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Majority prices in the West were unchanged, but higher in the East and Midwest when compared to prior week. Trade sentiment was steady to firm. Demand overall was light to moderate with few retail ads, but often better for fast food promotions. Supplies were in balance to tight and held with confidence as a result of reduced holiday schedules for this week. In the parts structure, wings were tight and clearing well. Breast items were in good balance, and dark meat was at least adequate with light interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights in a full range, 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 12/30/02-01/04/03 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	53.00-55.00	57.20	10	59.09	22
Chicago	50.00-53.00	52.46	39	54.20	72
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	55.82	19
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	63.57	7
Denver	66.50	66.50	12	65.80	15
Detroit	50.00-53.00	51.69	13	54.94	43
Los Angeles	67.00	66.04	57	64.19	140
New York	54.00-57.00	55.22	23	54.02	46
Philadelphia	54.00-56.00	54.41	11	53.32	22
Pittsburgh	54.00-57.00	55.50	10	57.88	57
St. Louis	51.00-52.00	51.62	20	52.17	36
San Francisco	67.50	67.07	30	67.04	69

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	12/30/02	Change/Last Wk	12/23/02	12/31/01
548	58.22	1.10	57.12	55.66

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	55.00-57.00	56.87	32
Central	50.00-59.00	55.61	56
West	55.00-65.00	60.30	49

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	59.00-62.75	61.71	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 61.75 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
1,055	50.00-66.50	60.73

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	165.00	1,137
BREASTS - B/S	140.00	3,555
BREASTS - WHOLE	66.50	1,109
THIGH MEAT - B/S	54.00	765
LEG QUARTERS	18.00	7,487
WINGS	52.50	2,671

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SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Demand was seasonally light to moderate, stronger for fast food promotions and active retail ads. Supplies were close to short of trade needs with availability affected by part time holiday schedules. In the parts structure, breast items and wings had the best movement with supplies no more than adequate, and dark meat was readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity ranged fair to good following the weekend. Offerings of all sizes were adequate to tight as holiday scheduled down time kept product closely cleared. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm. In the parts complex, wings were balanced to tight and clearing. The remainder of items were generally sufficient for trade needs.

WESTERN The final majority prices were unchanged from last week's level. Trading reported at mainly unchanged to slightly higher prices. Offerings were mainly adequate. Buying activity was moderate. Retailer demand was fair to fairly good, best to fast food and where features planned. Dealers reported fairly good week-end clearances. The market tone was about steady to fully steady on parts with white meat items in the strongest position. Trading reported on parts for this week's delivery: leg quarters bulk 19-19.5 and 4/10s 21-21.5, bone-in breast 72-81 and boneless 125-131. The Los Angeles negotiated weighted WOG average was 57.67 up 1.08 with the volume reported down 4 percent to 30 loads.

MIDWEST Majority prices were sharply higher from last Monday's final. Whole fryer market tone was steady to instances firm. Offers adequate for the light buyer interest. Retail demand light to moderate. Food service light to movement moderate best into fast food. Floor stocks adequate to in close balance. Sizes mostly desirable. Supply of part items adequate to close with wings and boneless skinless breasts in the tightest position. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm on wings, mostly steady on breast items and dark meat cuts.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to moderate following the weekend. Seller offerings were in close balance to tight for immediate needs. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights varied in a full range of light to heavy. Processor schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher at 56 to 67 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, wings were in good balance and clearing satisfactorily. Other items were generally adequate for trade 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	52-69
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	59.11
NO. OF BOXES	9,934

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was generally fair to moderate entering the week as dealers kept floor stocks in close balance with immediate needs. Offerings of breast items were mostly adequate. Legs and leg quarters were at least adequate. Wings were in close balance to tight and well cleared. Retail and distributive movement was light. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm on wings and about steady on the balance.

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

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT TRADING	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	125-130	130.07	442,400	
TENDERLOINS	105-110	113.23	45,240	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	63-64	72.10	152,760	
BREAST - LINE RUN	63	64.65	115,400	
LEGS	31-32	29.89	369,360	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	17.89	653,331	
DRUMSTICKS	21-22	26.78	109,980	
THIGHS	20-21	28.69	66,760	
B/S THIGHS	62-63	64.86	65,420	
WINGS (WHOLE)	51-52	59.12	184,120	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.02	30,240	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	32.96	8,840	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	64.47	30,200	

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	865	1.21-1.35	1.21-1.26	1.25
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,748	15.00-17.00	17	16.50
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	380	17.00-18.00	-	17.53
WINGS (WHOLE)	127	46.00-75.00	47	48.20
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS	1,040	15.00-17.00	-	16.88

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	12/30	12/26	12/26	12/23	12/19
ALA	4,171	3,253	5.26	4,018	5.10
ARK	4,966	4,793	5.13	4,796	4.86
DELMARVA	2,403	2,332	5.11	2,424	5.09
KY-LA-TN	1,768	1,477	4.69	1,278	4.64
MISS	2,888	2,684	5.48	2,950	5.40
NC	2,672	2,086	6.18	2,260	6.00
TEXAS	2,468	1,669	5.07	2,478	4.80
TOTAL	21,336	18,294	5.28	20,204	5.12
MON	21,336(A)			20,204(A)	

Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 30-Dec 2002 is estimated to be 31,921,000 up 5.29 percent from a week ago and up 66.94 percent from a year ago. (Last week 30,318,000 last year 19,121,000)

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	898	120.00-195.00	125-132	128.76
TENDERLOINS	130	115.00-180.00	-	132.54
BREAST - LINE RUN	113	64.00-70.00	64-67	66.34
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	91	20.00-32.00	21-22	22.96
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	690	14.00-18.00	15-16	15.23
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,327	16.00-24.00	17-19	18.32
WINGS (WHOLE)	283	50.00-55.00	51-52	52.26
WINGS (CUT)	497	62.00-70.00	66-68	66.13
DRUMSTICKS	69	32.00-46.00	-	33.83
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR DEC 30, 2002 — F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S RANGE	5-DAY AVERAGE	AVERAGE
38.00 - 42.00	40.44	40.06

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 DEC-30-02 - JAN 03-03 CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	120.00 - 135.00	123.00 - 131.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	65.00 - 83.00	65.00 - 71.00
LEGS	26.00 - 29.00	29.00 -
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	14.50 - 22.00	17.00 -
DRUMSTICKS	19.00 - 29.00	-
THIGHS	17.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	48.00 - 58.00	53.00 -
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10.00 - 17.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 42.00	35.00 -
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 45.00	40.00 -

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	78-82
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	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	69-75
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	ICE PACK 104
	DRY PACK 113
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 92-98
	DRY PACK
DUCKS	152-166

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.

27-DEC-2002

CHICKEN — PRICES ——— VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

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

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

27-DEC-2002

CHICKEN — PRICES ——— VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	16.00	-	40,800	-
WTD AVERAGE	16.00			
15-20%				
RANGE	10.00-14.00	10.00-12.00	918,000	81,600
WTD AVERAGE	11.80	11.04		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	10.00-11.00	40,800	-
WTD AVERAGE		10.50		

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

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.

27-DEC-2002

CHICKEN — PRICES ——— VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

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

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

27-DEC-2002

CHICKEN — PRICES ——— VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	14.50-16.00	13.00-13.50	1,008,000	738,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.03	13.44		
15-20%				
RANGE	13.50	10.50-14.50	1,761,600	-
WTD AVERAGE	13.50	12.12		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	11.00	160,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		11.00		

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

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged to slightly lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly light to moderate for the adequate but reduced offerings. Processing plants were less than normal due to holiday schedules. Finished product supplies were about adequate and well cleared.

The undertone was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 30-DEC-02.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-9.5 CENTS/LB.	8-8.5	8.07

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 Prices were unchanged to slightly lower compared to the past week. Demand was light to moderate for fully adequate offerings. Schedules were sufficient to cover a slow post -holiday call for finished product. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 30-DEC-02.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.25-11.5 CENTS/LB.	7.75-8.5	8.18

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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