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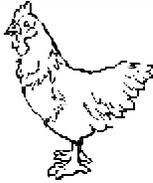
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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices for next week were trending unchanged in the West, irregular elsewhere. Trade sentiment was steady to about steady. Demand following the holiday and entering the weekend was mostly fair at best into all channels with limited trading. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient; however, reduced holiday schedules helped move excess product. In the parts structure, trading was light with supplies of all items adequate or available for immediate needs. In production areas, live supplies were moderate with weights 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 12/02/02-12/07/02 (cents per lb)

### US GRADE A (Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	40.00-43.00	40.00-57.25	43.43	23
Los Angeles	67.00			
New York	45.00-48.00			
<b>Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent</b>				
Mississippi	57.00-61.00	42.00-62.50	60.55	76

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 61.50 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.
699	53.80-63.50		61.33
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	164.00		1,010
BREASTS - B/S	128.00		3,716
BREASTS - WHOLE	63.00		905
THIGH MEAT - B/S	54.00		665
LEG QUARTERS	17.50		6,869
WINGS	47.50		2,702

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## MIDWEST

The preliminary majority price for Chicago for next week's trading was unchanged from Monday's final majority. Whole fryer trade sentiment was about steady. Offerings were light. Retail and food service demand was slow with hopes of improvement for next week. Floor stocks adequate. Weights were desirable. Trading on parts continued light on limited offerings. Supplies adequate to available with little interest. Trade sentiment generally steady on all parts.

## SOUTHERN

Trade sentiment was steady at best. Demand into retail and food service was limited with mostly a wait and see attitude following the Thanksgiving holiday. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to handle trade needs. Processing schedules were part time with most plants down yesterday, a few down today, and spot locations operating on Saturday. In the parts structure, movement was light with supplies of all items at least adequate or available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

## NORTHEAST

Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers remained light and unaggressive entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes ranged balanced to adequate for most immediate needs. Retail and distributive movement was limited. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, breast items were at least adequate. Dark meat cuts were fully sufficient and wings were available.

## WESTERN

Preliminary majority prices unchanged from last Friday throughout the region. Trading reported for next week's deliveries at unchanged prices. Offerings were easily adequate to cover the light buying interest. Sizes trended heavy. Demand was moderate best for parts. Dealers anticipated fair weekend clearances.

### Ads noted (per pound unless otherwise stated):

Southern California - whole body seasoned 97, whole cut-up 89-97, boneless breast 157-398, split breast 97-99, leg quarters 10# bag 390, seasoned leg quarter 77, leg quarter 77, wing 40# case 2399, thigh 67, drumstick 58-67, 8 pieces mixed fried 299.

## DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally light to fair and was generally noted as sufficient in keeping seller offerings in manageable balance. Live supplies were about moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processor schedules were very light as several plants closed. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 48 to 62 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. In the parts complex supplies were at least adequate for the very light and picky buying 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		50-62
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		51.13
NO. OF BOXES		4,632
CUMULATIVE	11/25/02-11/29/02	49.98
	11/26/01-11/30/01	55.54
NO. OF BOXES	11/25/02-11/29/02	31,521
	11/26/01-11/30/01	47,106

\*6 of 8 plants reporting.

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	POUNDS (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	486	115.00-187.00	115-119	119.32	2,751	116.86
TENDERLOINS	31	115.00-179.00	-	144.90	386	114.20
BREAST - LINE RUN	70	66.00-75.00	70-72	71.57	306	70.72
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT			249	53.72
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			377	23.97
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	146	13.00-19.00	13-14	14.89	1,344	14.39
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,338	15.00-24.00	17-19	18.50	5,112	18.22
WINGS (WHOLE)	230	46.00-49.00	46-47	48.61	875	47.27
WINGS (CUT)	140	56.00-58.00	-	57.14	1,028	58.45
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			276	34.70
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			116	37.66
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			80	57.00

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 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR NOVEMBER 29, 2002— F.O.B. DOCK.  
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RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
31.00 - 38.00	33.95	34.21

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 generally light and unaggressive as dealers remained cautious and attempted to maintain balanced floor stocks entering the weekend. Offerings of breast items were sufficient for most immediate needs. Dark meat cuts were fully adequate. Wings were available. Retail and distributive movement was limited. The market tone was about steady.

PRICES PAID PER LB, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BRO/FRY PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES.

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	WEEKLY WTD AVG	WEEKLY VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	120	147.34	25,400	121.11	1,268,855
TENDERLOINS	100-105	105.00	2,480	99.49	344,926
BREAST - WITH RIBS	55-56	64.81	75,440	62.49	538,960
BREAST - LINE RUN	55	58.83	70,000	57.66	372,000
LEGS	31-32	35.17	60,040	30.30	603,520
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	18.39	57,320	18.39	1,066,660
DRUMSTICKS	21-22	33.64	27,400	25.55	407,130
THIGHS	20-21	32.38	24,560	29.89	167,300
B/S THIGHS	62-63	71.00	3,840	64.53	237,920
WINGS (WHOLE)	41-42	49.95	75,360	47.16	536,970
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.00	25,120	12.14	131,880
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	35.00	1,560	32.22	56,085
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	64.27	8,240	63.39	65,300

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	
	11/29	11/28	11/27	11/26	11/27	11/26	11/22	11/20
ALA	3,158	(A)	3,664	4,015	5.08	5.14	3,945	5.10
ARK	3,881	Holiday	4,864	5,055	4.84	4.95	4,889	4.88
DELMARVA	1,649	Holiday	2,213	2,412	5.00	5.08	2,128	5.25
KY-LA-TN	1,468	Holiday	1,643	1,803	4.77	4.79	1,756	4.63
MISS	1,779	Holiday	2,758	2,933	5.34	5.45	2,452	5.12
NC	2,460	(A)	2,300	2,659	6.22	6.27	2,124	6.00
TEXAS	2,314	(A)	2,437	2,360	4.66	4.40	2,461	4.82
TOTAL	16,709	988	19,879	20,638	5.10	5.13	19,755	5.11
MON-FRI	80,153(B)						101,650(B)	

TO FACILITATE REASONABLE COMPARISONS, ESTIMATES WERE USED AS NEEDED.

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. (A) Not released to avoid disclosure. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 29-Nov 02 and 30-Nov-02 is estimated to be 24,999,000 down 15.67 percent from a week ago and down 23.9 percent from a year ago. (Last week 29,644,000; last year 32,847,000) Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 30-Nov-02 is estimated to be 114,688,000 head down 23 percent from a week ago, and down 27 percent from a year ago

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

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	89-91
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-88
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	92-94
	DRY PACK	96-102
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 16-Nov-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	26,158	26,610	46,014
Avg Weight	3.72	4.74	6.25
% of total /1	26%	27%	47%

**COMPARISONS**

Last week	24,191	27,712	41,331
Avg Weight	3.74	4.77	6.23
% of total /1	26%	30%	44%

Same week, yr ago /2	30,024	21,873	40,044
Avg Weight	3.86	4.73	6.21
% of total /1	33%	24%	44%

To date/2002	1,182,305	1,034,637	1,904,371
To date/2001	1,434,137	1,267,925	1,999,621

/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 23-Nov-2002 (PRELIMINARY)

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

HEAD	149,717	1,663	1,556	3,219	410
AVG WT	5.16	3.71	7.96	5.76	6.87
LAST WEEK	154,140	1,441	1,523	2,964	362
SAME WK YR AGO	113,595	1,174	931	2,105	430
AVG WT	4.98	3.41	7.71	5.31	6.77
TO-DATE/2002	7,303,467	81,900	66,918	148,818	19,636
TO-DATE/2001	7,206,169	83,258	64,735	147,993	23,589

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 146.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 151.5 million head or 5.3 million head more than or 104% of estimated fryers available.

**EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: NOV 26, 2002**

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

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.70 - .80	Silkie	1.50 - 1.85ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.70 - .80	Geese	
Red Fowl 4-4.5 LBS	.30 - .50	9-14 LBS	.48
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.40 - .80	Pigeons	1.25 - 1.50ea.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.40 - .60	White Pigeons	1.50 - 1.85ea.
Crossbred Roosters		Rabbits	
4-6 LBS	.40 - .70	4-6 LBS	1.05 - 1.16
Crossbred Roosters		Rabbits	
7-11 LBS	.40 - .80	4-7 LBS	1.00 - 1.16
Guinea Fowl	.85 - .90	Bunnies	3.00 - 5.00ea.
Banty Roosters	2.00 - 2.75ea.	Guinea Pigs	6.00 - 7.50ea.
Banty Hens	1.85 - 2.50ea.	Goats	40.00 - 50.00ea.
		Kid Goats	15.00 - 19.00ea.
Total Coops Sold 260		Doves	2.75 - 3.75

**EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 18-NOV-2002

**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)	54-62	58-62
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	63-85	68-73

**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 mostly steady. Demand was moderate to good. Weights were in the desirable range. Schedules slightly reduced for the holiday this week. 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 18-NOV-2002

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
OCTOBER 19	156.9	157.1	100% 5.05
26	160.6	157.2	102% 5.22
NOVEMBER 2	157.1	156.2	101% 5.24
9	157.5	155.3	101% 5.13
16	156.0	151.3	103% 5.29
23	151.5	146.2	104% 5.16
YEAR TO DATE	7391.0	7417.0	100%
NOVEMBER 30		145.5	
DECEMBER 7		146.7	

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

	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	11/30/02	11/23/02	% CHG	12/01/01	% CHG
Broilers	114,688	149,717*	-23	157,112*	-27
Cattle	631	678	-07	676*	-07
Hogs	1,820	2,044	-11	2,050*	-11

Under Federal Inspection

\* ACTUAL

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Majority prices were unchanged on both light and heavy cannery when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to good with trading very limited. Supplies and offerings were in close balance to tight and well cleared. The undertone was at least steady to fully steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

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

21-26 MAJORITY 21.5-22 29-36 MAJORITY 31.5-32.5  
 CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

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

23.5-27.5 MAJORITY 23.75 30-38 MAJORITY 33-34

**EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices were unchanged. Offerings were generally adequate. Demand was mostly light to fair at best and unaggressive. Processing schedules for next week were normal. Movement of finished product was at least moderate and clearing. The undertone was generally steady.

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Negotiations were too few to report. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings of light hens. Finished sales were fair with current schedules adequate for needs. Trade sentiment was about steady.

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices unchanged. Offerings fully adequate with demand light to moderate. Schedules full-time for next week. Trade sentiment steady.

**WEST COAST LIGHT** Plants worked desired slaughter schedules. Offerings were adequate.

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was mostly moderate but not as active. Offerings were generally adequate for the reduced holiday schedules. Finished product supplies were about adequate and well cleared. The undertone was generally steady.

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Sales were too few to report prices. Interest for at least adequate supplies of spent hens was fair. Finished sales were seasonally good with supplies sufficient to cover needs. Trade sentiment was about steady.

**LIVE TYPE HENS**

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 02-DEC-02

HEAVY	RANGE	MAJORITY
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR (1)	
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR (2)	
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR (1)	

**LIGHT**

CENTS PER LB., DAY OF NEGOTIATION, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

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

\*TOO FEW TO REPORT

**NEW YORK SEASONAL HOLIDAY ITEMS.** FOR DELIVERY THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 25, 2002.

CAPONS: Prices to first receivers were unchanged. Supplies continued to be in close balance with anticipated needs. Most product for December needs will start shipping late week. Trade sentiment was fully steady. Weights were in a full range, but mostly desirable.

DOLLARS PER POUND DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS:  
 6-9 LBS. 1.53-1.60 MOSTLY 1.57-1.59

GEESE: Shipper asking prices were unchanged from prior week. Supplies of frozen USDA Grade A geese were in close balance. Bookings were about as expected for December needs. Trade sentiment was fully steady. Average weights are in a full range.

DOLLARS PER POUND DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS:  
 6-8 LBS. TFEWR  
 8-10 LBS. 2.10-2.30 MOSTLY 2.10-2.20  
 10-12 LBS. 2.10-2.30 MOSTLY 2.10-2.20  
 12 LBS. AND UP 2.10-2.30 MOSTLY 2.10-2.20

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