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Majority prices were unchanged in the East and West, but higher in the Midwest when compared to previous week. Trade sentiment ranged steady to fully steady with firm undertones in the Midwest. Retail demand was slow to fair at best with scattered retail ads, and food service was light to moderate, at times fairly good for fast food. Supplies were irregular, but available to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, boneless skinless breasts were in good balance to tight and clearing well; the remaining breast items were more than adequate. Wings were adequate to ample, and dark meat was mixed, but usually sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable to occasionally light.

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 07/28/03-08/01/03 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	60.00-62.00	60.31	16	60.57	31
Chicago	53.00-56.00	55.95	39	58.60	75
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	—	—	58.70	27
Denver	72.50	72.50	16	67.04	27
Detroit	54.00-55.00	56.45	11	60.45	39
Los Angeles	73.00	70.93	60	66.02	181
New York	58.00-61.00	59.13	23	60.87	56
Philadelphia	58.00-60.00	59.18	11	57.59	23
Pittsburgh	58.00-61.00	59.09	11	62.58	56
St. Louis	55.50-56.00	55.55	24	56.56	50
San Francisco	73.50	71.95	31	72.84	66

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	07/28/03	Change/Last Wk	07/21/03	07/29/02
631	62.34	-0.23	62.57	55.74

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	59.00-62.00	60.53	45
Central	58.00-63.50	60.83	62
West	57.00-65.00	61.27	48

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	67.00-68.50	67.25	82
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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 67.75 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
1,141	53.00-69.67	65.90

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	202.50	1,445
BREASTS - B/S	197.50	5,330
BREASTS - WHOLE	102.50	1,948
THIGH MEAT - B/S	78.50	1,013
LEG QUARTERS	31.00	9,236
WINGS	72.00	3,065

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SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was mixed, but generally steady. Demand following the weekend was in a full range, best for retail ads and fast food. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient and moving. In the parts structure, breast items were in balance and showing strong movement, particularly boneless skinless due in part to features. Wings were adequate, and dark meat was mixed, but available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready -to-cook wholebroiler/fryers was mostly fair to moderate entering the week. Offerings were fully sufficient on lighter weights and about adequate on the heavier sizes. Retail and distributive movement was fair. The market tone was generally steady. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breast were in close balance and well cleared. Bone-in breast were adequate to available. Leg items and wings were generally sufficient. The balance of items were about adequate to adequate.

WESTERN Final majority prices were unchanged from last Monday's levels. Trading reported for this week deliveries were at unchanged to higher prices. Offerings were fully adequate with small weights confidently held. Retailer demand was good. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 57.39 up .75 from last week and the volume reported up 15 percent to 38 loads.

MIDWEST Final majority delivered prices for this week increased from last Monday's final; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady, undertone firm. Offerings were very limited for the marginal to fair trade interest. Movement into retail was slow to fair at best. Food service demand was mostly light, instances fairly good, best into fast food and casual dining. Floor stocks were adequate. Weights desirable. Light trade noted on parts items as current inventories were sufficient. Offerings were light for the most part as all items were closely balanced. The market tone was fully steady on breast items, remaining items steady.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fairly good at some points, light at others. Offerings were adequate to short on 3.5 and 4.0 pound sizes; fully adequate on the 2.5 and 3.0 pound sizes. 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 about steady on the 3.0 pound and lighter weights; fully steady on the heavier. Boneless skinless breasts continued to clear well. Bone-in breasts were generally fully adequate. Leg items were irregularly balanced. Wings were adequate to ample.

*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	57-71
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	61.75
NO. OF BOXES	8,858

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity increased slightly entering the week and was generally moderate. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts were in good balance and clearing satisfactorily. Bone-in breasts were more than sufficient. Dark meat items and wings were adequate. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was fully steady on boneless-skinless breasts; steady to 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		170-175	168.69	616,680
TENDERLOINS		140	140.61	126,560
BREAST - WITH RIBS		84-85	88.97	275,400
BREAST - LINE RUN		84	83.55	97,800
LEGS		37-38	36.30	361,960
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)		25-26	26.86	369,133
DRUMSTICKS		33-34	37.64	155,380
THIGHS		26-27	38.47	37,320
B/S THIGHS		69-70	72.49	106,640
WINGS (WHOLE)		62-63	71.51	201,420
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)		10-12	12.30	37,560
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)		25-30	25.44	13,520
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)		35-40	41.44	22,200

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	1,331	153.00-196.00	155-165	159.41
TENDERLOINS	235	130.00-212.00	133-155	147.19
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES	341	71.00-82.00	74-80	77.36
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	444	24.00-27.00	24	24.41
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,451	25.00-27.00	25-26	25.62
WINGS (WHOLE)	738	59.00-79.00	61-63	61.28
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS	1,160	17.00-21.00	18-19	18.34

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	07/28	07/24	07/24	07/21	07/17
ALA	4,090	4,089	5.05	4,070	5.14
ARK	5,288	4,937	4.93	4,866	4.85
DELMARVA	2,253	2,310	5.33	2,239	5.24
KY-LA-TN	1,941	1,961	4.77	1,949	4.70
MISS	3,033	3,051	5.23	3,010	5.18
NC	2,620	2,609	5.98	2,477	5.88
TEXAS	2,468	2,522	5.00	2,462	4.92
TOTAL	21,693	21,479	5.16	21,073	5.11
MON	21,693(A)			21,073(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 28-Jul 2003 is estimated to be 32,456,000 up 2.64 percent from a week ago and up 3.70 percent from a year ago. (Last week 31,622,000 last year 31,297,000)

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	814	162.00-235.00	167-170	175.56
TENDERLOINS	239	135.00-212.00	143-145	149.64
BREAST - LINE RUN	100	92.00-111.00	93-95	95.55
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	113	31.00-49.00	31-33	33.69
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	2,760	24.00-27.00	25	25.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,100	26.00-33.00	27-29	27.82
WINGS (WHOLE)	276	55.00-76.00	-	72.15
WINGS (CUT)	417	72.00-82.00	74-76	75.65
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 JULY 28, 2003 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
51.00 - 55.50	53.41	53.14

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.

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 JUL 28-AUG 01, 2003

CENTS PER POUND	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	161.00 - 182.00	165.00 - 175.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	85.00 - 109.50	85.00 - 94.00
LEGS	36.00 - 39.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	22.00 - 34.00	25.00 - 27.00
DRUMSTICKS	26.00 - 47.50	-
THIGHS	24.00 - 41.50	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	50.00 - 79.00	59.00 - 65.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 41.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	39.00 - 55.00	-

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

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	85-85
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

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

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.

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

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

CHICKEN	PRICES		VOLUME	
	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
FAT CONTENT 15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	11.00-17.00	122,400	-
WTD AVERAGE		13.67		
FAT CONTENT 15-20%				
RANGE	12.00-18.00	10.00-16.00	3,488,400	1,489,200
WTD AVERAGE	16.20	12.72		
FAT CONTENT 20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	11.00	20,400	-
WTD AVERAGE		11.00		

* 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 fair at best for the adequate to fully adequate offerings. Finished product supplies were usually adequate, but clearing satisfactorily. Processing schedules for next week were normal to instances heavy. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 28-JUL-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-8.75 CENTS/LB.	8-8.5	8.22
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

CHICKEN	PRICES		VOLUME	
	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
FAT CONTENT 15% OR LESS				
RANGE	18.50	17.00	80,000	40,000
WTD AVERAGE	18.50	17.00		
FAT CONTENT 15-20%				
RANGE	12.00-17.00	10.50-16.00	1,800,000	480,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.88	13.09		
FAT CONTENT 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

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were unchanged to slightly lower compared to the past week. Interest for spent hens was moderate, offerings were fully adequate. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 28-JUL-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.25-9.75 CENTS/LB.	8-8.75	8.34

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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