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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were higher in the West, unchanged to higher elsewhere. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm in the West, steady in the Midwest, and irregular, but overall steady in the Northeast. Retail demand was slow to fair with limited buyer interest reported. Food service was slow to fairly good, best into fast food, deli's, and casual dining facilities. Supplies were irregular depending on size and location, but was generally sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was light and unaggressive to fair with supplies mixed, but available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to light, 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 07/21/03-07/25/03 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
	<b>Delivered to First Receivers</b>				
Bos/New Eng	60.00-62.00	60.63	16	61.16	40
Chicago	52.00-55.00	55.84	37	58.50	73
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	—	—	57.78	26
Denver	72.50	72.50	16	71.19	20
Detroit	54.00	56.00	11	59.64	38
Los Angeles	73.00	70.97	60	68.84	132
New York	58.00-61.00	58.76	21	60.01	55
Philadelphia	57.50-60.00	58.45	11	57.63	26
Pittsburgh	58.00-61.00	58.91	11	61.62	52
St. Louis	55.00-55.25	54.76	24	55.89	47
San Francisco	73.50	71.79	31	70.54	82
	<b>Composite Weighted Average</b>				
Loads	07/21/03	Change/Last Wk	07/14/03	07/22/02	
591	62.57	-1.54	64.11	57.64	

**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	58.50-59.50	60.09	27
Central	57.00-62.50	60.23	67
West	55.00-63.00	62.18	48
	<b>Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent</b>		
Mississippi	67.00-68.50	67.21	82

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 67.50 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
1,131	52.00-69.27	65.87

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	200.50	1,440
BREASTS - B/S	192.50	5,345
BREASTS - WHOLE	101.50	1,973
THIGH MEAT - B/S	75.50	998
LEG QUARTERS	30.50	9,246
WINGS	71.50	3,070

THIS INFORMATION IS SUPPLIED BY THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S POULTRY MARKET NEWS SERVICE.

**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole/fryers was generally quiet with business reported as light to fair. Offerings were fully sufficient on lighter weights and usually about adequate on the heavier sizes. Retail and distributive movement was fair. The market tone was generally steady. In the parts complex, breast items were adequate to available. Leg items were in good balance. Jumbo wings were at least sufficient. The balance of items were about adequate.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand following the weekend was light to moderate, best for features. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was mixed, mostly moderate at best. Wings were more balanced, but still available, and breast items were sufficient and moving. Dark meat was adequate to close balanced with best interest for export business. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Final majority prices were 1 cent higher throughout the region. Reported trading for this weeks' delivery were at higher prices on regular commitments and new negotiations mixed with heavy weight product in the weakest position. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate with small sized product in the closest position. Retailer demand was good overall best for parts to cover features planned or in progress. Dealers reported moderate weekend carryovers. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 56.64 down 2.74 from last week and the volume reported down 3 percent to 33 loads.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Final majority delivered prices for this week were unchanged with Ohio cities TFEWR from last Monday's final. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady. Producer offerings were adequate with spot shortages noted on light weight whole birds. Buyer interest was limited and selective. Movement into retail was slow to fair. Food service demand was slow to fairly good, best into fast food, deli's and casual dining. Floor stocks were in a full range. Weights desirable. Trade on parts items light as current inventories fulfill most needs. Large wings and tenders continued fully adequate, leg quarters building and slow to clear in domestic channels, breast items were sufficient. The market tone was mostly steady on all parts.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was good on the 3.5 and 4.0 sizes and supplies were generally short. 2.5 and 3.0 pound sizes were ample and slow to clear. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to light. Processor schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 59 to 68 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak on the smaller sizes; fully steady to firm on the over 3.0 pound weights. In the parts complex, supplies were adequate for the light to fair and generally unaggressive 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	54-71
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	62.08
NO. OF BOXES	7,344

\*8 of 8 plants reporting.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying activity was light and unaggressive with most traders reporting business as quiet. Offerings of bone-in breasts were usually available, however sellers were showing some confidence with asking prices usually higher than what buyers were willing to pay. Boneless-skinless breasts were at least sufficient. Dark meat cuts and jumbo wings were adequate to fully adequate. Retail and distributive movement was about fair. 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 TRADING	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S		165	169.80	450,900
TENDERLOINS		140	136.19	90,220
BREAST - WITH RIBS	84-85		86.67	264,200
BREAST - LINE RUN		84	84.61	73,800
LEGS	37-38		37.32	205,440
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	25-26		26.89	459,602
DRUMSTICKS	33-34		37.81	176,820
THIGHS	27-28		37.71	68,300
B/S THIGHS	69-70		74.05	109,760
WINGS (WHOLE)	62-63		68.65	199,190
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12		12.14	32,480
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30		18.86	48,840
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35-40		40.19	19,120

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	1,406	150.00-196.00	151-159	156.18
TENDERLOINS	198	130.00-211.00	-	151.17
BREAST - WITH RIBS	318	87.00-100.00	88-92	90.44
FRONT HALVES	296	76.00-80.00	77-78	77.30
LEGS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,030	22.00-26.00	24	23.83
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,497	26.00-27.00	-	26.25
WINGS (WHOLE)	851	51.00-78.00	59-61	59.95
DRUMSTICKS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
THIGHS	1,280	18.00-22.00	19	19.11

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	07/21	07/17	07/17	07/14	07/10
ALA	4,124	3,907	5.14	4,071	5.19
ARK	4,993	5,250	4.85	5,013	4.89
DELMARVA	2,243	2,276	5.24	2,237	5.27
KY-LA-TN	1,957	1,957	4.70	1,787	4.76
MISS	3,054	3,079	5.18	3,040	5.31
NC	2,619	2,585	5.88	2,610	5.97
TEXAS	2,498	2,435	4.92	2,467	4.93
TOTAL	21,488	21,489	5.11	21,225	5.16
MON	21,488(A)			21,225 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 21-Jul 2003 is estimated to be 32,149,000 up 0.94 percent from a week ago and down 1.25 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,850,000, last year 32,556,000)

**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	760	152.00-235.00	154-159	156.95
TENDERLOINS	208	135.00-211.00	141-145	149.87
BREAST - LINE RUN	71	89.00-109.00	90-92	93.76
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	128	29.00-47.00	30-32	32.00
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	602	24.00-27.00	24-25	24.95
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,103	26.00-33.00	27-29	27.69
WINGS (WHOLE)	285	54.00-76.50	-	72.42
WINGS (CUT)	460	71.00-82.00	75-76	76.03
DRUMSTICKS	68	47.00-60.00	-	48.53
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS	80	77.00-82.00	-	78.25

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR JULY 21, 2003 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
51.00-55.00	52.64	52.53

**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-JUL-2003 TO 25-JUL-2003 CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	159.00 - 174.00	159.00 - 169.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	85.00 - 104.00	85.00 - 94.00
LEGS	25.25 - 41.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	23.00 - 30.00	25.00 - 27.00
DRUMSTICKS	20.00 - 43.00	-
THIGHS	26.00 - 41.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	50.00 - 79.00	59.00 - 65.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	14.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 40.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 45.00	-

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

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	85
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	88-92
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	589

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

FRESH FRYERS	91-97
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	63
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	100-102
	DRY PACK	107-108
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-105
	DRY PACK	113
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	
	ICE PACK	91-98
DUCKS		155-166

**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.

18-JUL-2003

**CHICKEN**                      — 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	15.25-18.50	17.00	502,000	472,000
WTD AVERAGE	17.04	17.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	16.50	11.00-16.00	1,624,000	504,000
WTD AVERAGE	16.50	12.54		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	11.00	80,000	-
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 higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was generally fair for the at least adequate to fully adequate offerings. Finished product supplies were mostly about adequate and well cleared. Processing schedules for next week were normal to instances heavy. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER

THE WEEK OF 21-JUL-03.	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-9	8.25-8.5	8.32
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\*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.

18-JUL-2003

**CHICKEN**                      — 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	-	11.50	12,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		11.50		
15-20%				
RANGE	15.00-17.00	10.50-14.50	2,339,600	963,200
WTD AVERAGE	16.81	10.18		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	10.50	30,000	-
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

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Prices were generally unchanged compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 21-JUL-03

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5.75-11.25	8-8.75	8.43

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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