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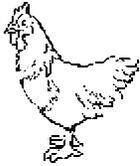
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Trade sentiment was no better than steady. Retail demand ranged light to fairly good with some improvements noted for the weekend. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to available with lighter weight birds in the Northeast and West in the better balance. In the parts structure, wings were ample and slow in clearing. Other items were at least adequate to available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable 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 10/14/02-10/19/02 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	40.00-43.00	40.00-58.75	43.29	24
Los Angeles	68.00			
New York	44.00-46.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	59.00-62.00	40.00-63.50	62.00	82

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 63.25 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.
784	54.25-67.25		63.08
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	174.00	1,137	
BREASTS - B/S	136.00	4,528	
BREASTS - WHOLE	68.00	1,135	
THIGH MEAT - B/S	60.50	821	
LEG QUARTERS	18.50	8,025	
WINGS	52.50	3,057	

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MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Chicago area preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries were unchanged from Monday's final. Whole fryer market tone mostly steady. Offers more limited than prior trading period, but sufficient for the light trade interest. Movement into all channels slightly improved for weekend needs; mostly light into retail centers and light to fairly good, mostly fair into food service outlets. An overnight fire at a major Ohio distribution center reported condemnation of product and future loss of center near term. Some Ohio receivers noted this might restrict their ability to acquire product. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Weights were in a desirable range. In the parts sector, trading was cautious, very selective and price sensitive. Offerings of wings and tenders were fully sufficient, and fully adequate to in balance on all other items. The market tone was cautiously steady to weak on wings and tenderloins, and about steady on remaining items.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was about steady entering the weekend. Demand was light to fair at best with few features, and fair to moderate for food service. Supplies of all sizes were sufficient for trade needs and noted as in better balance than earlier in the week. In the parts structure, all items were at least adequate to available and competitively priced in some instances. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices unchanged from last Friday's levels. Trading reported for next week's deliveries at mainly unchanged prices on regular commitments and mixed on new negotiations. Offerings were fully adequate overall with whole body product less than 3 pounds in the closest position and confidently held. Buying interest was moderate. Demand by retailers moderate for whole body and good for parts best where features in progress. Dealers anticipated fairly good weekend clearances. Ads noted (per pound unless otherwise stated): Southern California - whole body 38-89, whole cut-up 139, Cornish hens 149-229, boneless breast 139-399, boneless breast 3# IQF 537, boneless breast marinated 299, boneless leg meat 69-98, split breast 89-239, whole leg 129, leg quarter 5# bag 50 (limit 1), leg quarter 10# bag 280-390, leg quarters 40# case 699, wings 79-129, party wings 4# IQF 739, thigh 49-129, thigh 4# IQF 300, drumstick 49-129, drumstick 4# IQF 300, fried 8 pieces for 299 (mixed), fried 8 pieces for 249 (drumstick and thigh), organic whole body 269, organic boneless breast 799; Northern California - boneless breast 399, split breast 99, thigh 99; Colorado - whole body 59, boneless breast 179-399, boneless breast 3# IQF 537, breast tenders 4# IQF 999, leg quarters 59, wings 99, thigh 79, drumstick 79; Arizona - roaster 119, boneless breast 2.5# IQF 699, boneless breast 329, boneless thigh 249, breast tenders 299-469, thigh 79-99, drumstick 79-99, ground chicken breast 299.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light as dealers remain cautious and selective due to the slow demand. Most purchases were on an as needed basis. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to no better than fair. The market tone was at best steady. In the parts complex, breast items were fully adequate. Tenders and dark meat cuts were available, and wings were ample.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds varied from slow to moderate and was best where retail ad activity was planned during the upcoming week. Offerings varied from plant to plant, but were fully sufficient for immediate needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were light to heavy, mostly desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 47 to 61 cents. Trade sentiment was no better than steady. All parts were at least adequate. Breasts items were in the better balance where shippers gained retail ad interest. Tenders and wings were slow 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		38-61
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		48.36
NO. OF BOXES		11,090
CUMULATIVE	10/07/02-10/11/02	48.68
	10/08/01-10/12/01	57.73
NO. OF BOXES	10/07/02-10/11/02	43,547
	10/08/01-10/12/01	67,246

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

OCT 10					SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS					OCT 11	
ITEM	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD	POUNDS	MAJORITY		WTD AVG	WEEKLY		
	(000)	RANGE		AVG		(000)	RANGE		(000)	WTD AVG	
BREAST - B/S	910	113.00-189.00	124-129	126.62	895	113.00-189.00	122-129	125.08	4,571	124.77	
TENDERLOINS	136	122.00-182.00	122-125	138.40	96	125.00-182.00	125-127	144.83	596	140.57	
BREAST - LINE RUN	105	71.00-75.00	72-75	73.95	95	69.00-75.00	70-72	73.00	513	73.89	
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				310	50.08	
LEGS	89	19.00-33.00	19-20	20.42	89	19.00-33.00	19-20	20.42	444	20.92	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	388	15.00-18.00	15-16	15.94	428	15.00-18.00	15-16	15.94	1,980	15.94	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,488	17.00-24.00	18-20	19.22	1,488	17.00-24.00	19-20	19.56	7,099	20.02	
WINGS (WHOLE)	596	50.00-54.00	-	52.66	281	50.00-54.00	50-52	51.03	1,720	54.92	
WINGS (CUT)	427	62.00-73.00	62-64	64.05	393	60.00-72.00	60-63	63.15	2,190	65.27	
DRUMSTICKS	71	33.00-39.00	-	33.75	TOO FEW TO REPORT				347	35.55	
THIGHS	30	29.00-33.00	-	30.16	32	30.00-33.00	-	30.89	148	34.32	
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				60	55.00-60.00	-	56.67	140	59.57	

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
 TRADING FOR OCT 10, 2002 F.O.B. DOCK. TODAY'S RANGE AVERAGE 32.00 - 34.50 32.92

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
 TRADING FOR OCT 11, 2002 F.O.B. DOCK. TODAY'S RANGE AVERAGE 5-DAY AVERAGE 32.00 - 34.50 32.94 33.00

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 only fair for the holiday weekend business. Offerings of breast items were in a slightly better position but still fully sufficient for trade needs. Dark meat cuts were fully adequate. Wings and tenderloins were fully adequate to ample. Movement through retail and distributive channels improved but was still only fair and not up to the holiday expectations. The market tone was weak on wings, barely steady to weak on tenders and steady to barely steady on balance.
 TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER LB.

OCT 10				OCT 11				
ITEM	CURRENT NEG	WTD	VOL/LBS	CURRENT NEG	WTD	VOL/LBS	WEEKLY	
	TRADING*	AVG**			TRADING*		AVG**	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	120-125	125.81	405,560	120-125	128.99	350,452	126.53	1,792,882
TENDERLOINS	115-120	122.87	90,080	115-120	127.16	78,400	123.81	516,340
BREAST - WITH RIBS	60-61	65.49	209,120	60-61	67.27	152,188	67.32	911,068
BREAST - LINE RUN	60	62.50	106,720	60	59.19	88,680	61.97	585,600
LEGS	31-32	30.64	161,200	31-32	33.95	117,200	32.77	711,280
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	17.89	472,034	17-18	17.99	397,357	17.94	2,239,754
DRUMSTICKS	25-26	27.92	143,470	25-26	27.93	162,380	28.37	693,590
THIGHS	20-21	30.18	56,540	20-21	31.29	75,560	30.45	335,500
B/S THIGHS	62-63	65.61	71,800	62-63	67.00	48,360	64.24	334,920
WINGS (WHOLE)	49-50	53.52	194,910	46-47	52.31	175,540	54.11	1,124,320
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.21	32,750	10-12	12.09	24,960	12.06	172,950
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	29.42	12,000	30-35	29.99	12,840	31.03	57,805
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	58.47	21,160	55-60	60.50	25,720	61.69	110,080

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	
	10/11	10/10	10/09	10/08	10/09	10/08	10/04	10/02
ALA	4,023	4,095	4,001	4,074	5.10	5.14	4,021	5.14
ARK	5,529	5,245	5,158	5,268	5.08	5.07	5,244	5.04
DELMARVA	2,326	2,404	2,397	2,386	5.09	5.02	2,276	5.10
KY-LA-TN	2,027	2,021	1,900	2,041	4.60	4.69	2,147	4.65
MISS	2,754	3,002	2,915	2,930	5.27	5.34	2,534	5.30
NC	2,675	2,647	2,572	2,659	6.10	5.94	2,434	6.03
TEXAS	2,469	2,467	2,352	2,478	4.91	4.89	2,447	4.92
TOTAL	21,803	21,881	21,295	21,836	5.17	5.16	21,103	5.17
MON-FRI108,721(A)	107,846(A)							

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.
 Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 11-Oct 02 and 12-Oct-02 is estimated to be 32,620,000 up 3.01 percent from a week ago and up 1.1 percent from a year ago.
 (Last week 31,667,000; last year 32,257,000)
 Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 12-Oct-02 is estimated to be 158,058,000 head down 1 percent from a week ago, and up 1 percent from a year ago
 (Last week 159,097,000 Last year 156,472,000)

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

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	90-92
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	92-95
	DRY PACK	96-103
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104
	DRY PACK	113
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	
	ICE PACK	92-98
DUCKS		152-166

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 28-Sep-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	27,768	25,056	43,101
Avg Weight	3.88	4.85	6.10
% of total /1	29%	26%	45%

COMPARISONS

Last week	25,551	20,798	52,410
Avg Weight	3.82	4.81	6.06
% of total /1	26%	21%	53%

Same week, yr ago /2	31,531	29,359	55,846
Avg Weight	3.73	4.70	6.07
% of total /1	27%	25%	48%

To date/2002	1,023,047	871,000	1,623,501
To date/2001	1,246,370	1,079,448	1,697,532

/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 05-Oct-2002 (PRELIMINARY)

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

HEAD	159,097	1,892	1,622	3,514	391
AVG WT	5.11	3.64	7.94	5.62	6.50
LAST WEEK	157,307	1,832	1,556	3,388	400
SAME WK YR AGO	157,688	1,950	1,320	3,270	504
AVG WT	5.10	3.60	8.06	5.44	6.59
TO-DATE/2002	6,216,995	70,243	56,084	126,327	16,897
TO-DATE/2001	6,160,217	71,227	55,200	126,427	20,137

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 157.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 161 million head or 3.2 million head more than or 102% of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: OCT 08, 2002

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL POULTRY

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.85 - 1.10	Silkie	1.25 - 2.25ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.85 - 1.00	Geese	
Pekin Ducks	.60 - .70	9-14 LBS	.40 - .60
Red Fowl 4-4.5 LBS	.30 - .42	Pigeons	1.00 - 1.50ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.40 - .50	White Pigeons	1.75 - 2.20ea.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.40 - .55	Rabbits	
Crossbred Roosters		4-6 LBS	.80 - 1.20
4-6 LBS	.40 - .65	Rabbits	
Crossbred Roosters		7-11 LBS	.80 - 1.00
7-11 LBS	.60 - .90	Bunnies	1.50 - 4.00ea.
Banty Roosters	3.00 - 4.75ea.	Guinea Pigs	3.00 - 5.75ea.
Banty Hens	1.50 - 3.50ea.	Goats	22.00 - 36.00ea.
Leghorn Hens	.20 - .30	Doves	2.50 - 4.00ea.
		Total Coops Sold	450

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 10-OCT-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	140	146
MOSTLY		
MIDWEST	122-126	123-127
MOSTLY		

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 WHOLESALER 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. Trade sentiment mostly steady. Demand was moderate to fairly 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 \$.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 07-OCT-2001

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	116-124	125
MOSTLY		

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	AVG WT
AUGUST	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
OCTOBER	5 161.0	157.8	102% 5.09
YEAR TO DATE	6291.4	6336.4	99%
OCTOBER	12 157.3		
	19 157.1		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	10/12/02	10/05/02	% CHG	10/13/01	% CHG
Broilers	158,058	159,097*	-01	156,472*	+01
Cattle	703	683	+03	671*	+05
Hogs	2,005	1,987	+01	2,018*	-01
Under Federal Inspection					
* ACTUAL					

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Majority prices were slightly higher on both light and heavy canners when compared to a week earlier. Trading was moderate for the mostly fair to good demand. Supplies and offerings were less available and generally in good balance. The undertone was at least steady to fully steady.

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

20-26 MAJORITY 21-22

CENTS/POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

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

22.25-27.5 MAJORITY 22.5-23

HEAVY CANNER HENS**(WITHOUT NECKS)**

29-36 MAJORITY 30-32

HEAVY CANNER HENS**(WITHOUT NECKS)**

30-38 MAJORITY 32-34

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	TFEWR	(2)
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
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

EASTERN LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Supplies were fully adequate for the light and unaggressive demand. Processings schedules for next week were reported as normal. Movement of finished product was moderate. The undertone was no better than steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Sales were TFEWR. Demand was light for adequate offerings of spent hens. Dressed sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices unchanged. Demand was light to moderate as some processors experienced problems in operations throughout the week. Offers continued ample as rendering facilities and other means of disposal were used to cover otherwise overburdened slaughter operations. Slaughter schedules full-time for next week. Trade sentiment steady.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was generally fair for the at least adequate to fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal. Finished product supplies were about adequate to adequate and clearing satisfactory. The undertone was steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked full schedules. Offerings ample.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN

Trading was TFEWR. Demand was light to moderate for fully adequate supplies of spent heavy hens. Sales of dressed product were fair with schedules adequate for needs. Trade sentiment was only steady

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