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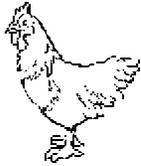
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices for next week were irregular, but trending mostly unchanged. Trade sentiment was mixed, mainly steady. Retail demand was sluggish to instances fair with few features present, and food service was light to fairly good, best into fast food for promotions. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was slow and selective to fair with availability of all items more than adequate or available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights ranged light to heavy, but was 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 10/28/02-11/02/02 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	40.00-43.00	40.00-58.25	43.20	25
Los Angeles	68.00			
New York	44.00-46.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	60.00-63.00	44.00-64.00	62.30	83

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 62.75 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.
789	54.00-66.53	62.63
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	174.50	1,287
BREASTS - B/S	133.50	4,528
BREASTS - WHOLE	64.50	1,150
THIGH MEAT - B/S	59.00	826
LEG QUARTERS	18.00	8,030
WINGS	48.50	3,047

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MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Majority prices into the Chicago area for next week's deliveries were unchanged from Monday's final. Whole fryer market tone was generally steady. Offers were fully available for a non-aggressive buyer interest. Retail movement was lackluster, mostly slow, occasionally fair. Food service demand was mixed, slow to fairly good, best into fast food promotions. Floor stocks adequate to ample. Weights desirable to heavy. Parts offerings were fully available for very light and selective trade interest. The market tone was steady on thighs and whole breasts, cautiously to barely steady on boneless/skinless breasts and leg quarters, barely steady to weak on tenders, drums and wings.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail demand entering the Weekend was slow to fair with hopes that first of the month will stimulate interest. Food service was fair to good, best for fast food promotions. Supplies were usually sufficient with wogs at times closer balanced due to fast food and further processing needs. In the parts structure, wings remained fully adequate to ample with minimal movement. Breast items were more balanced, but still obtainable, and dark meat was at least adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was steady with most trading for next week at unchanged prices. Offerings easily covered the only fair buyer interest. Retailer demand moderate. Dealers expected moderate weekend carryovers. Regional ads: Southern California, fresh- Ca. wholebody 57, Ca. organic wholebody 269, boneless breasts 129-399, boneless thigh 168, boneless leg 69-98, bone in breast 79-119, legs 169, leg quarters 28-39, wings 69-99, 40# case 2399, thighs 59-169, drums 39-169; frozen/prepared- boneless breasts 2.5# 699, 4# 899, tenders 4# 899, nuggets, patties, tenders 10oz 179, 28oz 699, 32oz 499, wings 5# 395, hot dogs 69, bologna 69-99, corn dogs 2.67# 398; deli/cooked- wholebody dinner 429-599, fried 8 pc dinner 348-499, hot wings 399lb, party trays small 2 for \$5-999, large 3695-3899, \$5 off, fried 8pc 299-250pc 11999, tamales 999/doz. Northern California, fresh- mixed parts 129, boneless breasts 299, bone in breasts 149-199, legs 139, leg quarters 99, thighs & drums 99-139, roaster 99, stir fry pieces 399, ground 399. Colorado, fresh- So. wholebody 99, boneless thigh 199, thighs 79, drums 59-79, Cornish hens 99; frozen- boneless breasts 40oz 699, 4# 676, wings 80oz 599, 4# 516, buy 1 get 1 free, nuggets 32oz 499; deli/prepared-fried 8 pc dinner 599-649, boneless hot wings 399lb.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers remained light and unaggressive as dealers kept floor stocks in very close balance. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate to available and often attractively priced to clear product. Retail and distributive movement was sluggish. The market tone was steady at best. In the parts complex, breast items were at least adequate. Drumsticks and wings were ample. Tenderloins were fully sufficient.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was no better than fair. Seller offerings varied by both size and volume but were adequate overall. Live supplies were moderate; weights differed in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 47 to 61 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. In the parts complex, all items were at least adequate for the light to fair and selective buying interest. Whole breasts were generally noted as in best balance with 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	40-61
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	49.40
NO. OF BOXES	9,148
CUMULATIVE	48.98
	10/21/02-10/25/02
	10/22/01-10/26/01
NO. OF BOXES	56.58
	10/21/02-10/25/02
	10/22/01-10/26/01
	44,629
	67,933

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

OCT 24

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

OCT 25

ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS				WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	945	113.00-189.00	120-125	123.39	915	113.00-189.00	120-125	123.76	4,620	123.33
TENDERLOINS	185	97.00-165.00	-	116.62	142	107.00-165.00	-	120.77	932	120.22
BREAST - LINE RUN	115	63.00-75.00	69-70	70.91	105	68.00-75.00	69-70	72.19	520	71.96
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				267	51.49
LEGS	114	19.00-33.00	19-20	20.81	89	19.00-33.00	19-20	20.42	510	20.71
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	390	14.00-18.00	14-15	15.13	388	14.00-18.00	14-15	15.11	1,946	15.14
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,570	16.00-24.00	19	19.31	1,438	16.00-24.00	19	19.42	6,996	19.21
WINGS (WHOLE)	281	47.00-53.00	48-49	48.69	281	44.00-51.00	45-47	47.99	1,225	50.81
WINGS (CUT)	405	55.00-67.00	55-57	57.53	423	55.00-64.00	55-57	57.58	2,167	59.32
DRUMSTICKS	68	33.00-50.00	-	34.96	69	30.00-50.00	-	32.61	339	34.02
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				141	36.58
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				240	57.08

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
 TRADING FOR OCT 24, 2002 F.O.B. DOCK.

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 TRADING FOR OCT 25, 2002 F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S

RANGE	AVERAGE
32.00 - 35.50	33.32

TODAY'S

RANGE	AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
31.50 - 36.50	33.31	33.34

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 continued light and unaggressive as dealers remained cautious and attempted to maintain manageable inventory levels entering the weekend. Offerings of breast items were at least adequate. Tenderloins were fully sufficient. Drumsticks and wings were readily available. Movement through retail and distributive channels was lackluster. The market tone was barely steady to weak on drumsticks and wings, and no better than steady on the balance. TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER LB.

ITEM	OCT 24			OCT 25			WEEKLY	
	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	120	124.41	446,760	120	125.09	501,440	125.08	2,105,290
TENDERLOINS	105	93.69	74,810	105	114.55	137,160	111.05	629,240
BREAST - WITH RIBS	60-61	69.40	146,200	60-61	67.09	165,000	67.43	1,309,140
BREAST - LINE RUN	60	65.35	151,400	60	63.99	120,440	64.04	745,600
LEGS	31-32	28.24	168,920	31-32	28.64	160,680	31.03	725,600
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	17.99	488,105	17-18	18.15	398,476	18.06	2,090,445
DRUMSTICKS	22-23	26.90	99,820	21-22	26.75	112,500	25.66	723,220
THIGHS	20-21	28.41	41,930	20-21	30.80	60,040	29.38	272,130
B/S THIGHS	62-63	63.05	89,400	62-63	63.22	94,760	63.80	501,330
WINGS (WHOLE)	43-44	51.99	169,750	42-43	46.36	271,520	50.17	1,201,130
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.30	28,200	10-12	12.12	32,240	12.13	173,080
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	31.00	10,400	30-35	32.98	8,480	31.72	62,310
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	63.72	23,440	55-60	63.76	24,960	63.70	109,790

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	
	10/25	10/24	10/23	10/22	10/23	10/22	10/18	10/16
ALA	4,282	4,104	3,995	4,072	5.12	5.18	3,866	5.18
ARK	5,187	5,298	5,218	5,269	4.98	5.05	5,165	5.03
DELMARVA	2,275	2,079	2,419	2,383	5.14	5.16	2,289	5.18
KY-LA-TN	1,959	2,052	1,974	1,977	4.74	4.70	2,124	4.72
MISS	2,560	2,961	2,847	2,884	5.36	5.35	2,587	5.26
NC	2,564	2,670	2,598	2,659	6.14	6.12	2,498	6.28
TEXAS	2,472	2,462	2,452	2,477	4.88	5.03	2,410	4.89
TOTAL	21,299	21,626	21,503	21,737	5.18	5.22	20,939	5.19
MON-FRI107,737(A)	107,114(A)							

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.
 Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 25-Oct 02 and 26-Oct-02 is estimated to be 31,866,000 up 1.42 percent from a week ago and down 0.6 percent from a year ago. (Last week 31,421,000; last year 32,061,000)
 Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 26-Oct-02 is estimated to be 156,455,000 head up 1 percent from a week ago, and 0 percent from a year ago (Last week 155,053,000 Last year 156,675,000)

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	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 12-Oct-02 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning
Food service
4.20 Lbs & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs 5.26 Lbs & Up

	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	15,964	18,164	23,878
Avg Weight	3.37	4.60	5.90
% of total /1	28%	31%	41%

COMPARISONS

Last week	13,051	13,369	24,610
Avg Weight	3.86	4.54	6.29
% of total /1	26%	26%	48%
Same week, yr ago /2	23,622	25,253	42,465
Avg Weight	3.73	4.70	6.14
% of total /1	26%	28%	46%

To date/2002	1,052,062	902,533	1,671,989
To date/2001	1,289,776	1,127,390	1,779,275

/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 19-Oct-2002 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	155,053	1,822	1,603	3,425	414
AVG WT	5.05	3.30	7.90	5.45	6.65
LAST WEEK	158,073	1,754	1,536	3,290	412
SAME WK YR AGO	156,885	1,697	1,519	3,216	503
AVG WT	5.12	3.43	7.98	5.58	7.08
TO-DATE/2002	6,530,121	73,819	59,223	133,042	17,723
TO-DATE/2001	6,473,574	74,913	58,165	133,078	21,202

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 157.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 156.9 million head or -0.2 million head less than or 100% of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: OCT 22, 2002

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL POULTRY

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.70 - .80	Silkie	1.50 - 2.00ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.70 - .74	Geese	
Pekin Ducks	5.25 - 6.00ea.	9-14 LBS	.28 - .30
Red Fowl 4-4.5 LBS	.25 - .45	Pigeons	.50 - 1.10ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.30 - .50	White Pigeons	1.50 - 1.80ea.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.30 - .40	Rabbits	
Crossbred Roosters		4-6 LBS	.80 - 1.00
4-6 LBS	.50 - .80	Rabbits	
Crossbred Roosters		7-11 LBS	.70 - .90
7-11 LBS	.40 - .70	Bunnies	1.50 - 4.00ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.20 - 1.30	Guinea Pigs	3.50 - 6.00ea.
Banty Roosters	2.00 - 4.00ea.	Goats	25.00 - 40.00ea.
Banty Hens	1.00 - 2.50ea.	Kid Goats	17.00 - 20.00ea.
Leghorn Hens	.05 - .10	Doves	2.50 - 4.00ea.
		Total Coops Sold	470

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRYFOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 21-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 were unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Demand was moderate to at times 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 21-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 14	160.9	158.6	101% 5.05
21	162.7	159.0	102% 5.18
28	159.2	158.0	101% 5.13
OCTOBER 5	161.0	157.8	102% 5.09
12	160.0	157.3	102% 5.11
19	156.9	157.1	100% 5.05
YEAR TO DATE	6608.3	6650.8	99%
OCTOBER 26		157.2	
NOVEMBER 2		156.2	

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	10/26/02	10/19/02	% CHG	10/20/01	% CHG
Broilers	156,455	155,053*	+01	156,675*	0
Cattle	716	714	0	690*	+04
Hogs	2,053	2,009	+02	2,041*	+01
Under Federal Inspection					
* ACTUAL					

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Majority prices were irregular on the heavy canners; unchanged to slightly higher on the lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to fairly good. Supplies and offerings were in a full range but usually in good balance. The undertone was steady to fully steady.

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

21-26 MAJORITY 21-22

CENTS/POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

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

23-27.5 MAJORITY 23-24

HEAVY CANNER HENS**(WITHOUT NECKS)**

30-36 MAJORITY 31.5-32

HEAVY CANNER HENS**(WITHOUT NECKS)**

32-38 MAJORITY 32.5-33.75

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

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was light and TFEWR. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings from suppliers. Finished sales were fair with plant schedules reduced, but at least adequate for needs. Trade sentiment was only steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Processors worked desired schedules. Trade sentiment steady.

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

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

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

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Negotiations were too few to report. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were moderate to instances good. Schedules were normal at processing plants. Trade sentiment was about steady.

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