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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices in the major terminal markets trended higher in the Midwest, but unchanged elsewhere. Trade sentiment was generally steady in the Northeast, and steady to fully steady in other regions. Retail and food service demand was light to moderately good, best where promotions were in progress. Supplies were usually sufficient for most trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was fair to fairly good. B/S breast was generally balanced with needs, breast with ribs and wings were balanced to tight and clearing well. Dark meat items improved but were adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were irregular, but 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
	Delivered to First Receivers			
Bos/New Eng	60.00-62.00	60.67	15	61.39
Chicago	54.00-57.00	56.94	39	59.21
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	—	—	60.56
Denver	72.50	72.50	16	71.42
Detroit	56.00	57.60	10	61.82
Los Angeles	73.00	71.37	60	67.74
New York	58.00-61.00	59.09	23	60.06
Philadelphia	58.00-60.00	58.55	10	57.14
Pittsburgh	58.00-61.00	59.18	11	62.71
St. Louis	56.25-56.50	55.99	24	56.45
San Francisco	73.50	72.15	31	74.25

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	08/11/03	Change/Last Wk	08/04/03	08/12/02
601	63.10	0.14	62.96	55.51

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	60.00-62.00	61.26	32
Central	58.00-64.50	61.81	62
West	59.00-67.00	64.46	42

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	67.00-68.50	67.34	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 68.25 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
1,152	53.00-70.25	66.63

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	204.00	1,450
BREASTS - B/S	209.00	5,325
BREASTS - WHOLE	105.50	1,958
THIGH MEAT - B/S	80.00	1,003
LEG QUARTERS	31.50	9,256
WINGS	73.00	3,055

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly fair to moderate following the weekend. Offerings were more than sufficient for trade needs with heavier sizes becoming more available. Retail and distributive movement was no better than fair. The market tone was generally steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breast were in good balance and well cleared, leg quarters were clearing satisfactorily. The balance of items were adequate to at least adequate.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment ranged from steady to fully steady. Demand was fair to good, best where specials were in progress. Supplies were sufficient to close balanced for trade needs. In the parts structure, demand was best on breast with ribs, fronts and wings. Dark meat items was steady to full steady, balance of items were steady. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged from last Mondays' level. Trading reported for this week deliveries at unchanged to higher prices. Offerings were tight to adequate. Buying activity at least moderate. Retailer demand was good where features planned feature elsewhere generally moderate. Dealers reported good weekend clearances. Trading reported on parts: leg quarters bulk 29-29.5 and 4/10s 29.5-30, breast bone-in 94-99 and boneless 176-186, drumstick high 30s, leg meat low 70s and wing high 60s. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was up 2.24 from last week to 60.74 with the volume reported at 33 loads down 6 percent.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority delivered prices this week were higher from last Monday's final; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole broiler/fryer market tone steady to at times fully steady. Offerings were adequate. Retail movement was slow to moderate. Food service demand was light to good, best into fast food promotions. Floor stocks were adequate. Weights were mostly desirable. Supplies on boneless/ skinless breasts and wings were adequate to tight and adequate on the balance. The market tone was fully steady to firm on boneless/skinless breasts and wings, steady on remaining part items.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was generally noted as fair. Seller offerings were fully adequate and were more readily available on the 3.50 and 4.00 pound sizes. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 59 to 68 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, breast items were fully adequate to well cleared. Wings were no more than adequate. Leg quarters and drums were in generally good balance. Thighs were adequate and clearing. Legs were adequate to fully adequate.

*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	57-69
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	61.59
NO. OF BOXES	7,662

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was fair to moderate following the weekend as dealers limited orders to regular commitments. Offerings of bone-in breast were in good balance and clearing. Boneless skinless breasts were about adequate to adequate. Dark meat cuts were generally adequate for current needs with leg quarters in the better balance. Wings were clearing well. Movement through retail and distributive channels was no better than fair. The market tone was fully steady on breast items and steady to at least steady on the balance.

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

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	185	182.39	400,760
TENDERLOINS	140-145	143.53	98,200
BREAST - WITH RIBS	87-88	93.17	169,280
BREAST - LINE RUN	87	88.46	121,960
LEGS	37-38	36.88	332,240
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	27-28	28.44	463,928
DRUMSTICKS	33-34	38.65	127,190
THIGHS	26-27	39.06	55,450
B/S THIGHS	69-70	71.75	101,840
WINGS (WHOLE)	65-66	71.25	221,950
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.24	25,360
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	28.57	17,400
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35-40	43.21	28,760

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	1,392	152.00-182.00	167-176	169.79
TENDERLOINS	400	136.00-190.00	136-140	148.40
BREAST - WITH RIBS	434	80.00-100.00	-	89.60
FRONT HALVES	142	74.00-78.00	74-75	75.04
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,582	24.00-26.45	24-25	24.50
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,377	25.25-27.00	25.5	25.83
WINGS (WHOLE)	734	62.00-78.50	63-66	63.29
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS	2,289	18.00-35.00	-	18.25

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	08/11	08/07	08/07	08/04	07/31
ALA	4,023	4,024	5.07	4,015	5.10
ARK	5,292	5,212	4.88	5,355	4.85
DELMARVA	2,304	2,262	5.39	2,205	5.30
KY-LA-TN	1,982	1,865	4.82	1,958	4.77
MISS	3,077	3,069	5.28	3,013	5.25
NC	2,632	2,573	5.91	2,446	5.94
TEXAS	2,483	2,479	4.80	2,486	4.89
TOTAL	21,793	21,484	5.13	21,478	5.13
MON	21,793(A)			21,478(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 11-Aug 2003 is estimated to be 32,604,000 up 1.16 percent from a week ago and up 4.86 percent from a year ago. (Last week 32,230,000 last year 31,092,000)

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	958	178.00-240.00	179-181	184.42
TENDERLOINS	220	142.00-214.00	145-150	154.72
BREAST - LINE RUN	63	94.00-112.00	96-98	100.02
FRONT HALVES	75	79.00-87.00	-	83.00
LEGS	113	31.00-50.00	32-33	33.76
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	389	25.00-27.00	27	26.87
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,045	28.00-34.00	28-29	28.68
WINGS (WHOLE)	107	67.00-77.00	67-68	69.36
WINGS (CUT)	403	79.00-85.00	79-82	81.36
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS	71	67.00-88.00	-	74.49

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR AUGUST 11, 2003 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
52.00 - 57.00	54.94	54.76

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 AUG 11-AUG 15, 2003

CENTS PER POUND	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	175.00 - 195.00	178.00 - 188.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	88.00 - 106.50	88.00 - 97.00
LEGS	36.00 - 43.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	25.00 - 35.00	26.00 - 28.00
DRUMSTICKS	26.00 - 44.00	-
THIGHS	25.00 - 39.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	61.00 - 72.00	66.00 - 71.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 41.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	39.00 - 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

	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

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 08-AUG-2003
 _____ 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	14.50-19.50	15.50-17.00	1,268,000	1,148,000
WTD AVERAGE	17.27	16.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	13.00-17.00	10.00-15.00	1,433,000	352,000
WTD AVERAGE	16.55	11.80		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	11.00	42,000	-
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 ago. Demand ranged light to moderate for the at least adequate to fully adequate offerings. Finished product supplies were about adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Processing schedules were normal to less than normal. The undertone was steady.

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

THE WEEK OF 11-AUG-03.	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-9	8.25-8.5	8.25
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.

CHICKEN 08-AUG-2003
 _____ 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	-	15.00-16.00	81,600	-
WTD AVERAGE		15.50		
15-20%				
RANGE	15.00-18.00	10.50-16.00	2,836,000	1,245,600
WTD AVERAGE	16.20	13.06		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	11.00	40,800	-
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

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. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 11-AUG-03

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5.75-10	8-8.75	8.49

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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