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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were unchanged in the West, mostly higher elsewhere. Trade sentiment was steady in the West, at least steady in all other areas. Demand into all channels was light to moderate, fairly good for retail ads and fast food promotions. Supplies were usually in balance for trade needs. In the parts structure, availability of all items was overall in good balance to well cleared with wings and tenders in the closest balance and moving. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

**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 09/15/03-09/19/03 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	62.00-64.00	62.67	15	63.90	36
Chicago	55.00-58.00	58.26	40	60.56	73
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	—	—	61.77	30
Denver	73.50	73.50	16	73.17	18
Detroit	57.00	58.83	12	61.87	46
Los Angeles	74.00	71.58	67	68.62	157
New York	59.50-62.00	61.13	23	61.49	50
Philadelphia	59.00-61.00	60.36	11	60.82	28
Pittsburgh	60.00-62.00	60.91	11	63.35	53
St. Louis	58.00-58.25	57.47	21	58.37	46
San Francisco	74.50	72.73	33	72.11	80
<b>Composite Weighted Average</b>					
Loads	09/15/03	Change/Last Wk	09/08/03	09/16/02	
617	64.27	0.66	63.61	56.69	

**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	62.00-64.00	63.10	32
Central	58.00-65.50	62.88	68
West	56.00-67.00	63.23	39
<b>Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent</b>			
Mississippi	67.00-69.00	68.48	82

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 69.25 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
1,146	55.00-71.50	67.74

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	207.00	1,455
BREASTS - B/S	195.50	5,320
BREASTS - WHOLE	99.50	1,958
THIGH MEAT - B/S	87.50	988
LEG QUARTERS	33.00	9,256
WINGS	83.50	3,045

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**SOUTHERN** Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand following the weekend was fair to moderate with mixed trading. Supplies were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, wings were tight, dark meat was balanced to well cleared, and breast items were available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair to good following the weekend. Offerings of all sizes were in good balance and well cleared Retail and distributive movement was moderate. The market tone was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breast were at least adequate; all other cuts were adequate to well cleared, best for wings, tenders and boneless thighs.

**WESTERN** Final majority prices unchanged from last Monday's level. Trading reported on regular commitments at unchanged prices with new negotiations at unchanged to lower prices on heavy weight WOGs and unchanged to occasionally higher on small sized product. Offerings were generally adequate. Buyers' interest improved on bagged fryers and was overall moderate on WOGs and parts. Retailer demand was moderate to good best where features planned. Dealers reported moderate weekend carryovers. Trading reported on parts for this week delivery: leg quarters bulk 29.5-36.5 and 4/10s 32-37.5, drumsticks 38-48, boneless thigh meat mainly 70, boneless leg meat 73-78, whole legs generally 48, wings 83-86, breast bone-in 91-101 and boneless 155-181. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 57.65 down 2.70 from last weeks' level, with the volume reported at 30 loads down 8 percent.

**MIDWEST** Final majority delivered prices this week increased 1 cent last Monday's final; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole fryer market tone was mostly steady, instances fully steady. Offerings were limited for the light trade call. Retail and food service demand was generally fair; instances fairly good into fast food promotions and casual dining. Floor stocks were adequate. Weights were irregular. Offerings of large wings, thigh meat and tenders remain tight, breast items and dark meat cuts were in balance. The market tone was fully steady to firm on large wings, thigh meat and tenders, and steady on remaining cuts.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was moderate to good entering the week. Seller offerings were in good balance and well cleared. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 61 to 71 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady. In the parts complex, breast items were about adequate to adequate. Wings and tenders were in close balance and clearing.

\*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	58-75
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	64.29
NO. OF BOXES	9,068

\*8 of 8 plants reporting.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying was mostly fair entering the week as dealers cautiously assessed the market. Offerings of breast items were balanced to adequate. Dark meat cuts were manageable. Wings and tenderloins were clearing well. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone was steady to fully steady.

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

ITEM	NEGOTIATED TRADING	CURRENT	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	180	173.88	494,440	
TENDERLOINS	160-165	163.94	120,020	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	87-88	93.95	205,080	
BREAST - LINE RUN	87	89.38	161,640	
LEGS	38-39	36.95	390,640	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	28-29	28.29	472,341	
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	37.11	116,060	
THIGHS	28-29	37.14	53,600	
B/S THIGHS	80-81	77.39	73,000	
WINGS (WHOLE)	75-76	82.70	130,120	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.20	31,280	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	28.81	16,480	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35-40	44.09	29,960	

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	1,870	165.00-215.00	168-173	172.79
TENDERLOINS	484	147.00-213.00	-	156.51
BREAST - WITH RIBS	200	86.00-102.00	86	88.95
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	374	26.00-28.00	26	26.29
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,816	27.00-29.00	28	28.08
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS	1,233	19.00-30.00	25-30	28.36

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

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	09/15	09/11	09/11	09/08	09/04
ALA	4,116	4,125	5.12	4,021	5.09
ARK	5,364	5,284	4.99	5,234	4.97
DELMARVA	2,317	2,334	5.37	2,286	5.37
KY-LA-TN	1,981	1,918	4.83	1,996	4.80
MISS	3,060	3,120	5.17	3,084	5.09
NC	2,380	2,445	6.14	2,429	6.09
TEXAS	2,379	2,521	4.84	2,498	4.29
TOTAL	21,597	21,747	5.18	21,548	5.09
MON	21,597(A)			21,548(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 15-Sep 2003 is estimated to be 32,312,000 down 0.07 percent from a week ago and up 3.05 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,335,000; last year 31,356,000)

**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	907	167.00-238.00	167-170	169.57
TENDERLOINS	237	165.00-216.00	165-168	172.19
BREAST - LINE RUN	71	92.00-103.00	92-95	95.49
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	113	31.00-53.00	32-34	34.81
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	590	27.00-30.00	28-29	28.37
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,130	29.00-34.00	30-32	30.83
WINGS (WHOLE)	280	78.00-91.00	-	87.66
WINGS (CUT)	582	84.00-101.00	-	90.66
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS	80	90.00-93.00	-	90.75

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR SEPTEMBER 15, 2003 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
54.00 - 58.50	56.60	56.30

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 SEP 15-SEP 19, 2003

CENTS PER POUND	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	162.00 - 187.00	170.00 - 180.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	87.00 - 112.00	88.00 - 97.00
LEGS	27.00 - 45.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	25.00 - 30.00	28.00 -
DRUMSTICKS	25.00 - 42.00	-
THIGHS	29.00 - 39.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	68.00 - 89.00	71.00 - 75.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 40.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 48.00	-

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

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	86-87
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	89-94

FROZEN HENS 5# & UP  
FROZEN DUCKS

FROZEN SQUABS 600-625

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

FRESH FRYERS	92-98
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	60-63

DUCKS

RABBITS-WHOLE

RABBITS-CUT UP

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**

**DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK 101-103
	ICE PACK 100
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK 89-105
	ICE PACK 105
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 91
	DRY PACK 89
DUCKS	152-175

**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	
	(Cents per Pound)		12-SEP-2003	
FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

**CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED**

CHICKEN	PRICES		VOLUME	
	(Cents per Pound)		12-SEP-2003	
FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	16.25-21.00	17.00	992,000	772,000
WTD AVERAGE	19.45	17.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	16.50-17.00	11.00-16.00	2,215,800	416,000
WTD AVERAGE	16.84	12.75		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	11.00	41,000	-
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 LIVE HEAVY HEN** Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to fair. Offerings were at least adequate to fully adequate. Supplies of finished product were clearing and reported as mostly adequate for needs. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\*

FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 15-SEP-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-8.75 CENTS/LB.	8.25-8.5	8.30
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	PRICES		VOLUME	
	(Cents per Pound)		12-SEP-2003	
FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

**CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED**

CHICKEN	PRICES		VOLUME	
	(Cents per Pound)		12-SEP-2003	
FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	18.00	40,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		18.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	14.00-21.50	10.75-17.00	2,453,520	1,280,800
WTD AVERAGE	18.77	13.75		
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

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

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\*

FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 15-SEP-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5.25-11.5 CENTS/LB.	8-8.75	8.38

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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