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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were unchanged in the West, lower elsewhere. Trade sentiment overall was no better than steady. Demand into all channels was slow to moderate at best with light trading. Supplies of all sizes were sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, wings were in the closest balance and moving, and all other parts were at least adequate or available. 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 delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 09/29/03-10/03/03 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
	Delivered to First Receivers				
Bos/New Eng	56.00-59.00	57.67	15	61.09	28
Chicago	53.00-56.00	56.65	42	58.90	76
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	—	—	59.66	30
Denver	73.50	73.50	16	73.11	18
Detroit	54.00-55.00	56.36	11	60.39	39
Los Angeles	74.00	71.57	68	68.53	158
New York	58.00-60.00	58.95	22	58.82	42
Philadelphia	58.00-61.00	59.09	11	58.72	23
Pittsburgh	58.00-60.50	60.00	11	62.05	52
St. Louis	56.00-56.25	56.01	24	56.69	53
San Francisco	74.50	72.95	31	77.86	54

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	09/29/03	Change/Last Wk	09/22/03	09/30/02
573	63.23	-1.36	64.59	53.07

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delv'd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	60.00-62.00	61.18	27
Central	57.00-64.50	61.44	65
West	54.00-62.00	61.60	38
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent			
Mississippi	66.50-69.00	68.31	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.

MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG

LOADS	RANGE	FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,153	53.00-71.50	67.67

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	207.50	1,471
BREASTS - B/S	189.50	5,320
BREASTS - WHOLE	96.50	1,948
THIGH MEAT - B/S	92.50	1,003
LEG QUARTERS	32.00	9,236
WINGS	86.50	3,055

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 broiler/fryers was light and unaggressive entering the week. Offerings of all sizes were at least sufficient for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was slow to no better than fair. The market tone was no better than steady. In the parts complex, breast items were fully adequate and discounted to stimulate interest. Wings and tenders were clearing. Other items were generally adequate.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was steady at best. Demand following the weekend was light to moderate, best for fast food and retail features, but expected to improve as first of the month approaches. Supplies were usually able to easily handle trade needs. In the parts structure, all items were at least adequate or available with mixed interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Buying activity had decreased in some areas as buyers' watched further market developments before considering additional purchases. Offerings were fully adequate to cover immediate needs. Retailer demand moderate overall best to cover planned feature activities. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 56.97 down .15 from last weeks' reported level with the volume delivered unchanged at 29 loads. Trading reported on parts for this weeks' delivery: leg quarters bulk 29.5-32.5 and 4/10s 32-37, breast bone-in 90-97 and boneless 174-180, wings 85-86, boneless leg meat and boneless thigh mainly 78, drumsticks 36-49.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority delivered prices this week were lower from last Monday's final; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole fryer market tone was steady at best. Offerings were plentiful for the limited trade interest. Movement into all areas was mostly slow, occasionally fair. Floor stocks were adequate to plentiful. Weights were desirable. Supplies of all parts were adequate for the light trade call with wings in the closest position. The market tone was steady to firm on large wings, steady on dark cuts and tenders, and barely steady to weak on breast items.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to moderate at best following the weekend. Offerings were more than sufficient for trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were in a full range of light to heavy mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent lower at 60 to 70 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breast were fully adequate and competitively priced in some instances. Other items were generally noted as adequate to available for current inquiry.

*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	56-75
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	63.98
NO. OF BOXES	8,151

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was light entering the week as dealers cautiously assessed the market. Offerings of breast items were fully adequate and discounted to attract buying interest. Dark meat cuts were at least sufficient. Wings were generally adequate. Retail and distributive movement was about fair. The market tone was barely steady to weak on breast items and 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		175	171.18	392,840
TENDERLOINS		165	164.49	111,091
BREAST - WITH RIBS	83-84		90.51	202,000
BREAST - LINE RUN	83		82.60	122,400
LEGS	38-39		38.56	222,680
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	28-29		27.74	323,924
DRUMSTICKS	34-35		40.20	249,760
THIGHS	28-29		40.35	38,720
B/S THIGHS	84-85		85.90	67,700
WINGS (WHOLE)	76-77		82.57	136,120
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12		11.99	29,720
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35		31.03	10,920
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50		56.31	22,540

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	1,361	160.00-184.00	160-168	165.74
TENDERLOINS	132	160.00-204.00	-	182.83
BREAST - WITH RIBS	164	86.00-102.00	-	90.15
FRONT HALVES	218	65.00-80.00	68-71	68.42
LEGS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	655	26.00-28.00	26	26.17
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,129	27.00-29.00	27-28	27.89
WINGS (WHOLE)	456	67.00-78.00	72-76	75.31
DRUMSTICKS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
THIGHS	1,366	17.00-31.00	26-29	27.49

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	09/29	09/25	09/25	09/22	09/18
ALA	3,996	4,077	5.17	4,010	5.16
ARK	5,533	5,372	5.03	5,302	5.03
DELMARVA	2,337	2,249	5.32	2,523	5.07
KY-LA-TN	1,994	2,008	4.86	1,721	4.85
MISS	3,088	3,093	5.15	3,024	5.20
NC	2,290	2,425	6.20	2,334	6.46
TEXAS	2,370	2,458	4.73	2,454	4.91
TOTAL	21,608	21,682	5.18	21,368	5.18
MON	21,608 (A)			21,368 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 29-Sep 2003 is estimated to be 32,328,000 up 0.82 percent from a week ago and up 1.43 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,065,000; last year 31,871,000)

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	847	152.00-232.00	157-162	159.19
TENDERLOINS	165	170.00-217.00	170-175	177.75
BREAST - LINE RUN	114	85.00-102.00	88-92	91.08
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW REPORT		
LEGS	105	31.00-53.00	32-35	35.89
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	628	25.00-30.00	26-27	27.26
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	960	27.00-33.50	29-30	29.74
WINGS (WHOLE)	85	78.00-81.00	-	79.24
WINGS (CUT)	358	84.00-101.00	-	89.74
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS	80	90.00-95.00	-	91.25

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR SEPTEMBER 29, 2003 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
51.50-57.50	55.08	55.07

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 29-SEP-2003 TO 03-OCT-2003 CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	163.00 - 185.00	168.00 - 178.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	84.00 - 109.00	84.00 - 93.00
LEGS	36.00 - 45.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	26.00 - 31.00	28.00 -
DRUMSTICKS	30.00 - 40.00	-
THIGHS	29.00 - 39.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	67.00 - 89.00	71.00 - 75.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 40.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 45.00	-

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

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	100
	DRY PACK	101-103
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	105
	DRY PACK	89-105
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.

26-SEPT-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	15.50-22.00	17.00	1,578,000	772,000
WTD AVERAGE	18.67	17.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	14.00-30.00	11.00-17.00	2,567,000	960,000
WTD AVERAGE	25.89	12.81		
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 HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair for offering that were generally fully adequate for trade requirements. Supplies of canners were clearing easily and usually reported as sufficient for trade needs. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was steady.

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

THE WEEK OF 29-SEP-03.	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-8.75	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.

26-SEPT-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	16.00-16.50	-	80,000	40,000
WTD AVERAGE	16.25			
15-20%				
RANGE	18.00-21.50	11.00-16.50	2,096,000	1,567,200
WTD AVERAGE	20.08	14.19		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	20.00	-	40,000	-
WTD AVERAGE	20.00			

* 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 Trading levels were generally unchanged compared to the past week. Demand was light for at least 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, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 29-SEP-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
	CENTS/LB.		
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.25-11.25	8-8.75	8.59

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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