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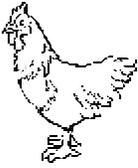
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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Preliminary majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Trade sentiment was no better than steady. Retail demand was light to moderate. Food service covered the full range, best into restaurants and fast food promotions. Supplies of all sizes were sufficient to ample, with heavier sizes in the longest position. In the parts structure, tenders and wings were slow to clear. All other items were at least adequate for the generally light buyer interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were irregular.

**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 10/21/02-10/26/02 (cents per lb)

### US GRADE A

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
(Including branded product)				
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	40.00-43.00	40.00-58.50	43.30	23
Los Angeles	68.00			
New York	44.00-46.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	59.00-62.00	43.00-65.50	62.17	79

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 63.00 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.
786	54.00-67.03	62.87

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	176.50	1,292
BREASTS - B/S	134.50	4,513
BREASTS - WHOLE	66.00	1,175
THIGH MEAT - B/S	60.00	811
LEG QUARTERS	18.00	8,010
WINGS	51.00	3,032

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**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Chicago's preliminary majority prices for next week's trading was unchanged from last Tuesday's final majority. The whole fryer market tone was generally steady. Offerings fully available on heavier sizes and in balance on the lighter weights. Retail demand was slow with food service movement mixed, light to fairly good, best for promotions into fast food. Floor stocks fully adequate, instances ample. Sizes mostly desirable. Trading on parts was selective with dark meat items clearing best. Supplies of breast items remain fully available and dark meat cuts adequate. The market tone was steady on dark meat, cautiously steady to weak on tenders, wings and boneless/skinless breasts, cautiously steady on the balance.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was no better than steady. Demand was fair to moderate, best where retail ads and fast food was active. Supplies of all sizes were at least sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, wings and tenders were available. All other items were at least adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Preliminary majority prices unchanged from last week's levels. Trading reported for next week's deliveries at mixed levels. Offerings fully adequate overall with whole body product over 3 pounds in the longest position. Buying interest was at least fair. Retailer demand was moderate to good best where ads and specials were in progress. Dealers anticipated satisfactory week-end clearances. Ads noted (per pound unless otherwise stated): Southern California - whole body 59-99, whole cut-up 139, whole body seasoned 99, roaster 139, cornish hen 149, boneless breast 139-299, boneless leg meat 69-119, split breast 79-129, split breast 4# IQF 676, whole breast 89, whole leg 79-129, leg quarter 10# bag 490, leg quarter 77, leg quarter seasoned 77, wings 69-127, party wings 4# IQF 369 and 5# IQF 399, thigh 59-129, drumstick 59-129, drumstick 5# 245, fried 8 pieces for 399 (mixed), fried 15 pieces for 499 (drumstick and thigh), fried 50 pieces for 1799 (drumstick and thigh); Northern California - whole body 69-129, whole cut-up 99-109, Cornish hen 169, boneless breast 399, split breast 99-139; Colorado - whole cut-up 99, roaster 75, boneless breast 167-179, marinated boneless breast 449, marinated breast fillets 344-399, breast tenders 299, breast tenders 3# IQF 799, boneless thigh 199, party wings 4# IQF 499; Arizona - whole body 49-69, whole cut-up 99, boneless breast 249, breast fillets 349, boneless thigh 249-299, thigh 99, drumstick 99, leg quarter 49, 10# bag leg quarter 490, 8 pieces (mixed) fried for 499.

### NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS

Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was disappointingly light to fair at best entering the weekend. Offerings were adequate to ample but buyer interest was limited for supplies beyond standing commitments. Retail and distributive movement was slow to fair; floor stocks were purposely held in close balance. Movement through fast food and food service outlets was no better than fair. In the parts complex supplies were adequate on all items.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to moderate entering the weekend. Seller offerings were fully adequate to ample. Where extra product was available it was disappointingly lacking much buyer interest. Live supplies were moderate; weights were light to heavy, mostly desirable to heavy. Processing 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. In the parts complex, all cuts were fully sufficient for the light and unaggressive buyer interest.

\*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	40-61
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	49.20
NO. OF BOXES	9,691
CUMULATIVE	48.94
	10/14/02-10/18/02
	10/15/01-10/19/01
NO. OF BOXES	56.87
	10/14/02-10/18/02
	10/15/01-10/19/01
	46,697
	67,047

\*8 of 8 plants reporting.

OCT 17		SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS										OCT 18	
ITEM	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD		POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD		WEEKLY		
	(000)	RANGE		AVG	(000)	RANGE	AVG		(000)	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG	
BREAST - B/S	1,006	113.00-189.00	122-127	122.76	1,006	113.00-189.00	120-127	123.15	3,987	123.40			
TENDERLOINS	175	120.00-183.00	-	142.45	88	115.00-183.00	115-125	143.91	475	141.43			
BREAST - LINE RUN	70	70.00-75.00	72-74	74.29	105	70.00-75.00	72-75	73.52	248	73.92			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				280	52.63			
LEGS	89	19.00-33.00	19-20	20.42	89	19.00-33.00	19-20	20.42	354	20.42			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	428	15.00-18.00	15-16	15.94	388	15.00-18.00	15-16	15.94	1,592	16.34			
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,416	17.00-24.00	19	19.17	1,696	17.00-24.00	18-19	19.21	5,857	19.07			
WINGS (WHOLE)	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				1,124	53.16			
WINGS (CUT)	453	57.00-72.00	57-59	60.48	438	57.00-72.00	57-59	60.53	1,704	60.97			
DRUMSTICKS	62	33.00-46.50	-	34.97	TOO FEW TO REPORT				269	34.56			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				115	36.11			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				215	55.63			

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 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

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TRADING FOR OCT 17, 2002 F.O.B. DOCK. **TODAY'S**

RANGE	AVERAGE
32.00 - 34.50	32.97

TRADING FOR OCT 18, 2002 F.O.B. DOCK. **TODAY'S** **5-DAY**

RANGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE
37.00 - 40.00	38.22	34.47

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 disappointingly light to fair at best. Breast items were noted as at least adequate and in best balance. Wings, drums and particularly tenders were available and slow in clearing. Other leg items were generally noted as at least adequate but in manageable balance. Retail and distributive movement was light and unaggressive; floor stocks were light but more than sufficient in handling current needs. The market tone continued no better than steady.  
 TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER LB.

OCT 17		CURRENT NEG			WTD			OCT 18	
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS	
BREAST - B/S	120-125	126.04	268,560	120-125	130.93	225,480	128.28	1,585,630	
TENDERLOINS	110-115	119.24	76,360	110-112	116.93	90,120	122.11	545,960	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	60-61	64.22	215,480	60-61	67.51	224,680	65.61	1,114,960	
BREAST - LINE RUN	60	58.74	67,880	60	64.79	33,360	62.06	509,840	
LEGS	31-32	32.82	123,400	31-32	35.73	112,880	32.84	656,600	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	18.33	544,204	17-18	18.72	349,783	18.09	2,311,414	
DRUMSTICKS	23-24	28.55	103,760	23-24	27.73	135,300	26.75	627,220	
THIGHS	20-21	25.88	66,000	20-21	31.38	54,360	28.46	312,370	
B/S THIGHS	62-63	64.80	90,640	62-63	61.92	63,280	63.40	432,940	
WINGS (WHOLE)	44-45	49.01	184,000	44-45	53.24	113,460	50.99	829,550	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.25	25,480	10-12	12.33	34,680	12.21	176,520	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	32.14	11,880	30-35	32.53	7,560	31.73	64,515	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	64.10	24,480	55-60	63.19	32,480	62.77	136,900	

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	
	10/18	10/17	10/16	10/15	10/16	10/15	10/11	10/09
ALA	3,768	4,154	4,002	4,112	5.18	5.23	4,056	5.10
ARK	4,972	5,369	5,326	5,230	5.03	5.08	5,378	5.08
DELMARVA	2,298	2,400	2,387	2,367	5.18	5.23	2,375	5.09
KY-LA-TN	2,002	2,041	1,893	1,999	4.72	4.63	2,016	4.60
MISS	2,688	2,915	2,868	2,952	5.26	5.43	2,763	5.27
NC	2,520	2,604	2,161	2,659	6.28	6.02	2,847	6.10
TEXAS	2,459	2,469	2,452	2,480	4.89	4.87	2,584	4.91
TOTAL	20,707	21,952	21,089	21,782	5.19	5.22	22,019	5.17
MON-FRI107,291(A)	107,970(A)							

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 18-Oct 02 and 19-Oct-02 is estimated to be 30,980,000 down 6.24 percent from a week ago and down 2.7 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 33,042,000; last year 31,826,000) Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 19-Oct-02 is estimated to be 156,103,000 head down 1 percent from a week ago, and unchanged from a year ago (Last week 158,073,000 Last year 156,885,000)

**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**

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

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED** Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 05-Oct-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	13,051	13,369	24,610
Avg Weight	3.864	5.4	6.29
% of total /1	26%	26%	48%

**COMPARISONS**

Last week	27,768	25,056	43,101
Avg Weight	3.884	8.5	6.10
% of total /1	29%	26%	45%

Same week, yr ago /2	19,784	22,689	39,278
Avg Weight	3.784	7.8	6.21
% of total /1	24%	28%	48%

To date/2002	1,036,098	884,369	1,648,111
To date/2001	1,266,154	1,102,137	1,736,810

/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 12-Oct-2002 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	158,073	1,754	1,536	3,290	412
AVG WT	5.08	3.30	8.14	5.56	7.03
LAST WEEK	159,097	1,892	1,622	3,514	391
SAME WK YR AGO	156,472	1,989	1,446	3,435	562
AVG WT	5.04	3.37	7.96	5.30	6.60
TO-DATE/2002	6,375,068	71,997	57,620	129,617	17,309
TO-DATE/2001	6,316,689	73,216	56,646	129,862	20,699

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 157.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 160 million head or 2.7 million head more than or 102% of estimated fryers available.

**EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: OCT 15, 2002**

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

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.85 - .90	Silkie	2.00ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.75 - .90	Geese	
Red Fowl 4-4.5 LBS	.20 - .28	9-14 LBS	.40 - .60
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.20 - .40	Pigeons	1.00 - 1.50ea.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.40 - .60	White Pigeons	1.60 - 1.85ea.
Crossbred Roosters		Rabbits	
4-6 LBS	.60 - .80	4-6 LBS	.70 - 1.00
Crossbred Roosters		Rabbits	
7-11 LBS	.40 - .70	7-11 LBS	.70 - .90
Guinea Fowl	1.50 - 1.55ea.	Bunnies	2.25 - 5.00ea.
Banty Roosters	2.50 - 3.75ea.	Guinea Pigs	5.00 - 6.25ea.
Banty Hens	1.50 - 2.25ea.	Doves	2.25 - 4.00ea.

Total Coops Sold 400

**EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 14-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)	51-60	52-56
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 good. Weights were desirable to slightly heavier this week. Schedules at least full-time to keep the heavier ducks from getting to large. 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 14-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
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% 5.11
12	160.0	157.3	102% 5.08
YEAR TO DATE	6451.4	6493.7	99%
OCTOBER 19		157.1	
26		157.2	

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

	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	10/19/02	10/12/02	% CHG	10/20/01	% CHG
Broilers	156,103	158,073*	-01	156,885*	0
Cattle	714	703	+02	691*	+03
Hogs	2,009	2,005	0	2,073*	+03

Under Federal Inspection

\* ACTUAL

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL** Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher on both light and heavy canners when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fairly good. Supplies and offerings were in a full range but usually in close balance. The undertone was steady to fully steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
21-26 MAJORITY 21-22	29-36 MAJORITY 31-32

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
22.5-27.5 MAJORITY 22.5-24	30-38 MAJORITY 33-34

**EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices were unchanged. Demand was light to fair at best for the mostly fully adequate offerings. Processings schedules for next week were reported as mostly normal. Movement of finished product was moderate. The undertone was no better than steady.

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices were too few to report. Demand was no better than fair for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were moderate with slaughter schedules adequate for needs. Trade sentiment was steady at best.

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

### **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

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

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Negotiations were too few to report. Interest for heavy hens was moderate. Offerings were adequate with slaughter schedules normal. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was steady at best.

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