129, fried 8 pieces for 499 (mixed); Northern California - whole body 69-189, Cornish 99, boneless 399, boneless thigh 4# IQF 599; Colorado - boneless breast 299, breast tenders 299, leg quarters 28, organic boneless breast 629 (buy one get one free), 8 pieces for 349 (mixed); Arizona - boneless breast 189-269, boneless thigh meat 189-249, split breast 179-199, leg quarter 79, leg quarter 99 (buy one get one free), leg quarter 10# bag 390, wings 4# IQF 699, 8 pieces for 499 (mixed).

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers increased slightly and was fair to moderate entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was seasonally sluggish. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items were at least sufficient. Dark meat cuts were fully adequate. Wings and tenderloins were ample.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds increased a bit entering the weekend, but remained no better than fair overall. Seller offering were fully sufficient for current inquiry. Live supplies were moderate; weights continued to differ from plant to plant in a full range of light to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 47 to 61 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady. Breast cuts were fully adequate and in a better balance compared to early week as retail promotional interest developed. Other items were fully adequate to ample and were often competitively priced to clear.

*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	44-66
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	49.78
NO. OF BOXES	8,521
CUMULATIVE	47.78
	10/01/01-10/05/01
	57.74
NO. OF BOXES	43,054
	10/01/01-10/05/01
	67,945

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

OCT 03		SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS										OCT 04	
ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD		POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	WEEKLY			
				AVG	AVG					(000)	WTD AVG		
BREAST - B/S	936	115.00-189.00	122-129	123.26		948	109.00-189.00	120-129	122.80	4,594	124.85		
TENDERLOINS	146	130.00-190.00	130-133	143.59		126	125.00-190.00	125-130	143.29	653	145.32		
BREAST - LINE RUN	105	72.00-78.00	72-75	74.28		105	70.00-78.00	71-73	72.10	462	73.55		
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT					TOO FEW TO REPORT				340	49.74		
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT					140	19.00-33.00	21-22	21.02	489	21.89		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	388	15.00-18.00	15-16	15.94		348	15.00-18.00	15-16	15.93	1,980	15.90		
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,368	17.00-24.00	19-20	19.39		1,488	17.00-24.00	19	19.31	6,880	19.32		
WINGS (WHOLE)	299	57.00-59.00	-	58.71		325	55.00-59.00	55-57	56.09	1,461	57.54		
WINGS (CUT)	399	65.00-78.00	65-66	67.67		439	64.00-77.00	64-66	68.38	2,158	69.24		
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT					TOO FEW TO REPORT				302	35.22		
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT					TOO FEW TO REPORT				141	37.07		
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT					TOO FEW TO REPORT				191	57.22		

***** WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR OCT 03, 2002 F.O.B. DOCK.	TODAY'S AVERAGE
RANGE 32.00 - 35.00	33.22

***** WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR OCT 04, 2002 F.O.B. DOCK.	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
RANGE 32.00 - 34.50	32.97	32.80

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 fair to moderate as dealers assumed product to cover weekend needs. Offerings of breast items were at least sufficient. Dark meat cuts were fully adequate. Wings remained ample and discounted. Tenderloins were increasingly available. Movement through retail and distributive channels was about moderate. The market tone was weak on wings and tenderloins, no better than steady on the balance.
TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER LB.

OCT 03		CURRENT NEG			WTD			OCT 04	
ITEM	TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	WEEKLY		
							WTD AVG	VOL/LBS	
BREAST - B/S	125	126.24	410,820	125125.52	442,880	126,332,070,925			
TENDERLOINS	120-125	131.48	143,720	120129.41	174,520	131.30 647,560			
BREAST - WITH RIBS	61-62	68.71	155,200	61-6268.23	159,200	66.51 909,560			
BREAST - LINE RUN	61	67.74	29,380	6163.5882,880	62.28	514,500		31-32	
LEGS	31-32	32.91	114,970	30.25146,120	32.71	660,090		17-18	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	18.62	442,457	18.09490,218	18.22	2,227,250		28-29	
DRUMSTICKS	28-29	30.87	108,060	29.70131,900	29.66	568,440		20-21	
THIGHS	20-21	30.72	62,965	31.6866,530	31.26	280,925		62-63	
B/S THIGHS	62-63	64.95	103,760	63.4276,120	65.02	397,310		51-52	
WINGS (WHOLE)	52-53	58.03	202,925	61.74190,910	59.15	1,056,295		10-12	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.51	23,560	12.0923,760	12.11	153,560		30-35	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	31.23	8,480	32.8512,640	30.76	60,643		55-60	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	62.36	20,480	63.2519,160	63.49	102,140			

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	
	10/04	10/03	10/02	10/01	10/02	10/01	09/27	09/25
ALA	4,037	4,108	4,022	3,983	5.14	5.18	4,132	5.15
ARK	4,975	5,366	5,340	5,291	5.04	5.04	5,017	5.02
DELMARVA	2,288	2,379	2,357	2,398	5.10	5.11	2,070	5.04
KY-LA-TN	1,958	2,006	1,966	2,036	4.65	4.69	2,049	4.34
MISS	2,544	2,955	2,940	2,937	5.30	5.30	2,652	5.42
NC	2,684	2,666	2,467	2,659	6.03	6.04	2,542	6.05
TEXAS	2,457	2,459	2,442	2,479	4.92	4.94	2,673	4.91
TOTAL	20,943	21,939	21,534	21,768	5.17	5.19	21,135	5.14
MON-FRI107,955(A)	106,649(A)							

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 04-Oct 02 and 5-Oct-02 is estimated to be 31,333,000 down 1.20 percent from a week ago and down 5.4 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,715,000; last year 33,113,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 05-Oct-02 is estimated to be 157,263,000 head unchanged from a week ago, and unchanged from a year ago

(Last week 157,307,000 Last year 157,688,000)

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 21-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	25,551,207,98	52,410	
Avg Weight	3.824.81	6.06	
% of total /1	26%21%	53%	

COMPARISONS

Last week	16,70915,704	24,139
Avg Weight	3.764.77	6.37
% of total /1	30%28%	43%
Same week, yr ago /2	30,54526,026	42,636
Avg Weight	3.864.76	6.02
% of total /1	31%26%	43%
To date/2002	995,279845,9441,580,400	
To date/2001	1,214,8391,050,0891,641,686	

/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 28-Sep-2002 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	157,307	1,832	1,556	3,388	400
AVG WT	5.09	3.32	7.81	5.38	6.44
LAST WEEK	160,714	1,851	1,672	3,523	408
SAME WK YR AGO	160,610	1,937	1,403	3,340	549
AVG WT	5.01	3.40	8.26	5.44	6.62
TO-DATE/2002	6,057,898	68,351	54,462	122,813	16,506
TO-DATE/2001	6,002,529	69,277	53,880	123,157	19,633

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 158.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 159.2 million head or 1.2 million head more than or 101% of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: OCT 01, 2002

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL POULTRY

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.95 - 1.10	Silkies	1.00 - 2.00ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.90 - 1.20	Geese 9-14	.40 - .50
Pekin Ducks	.40 - .60	Pigeons	1.00 - 1.75ea.
Red Fowl 4-4.5	.30 - .40	White Pigeons	1.25 - 1.85ea.
Red Fowl 5-6	.40 - .50	Rabbits 4-6	.70 - .90
Crossbred Fowl 5-9	.30 - .60	Rabbits 7-11	.50 - .80
Crossbred Roosters 4-6	.50 - .70	Bunnies	1.50 - 4.00ea.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11	.60 - .80	Guinea Pigs	3.00 - 7.00ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.30 - 1.40	Doves	2.50 - 4.50ea.
Banty Roosters	3.00 - 4.00ea.	Pullets 4-6	-
Banty Hens	2.00 - 3.00ea.		

Total Coops Sold 570

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 30-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	140	146
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 remained unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Demand was moderate to instances fairly good. Weights were desirable. 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 30-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	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
	28 159.2	158.0	101%	5.09
YEAR TO DATE	6130.4	6178.6	99%	
OCTOBER	5 157.8			
	12 157.3			

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	10/05/02	09/28/02	% CHG	10/06/01	% CHG
Broilers	157,263	157,307*	0	157,888*	0
Cattle	683	700	-02	669*	+02
Hogs	1,987	2,038	-03	1,936	+03
Under Federal Inspection					
* ACTUAL					

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL Majority prices were unchanged on both heavy and light canners when compared to a week earlier. Trading was moderate for the mostly fair to good demand. Offerings were generally sufficient for current inquiry. The undertone 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 20-21.5	30-36 MAJORITY 30-31

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	31-38 MAJORITY 31-33

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Supplies were at least adequate to fully adequate for trade needs. Processings schedules for next week were reported as mostly normal. Demand was light and unaggressive. Movement of finished product was moderate. The undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Negotiations were too few to report. Spent hen availability was sufficient to cover required processing schedules. Finished demand was light. Trade sentiment was about steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Offers ample for the moderate demand. Rendering and other means of disposal being utilized. slaughter schedules full-time for next week. Trade sentiment steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants schedules heavy. Offerings ample.

LIVE HENS

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

HEAVY	RANGE	MAJORITY
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(2)
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
LIGHT	RANGE	MAJORITY
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. Offerings were fully adequate for the mostly light to fair demand. Processing schedules were reported as normal. Finished product supplies were about adequate and clearing. The undertone was generally steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

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