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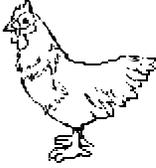
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were mostly unchanged when compared to previous week. Trade sentiment was steady to about steady. Demand following the weekend and holiday covered the full range with best movement for retail ads and fast food; however, interest was also at times cautious with market conditions being assessed. Supplies were usually sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was limited. Breast items were improved, but still available, and the remaining parts were at least adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate with weights desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 12/02/02-12/07/02 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	47.00-49.00	48.80	10	52.05	24
Chicago	40.00-43.00	43.88	43	45.61	83
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	48.77	18
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	57.39	9
Denver	66.50	66.42	13	64.24	17
Detroit	42.00-44.00	43.38	13	49.30	38
Los Angeles	67.00	65.00	57	61.78	149
New York	45.00-48.00	47.30	20	48.16	43
Philadelphia	46.00-48.00	47.50	11	45.36	22
Pittsburgh	46.00-49.00	47.20	10	52.48	57
St. Louis	42.00-43.50	42.62	24	44.31	40
San Francisco	67.50	66.32	30	68.01	58

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	12/02/02	Change/Last Wk	11/25/02	12/03/01
558	53.14	-0.22	53.36	57.32

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	47.00-49.00	48.82	33
Central	44.00-52.00	49.21	60
West	45.00-60.50	55.13	44
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent			
Mississippi	57.00-61.00	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.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
925	40.00-65.27	60.45

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	160.50	1,074
BREASTS - B/S	127.50	4,004
BREASTS - WHOLE	63.00	937
THIGH MEAT - B/S	53.50	697
LEG QUARTERS	17.50	7,853
WINGS	47.50	2,798

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity was seasonally light to fair at best following the holiday week as dealers cautiously assessed the market. Offerings of all sizes were sufficient for most immediate needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was lackluster. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, breast items were generally adequate. Dark meat cuts were fully sufficient. Wings were readily available.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand following the weekend was mixed with some taking a wait and see stance or fulfilling refill needs. Supplies of all sizes were sufficient to closer balance due to last week's reduced holiday schedules. In the parts structure, trading was light but expected to improve now that Thanksgiving is over and first of the month is here. All items were available or close with some improved interest noted for breast items. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy, mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged from last weeks' levels. Reported trading for this week's deliveries at generally unchanged prices with smaller weight product slightly higher. Offerings were easily adequate to cover current needs with whole body product less than 3.5 pounds confidently held. Demand for whole body product increased where features planned, elsewhere fair. Demand for parts was fairly good best to cover specials. Dealers reported moderate weekend clearances. Trading reported on parts for this week's delivery: leg quarter bulk 18.5-19.5 and 4/10s 19.50-21, drumstick mid 20s, wings mid 50s, bone in breast 66-72 and boneless 120-122. The Los Angeles negotiated weighted WOG average was 48.86 up .48 with the volume reported up 8 percent to 28 loads.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices were unchanged into all areas from last Monday's final. Whole fryer market tone was steady. Offers available, but light for the most part. Buyer interest was mixed. Movement was irregular into all channels, light to fairly good, best for retail features and fast food. Floor stocks adequate to ample. Sizes desirable. Parts trading limited, best for breast items. Supplies of all items adequate for immediate trade needs. Trade sentiment was mostly steady on all items.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds remained seasonally slow to fair at best. Seller offerings were generally noted as adequate and in fairly good balance. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 48 to 62 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. In the parts complex, all cuts were fully sufficient for immediate needs.

*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	44-65
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	51.22
NO. OF BOXES	8,715

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was light and selective as dealers cautiously assessed the market following the holiday week. Offerings of breast items were sufficient. Dark meat cuts ranged adequate to fully adequate. Wings were readily available. Retail and distributive movement was lackluster. The market tone was about steady.

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

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT	WTD	AVG	VOLUME	/LBS
BREAST - B/S		120	125.27		319,736	
TENDERLOINS	100-105		104.47		79,880	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	55-56		63.37		143,800	
BREAST - LINE RUN	55		58.07		83,680	
LEGS	31-32		31.16		167,320	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18		17.88		510,912	
DRUMSTICKS	21-22		25.97		98,240	
THIGHS	20-21		31.13		52,240	
B/S THIGHS	62-63		62.97		67,720	
WINGS (WHOLE)	41-42		46.89		218,740	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12		12.15		47,640	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35		32.25		15,400	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65		62.93		14,720	

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	1,025	105.00-129.00	112-116		115.41
TENDERLOINS	123	98.00-158.00	-		118.75
BREAST - WITH RIBS	124	54.00-84.00	54		54.91
FRONT HALVES	210	45.00-73.00	47-49		48.21
LEGS		NO TRADING REPORTED			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	521	14.00-17.00	15-16		15.39
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,635	16.00-18.00	16-17		16.48
WINGS (WHOLE)		NO TRADING REPORTED			
DRUMSTICKS		NO TRADING REPORTED			
THIGHS	1,520	14.00-15.00	-		14.50

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	12/02	11/28	11/28	11/25	11/21
ALA	4,150	(A)	(A)	3971	5.05
ARK	5,333	Holiday	Holiday	4678	4.92
DELMARVA	2,195	Holiday	Holiday	2391	5.07
KY-LA-TN	2,050	Holiday	Holiday	1669	4.52
MISS	2,787	Holiday	Holiday	2809	5.27
NC	2,391	(A)	(A)	2419	5.97
TEXAS	2,452	(A)	(A)	2460	4.79
TOTAL	21,358	1,167	4.96	20397	5.08
MON	21,358 (B)			20397 (B)	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 02-Dec 2002 is estimated to be 31,953,000 up 4.39 percent from a week ago and up 4.66 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 30,608,000; last year 30,529,000)

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.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD	AVG
BREAST - B/S	800	108.00-187.00	115-119		127.77
TENDERLOINS	64	105.00-179.00	-		134.56
BREAST - LINE RUN	70	66.00-75.00	70-72		73.71
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	89	20.00-33.00	20-21		21.31
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	366	13.00-18.00	13-14		13.52
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,528	15.00-24.00	17-19		18.51
WINGS (WHOLE)	265	41.00-49.00	46-47		47.60
WINGS (CUT)	367	56.00-63.00	57-58		57.87
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR DECEMBER 02, 2002 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
31.00 - 37.50	33.21	34.01

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 02-DEC-2002 TO 06-DEC-2002 CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	111.00 - 132.00	115.00 - 125.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	58.00 - 82.00	60.00 - 66.00
LEGS	25.00 - 37.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	14.00 - 20.00	17.00
DRUMSTICKS	19.00 - 29.00	-
THIGHS	16.00 - 24.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	37.00 - 55.00	40.00 - 45.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	25.00 - 45.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 52.00	-

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

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	73-79
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	75-80
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	589

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

FRESH FRYERS	89-91
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-89
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	69-75
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	92-94
	DRY PACK	96-102
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104
	DRY PACK	113
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 29-NOV-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	15.50-16.00	13.50-14.00	618,000	468,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.72	13.60		
15-20%				
RANGE	12.00-15.00	11.00-13.00	1,592,000	52,000
WTD AVERAGE	13.20	12.09		
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

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 29-NOV-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		14.00	81,600	-
WTD AVERAGE		14.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	12.00-15.00	10.00-13.00	1,029,600	297,600
WTD AVERAGE	12.95	11.00		
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 unchanged to slightly lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly moderate. Offerings were about adequate to adequate. Processing schedules were normal. Finished product supplies were about adequate and clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was generally steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER

THE WEEK OF 02-DEC-02.	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-9.5	8-8.5	8.21
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Mostly prices were unchanged from a week earlier. Interest was moderate to good for about adequate offerings. Processing schedules were usually about normal. Finished products was usually clearing. Trade sentiment was mostly steady.

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

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.5-11.5	8-9	8.67

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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