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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were mostly unchanged when compared to previous week. Trade sentiment was about steady to barely steady in the West, steady elsewhere. Demand into all channels was seasonally light to moderate, best where first of the month business, ads, and promotions were active. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, breast items were at least adequate and often discounted to help move, and dark meat was available. Wings were irregular, ranging adequate to ample in the East, but balanced to close elsewhere. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at 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 10/06/03-10/10/03 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	55.00-61.00	59.67	15	62.30	30
Chicago	53.00-56.00	56.56	39	58.72	71
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	---	---	59.75	31
Denver	73.50	73.50	16	72.89	18
Detroit	55.00	57.00	12	60.59	44
Los Angeles	74.00	71.58	66	70.11	132
New York	58.00-60.00	59.62	25	61.70	78
Philadelphia	58.00-61.00	58.83	12	57.59	23
Pittsburgh	58.00-60.00	59.91	11	59.37	64
St. Louis	56.00-56.25	55.97	24	56.64	48
San Francisco	74.50	72.76	31	76.46	58

### Composite Weighted Average

Loads	10/06/03	Change/Last Wk	09/29/03	10/07/02
597	63.63	0.40	63.23	52.97

**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	61.11	27
Central	56.00-64.00	61.17	65
West	55.00-61.00	60.74	36
<b>Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent</b>			
Mississippi	66.00-69.00	68.15	81

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 69.00 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
1,154	53.00-71.25	67.51

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	1,491
BREASTS - B/S	184.00	5,330
BREASTS - WHOLE	92.50	1,958
THIGH MEAT - B/S	93.50	998
LEG QUARTERS	32.00	9,256
WINGS	86.00	3,065

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**SOUTHERN** Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand following the weekend was fair to moderate with light trading. Supplies were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, wings were balanced to close and moving seasonally well. The remaining items were at least adequate or available with mixed interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at irregular but mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly moderate following the weekend as dealers look to keep orders in close balance with immediate needs. Offerings of all sizes were sufficient for current trade needs. Retail and distributive movement was fair. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, breast items were at least adequate to fully adequate; wings were at least adequate. Other items were generally adequate.

**WESTERN** Final majority prices were unchanged from last Monday's level. Trade sentiment was barely steady. Trading reported at unchanged to lower prices. Buying activity was only moderate. Offerings fully adequate for current needs. Retailer demand moderate overall. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. Trading reported on parts for this weeks' delivery: leg quarters bulk 29.5-32.5 and 4/10s 32.5-36, breast bone-in 89-95 and boneless 164-166, wings 85-86, boneless leg meat 75-78 and boneless thigh meat mainly 78, drumsticks 36-48. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 56.19 down .78 from last weeks' reported level with the volume reported at 26 loads down 10 percent.

**MIDWEST** Final majority delivered prices this week were mostly unchanged from last Monday's final; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole fryer market tone was steady to barely steady. Offerings were mixed for the light trade interest. Demand into all sectors was irregular, generally fair overall. Floor stocks were adequate to long. Weights desirable. Trading on parts was light to fair at best with buyers price sensitive and cautious. Wings were in best position, breast items plentiful and discounted with dark meat available. The market tone was steady to firm on large wings; leg quarters and wings steady, and barely steady to weak on breast items.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally moderate and was sufficient in keeping the bulk of seller offerings in good balance to well cleared. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 60 to 70 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, supplies of boneless/skinless breasts were uneven, but at least adequate. Bone-in breast and wings were fully adequate to ample. Leg quarters were in manageable balance to well cleared.

\*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	58-74
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	63.15
NO. OF BOXES	9,555

\*8 of 8 plants reporting.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying activity increased slightly entering the week, but generally was no better than fair, as dealers remained cautious and selective. Offerings of breasts items were at least adequate to fully adequate. Dark meat items were clearing satisfactorily. Wings and tenderloins were adequate to at least adequate. Retail and distributive movement was fair. The market tone was barely steady on breast items and 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	WTD	VOLUME
	TRADING		AVG	/LBS
BREAST - B/S	165-170		167.39	568,176
TENDERLOINS	160-165		154.55	113,830
BREAST - WITH RIBS	79-80		85.17	203,280
BREAST - LINE RUN	79		81.44	128,160
LEGS	38-39		39.43	249,560
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	28-29		28.38	331,571
DRUMSTICKS	34-35		37.34	180,840
THIGHS	28-29		40.57	50,760
B/S THIGHS	84-85		88.09	75,540
WINGS (WHOLE)	76-77		79.90	137,680
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12		12.10	39,280
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35		30.35	12,560
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55		58.62	29,200

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	2,014	145.00-186.00	150-158	155.93
TENDERLOINS	479	140.00-212.00	-	154.97
BREAST - WITH RIBS	241	72.00-101.00	76-79	80.04
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	789	26.00-28.00	26	26.1
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,389	27.00-30.00	28-29	28.07
WINGS (WHOLE)	615	62.00-78.00	68-75	71.48
DRUMSTICKS	303	28.00-54.00	28-30	31
THIGHS	1,203	21.00-32.00	29	27.68

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

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	10/06	10/02	10/02	09/29	09/25
ALA	4,131	4,009	5.16	3,966	5.17
ARK	5,404	5,323	5.02	5,520	5.03
DELMARVA	2,294	2,290	5.35	2,315	5.32
KY-LA-TN	2,006	1,980	4.88	1,976	4.86
MISS	3,057	3,063	5.25	3,081	5.15
NC	2,277	2,263	5.98	2,254	6.20
TEXAS	2,461	2,485	4.98	2,542	4.73
TOTAL	21,630	21,413	5.20	21,654	5.18
MON	21,630(A)			21,654(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 06-Oct 2003 is estimated to be 32,361,000 down 0.41 percent from a week ago and up 2.71 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,494,000 last year 31,506,000)

**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	851	151.00-230.00	154-157	155.94
TENDERLOINS	170	165.00-217.00	168-175	175.44
BREAST - LINE RUN	135	84.00-96.00	88-90	88.52
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	128	32.00-53.00	33-35	35.58
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	636	25.00-30.00	25-27	26.88
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,068	27.00-33.00	29-30	30.10
WINGS (WHOLE)	105	78.00-82.00	-	79.71
WINGS (CUT)	455	85.00-102.00	86-88	91.61
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR OCTOBER 06, 2003 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
49.00 - 53.50	51.22	51.48

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 OCT 06-OCT 10, 2003

CENTS PER POUND	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	150.00 - 184.00	161.00 - 171.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	83.00 - 108.00	83.00 - 92.00
LEGS	35.00 - 45.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	26.00 - 33.00	28.00
DRUMSTICKS	30.00 - 42.00	-
THIGHS	29.00 - 39.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	67.00 - 95.00	71.00 - 75.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 41.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 45.00	-

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

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	86
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	89-93

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)		03-OCT-2003	
FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				
<b>CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED</b>				
PRICES		VOLUME		
(Cents per Pound)		03-OCT-2003		
FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	17.25-22.00	-	772,000	772,000
WTD AVERAGE	20.45			
15-20%				
RANGE	15.50-30.00	11.00-16.00	3,540,800	2,052,000
WTD AVERAGE	22.45	12.27		
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

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Prices were slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were fair but overall had improved from the past week. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\*  
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 06-OCT-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.75-11.25 CENTS/LB.	8-9	8.83

\*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)		03-OCT-2003	
FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				
<b>CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED</b>				
PRICES		VOLUME		
(Cents per Pound)		03-OCT-2003		
FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	18.00	18.00	121,600	-
WTD AVERAGE	18.00	18.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	18.00-21.50	11.00-15.50	2,184,800	1,328,800
WTD AVERAGE	20.48	14.04		
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

**SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN** Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly fair for the at least adequate to fully adequate offerings. Supplies of canners were clearing satisfactorily and generally reported as sufficient for trade needs. Processing schedules were reduced in some instances. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\*  
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 06-OCT-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-9.25 CENTS/LB.	8.25-8.75	8.35

AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT  
FOB PLANT TOO FEW TO REPORT

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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