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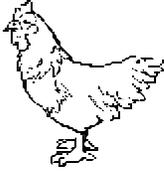
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were mostly unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Trade sentiment overall was no better than steady. Retail demand was very slow to fair with few features present to aid interest. Food service was in a better position, ranging light to fairly good, best for fast food and restaurants. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient for light trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was slow to fair with availability of all items at least adequate or available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were irregular, but mostly desirable.

Final 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)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	43.00-47.00	45.46	13	50.41	37
Chicago	40.00-43.00	43.99	45	46.07	86
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	51.32	20
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	60.00	10
Denver	67.50	67.50	16	65.63	19
Detroit	42.00-43.00	43.77	13	50.83	35
Los Angeles	68.00	64.88	69	61.54	168
New York	44.00-46.00	45.39	23	48.16	51
Philadelphia	44.50-46.00	45.25	10	45.00	22
Pittsburgh	44.50-46.00	45.70	10	52.75	58
St. Louis	43.00	42.62	21	44.89	40
San Francisco	68.50	66.88	30	66.56	50

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	10/21/02	Change/Last Wk	10/14/02	10/22/01
596	53.21	0.51	52.70	59.39

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	46.00-49.00	48.08	35
Central	44.00-51.00	50.00	63
West	47.50-55.00	52.01	47

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	59.00-62.00	62.17	79
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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.

MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG

LOADS	RANGE	FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,156	40.00-67.03	61.74

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	174.00	1,372
BREASTS - B/S	133.50	4,873
BREASTS - WHOLE	66.00	1,215
THIGH MEAT - B/S	60.00	851
LEG QUARTERS	18.00	9,240
WINGS	50.50	3,152

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity was light entering the week as dealers kept floor stocks in close balance with the lackluster demand. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate for most immediate needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was sluggish. The market tone was no better than steady. In the parts complex, breast items were at least sufficient. Dark meat cuts were fully adequate. Wings were available and tenderloins were ample.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was no better than steady. Demand following the weekend was moderate at best with supplies of all sizes usually sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was mixed, mostly fair. Wings were adequate to at times ample, and the remaining items were at least adequate or available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Majority prices were unchanged from last week. Reported trading for this week's deliveries at unchanged to higher prices. Offerings were fully adequate. Buying interest was moderate overall. Retailer demand was good by stores where features planned later in the week otherwise fair, restaurants fairly good overall best to fast food. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. Trading reported on parts for this week's delivery: leg quarter bulk 19-19.5 and 20-20.5 on 4/10s, bone in breast 68-78 and boneless 120-125. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 48.59 up 1.98 and the volume reported at 32 loads was up 3 percent from last week.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices were unchanged into Chicago, unchanged to 1 cent higher into Detroit and TFEWR into major Ohio cities from last Tuesday's final majorities. The trade sentiment was steady. Offers of additional product adequate for limited buyers needs. Retail demand slow to fair at best. Food service movement was in a full range, light to fairly good. Floor stocks adequate. Sizes were in a desirable range. Supplies of wings and boneless skinless breast were fully adequate, balance of parts adequate to available. The trade sentiment was steady on leg items and bone in breasts, barely steady on wings and boneless skinless breasts.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was mostly light to fair following the weekend. Seller offerings ranged adequate to ample and was more available on the heavier sizes. Live supplies were moderate; weights were light to heavy, mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 47 to 62 cents. Trade sentiment was no better than steady. In the parts complex, wings and tenders were readily available. All other cuts were fully sufficient for the light and generally selective 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 DELMARA.

U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	41-64
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	48.69
NO. OF BOXES	9,242

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was very light entering the week. Offerings of breast items were at least adequate for the lackluster demand. Dark meat cuts were fully sufficient. Tenderloins were available. Retail and distributive draw was light and unaggressive. The market tone was no better than steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT	WTD	VOLUME
	TRADING		AVG	/LBS
BREAST - B/S	120-125		125.86	347,420
TENDERLOINS	110		112.97	134,000
BREAST - WITH RIBS	60-61		66.77	202,440
BREAST - LINE RUN	60		62.67	177,720
LEGS	31-32		33.14	156,840
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18		18.11	347,205
DRUMSTICKS	23-24		26.64	113,750
THIGHS	20-21		30.51	36,460
B/S THIGHS	62-63		63.31	111,160
WINGS (WHOLE)	44-45		53.32	277,990
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12		12.17	38,520
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35		30.62	10,080
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60		63.32	21,960

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,295	110.00-125.00	115-125	116.42
TENDERLOINS	128	98.00-187.00	98	123.65
BREAST - WITH RIBS	162	58.00-83.00	-	58.31
FRONT HALVES	329	48.00-63.00	-	51.33
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	684	14.00-17.00	15-16	15.54
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,663	16.00-18.00	16	16.32
WINGS (WHOLE)	175	42.00-75.00	42	45.82
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS	1,602	17.00-37.00	-	17.02

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	10/21	10/17	10/17	10/14	10/10
ALA	4,174	4,070	5.06	3920	5.05
ARK	4,945	5,335	4.92	5321	4.97
DELMARVA	2,324	2,391	5.06	2341	5.13
KY-LA-TN	2,014	2,023	4.62	2050	4.60
MISS	2,913	2,944	5.25	2953	5.13
NC	2,444	2,610	5.92	2414	6.01
TEXAS	2,478	2,469	4.88	2463	4.88
TOTAL	21,292	21,842	5.09	21462	5.11
MON	21,292(A)			21462(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 21-Oct 2002 is estimated to be 31,856,000 down 1.09 percent from a week ago and up 2.32 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,206,000 last year 31,134,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND. **POUNDS**

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
				AVG
BREAST - B/S	935	113.00-189.00	120-125	122.64
TENDERLOINS	175	100.00-183.00	-	123.85
BREAST - LINE RUN	105	63.00-75.00	-	70.52
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	129	19.00-33.00	19-20	20.60
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	388	14.00-18.00	14-15	15.11
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,368	16.00-24.00	19	19.18
WINGS (WHOLE)	281	49.00-54.00	-	53.38
WINGS (CUT)	489	57.00-70.00	58-60	60.97
DRUMSTICKS	71	33.00-46.50	-	34.66
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS	55	52.00-63.00	-	56.00

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR OCT 21, 2002 — F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S RANGE	5-DAY AVERAGE	AVERAGE
31.50 - 35.00	33.42	34.58

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 21-OCT - 25-OCT-2002 CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	115.00 - 135.00	115.00 - 125.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	62.00 - 90.00	63.00 - 68.00
LEGS	25.00 - 37.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	15.00 - 19.00	17.00 - 19.00
DRUMSTICKS	20.00 - 35.00	-
THIGHS	18.00 - 35.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	36.00 - 57.00	44.00 - 49.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10.00 - 15.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 38.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 45.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	80
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	83-87
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	589

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

FRESH FRYERS	90-92
ROASTERS 4# & UP	88-95
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	75
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	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

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN
F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

CHICKEN 18-OCT-2002
— PRICES ——— VOLUME ———
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES ——— VOLUME ———
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	16.00-17.00	13.50-14.00	947,000	264,000
WTD AVERAGE	16.45	13.69		
15-20%				
RANGE	13.50-16.00	10.00-13.00	1,509,600	240,000
WTD AVERAGE	14.41	11.91		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

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.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER
THE WEEK OF 21-OCT-02

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5-11.5	8.25-9	8.59

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN
F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

CHICKEN 18-OCT-2002
— PRICES ——— VOLUME ———
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES ——— VOLUME ———
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	15.00	14.00	181,200	-
WTD AVERAGE	15.00	14.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	11.00-13.00	9.00-13.00	2,086,800	693,600
WTD AVERAGE	11.86	10.27		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were irregular when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to moderate for the at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal. Finished product supplies were generally adequate and clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 21-OCT-02.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	4.75-10	8.25-8.75	8.36
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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