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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were irregular, but mostly unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady, instances fully steady in the East for larger sized product. Retail and food service demand was mostly fair to moderate following the weekend. Supplies were overall sufficient for trade needs; however, heavier weights in the East were close to tight. In the parts structure, trading was light to fair with regular commitments usually capable of handling requirements. Wings were balanced to tight, dark meat was available, and breast items were fully adequate to at times plentiful. 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 delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 10/20/03-10/24/03 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
	<b>Delivered to First Receivers</b>				
Box/New Eng	61.00-63.00	61.14	22	62.76	41
Chicago	53.00-56.00	56.45	43	58.65	73
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	—	—	58.74	28
Denver	73.50	73.38	17	69.13	26
Detroit	55.00	56.29	14	59.74	42
Los Angeles	74.00	70.65	77	70.08	145
New York	58.00-61.00	59.81	27	62.99	78
Philadelphia	58.50-61.00	59.17	12	59.31	24
Pittsburgh	58.00-61.00	60.18	11	62.17	53
St. Louis	55.75-56.00	55.81	24	56.31	52
San Francisco	74.50	72.76	31	73.23	79

### Composite Weighted Average

Loads 10/20/03Change/Last Wk10/13/0310/21/02  
641 63.82 0.75 63.07 53.21

**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	62.16	27
Central	56.00-64.00	60.72	67
West	53.00-65.00	62.89	44
<b>Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent</b>			
Mississippi	64.00-69.00	67.73	81

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 68.50 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
1,118	53.00-71.00	67.00

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	200.00	1,481
BREASTS - B/S	179.50	5,330
BREASTS - WHOLE	89.00	1,953
THIGH MEAT - B/S	94.50	1,013
LEG QUARTERS	31.50	9,236
WINGS	90.50	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 as dealers look to keep orders in close balance with immediate needs. Offerings of 3 pound and heavier sizes were in good balance and well cleared; lighter sizes were fully sufficient for current trade needs. Retail and distributive movement was moderate. The market tone was fully steady on heavier sizes; generally steady on the lighter weights. In the parts complex, breast items were at least adequate to available; wings were clearing satisfactorily. Other items were generally adequate.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was generally steady following the weekend. Demand was moderate at best with light trading. Supplies were usually sufficient for current trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was light to fair. Breast items were not as plentiful, but still at least adequate, and dark meat was in good balance. Wings were close to well cleared and continued to show strong movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** The market tone was steady. Trading reported at mainly unchanged prices for this week's deliveries. Offerings were adequate. Retailer demand was moderate overall. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. Trades sentiment was firm on wings, weak on breast and about steady on balance of parts. Trading reported on parts for this week's delivery: leg quarters bulk 29.5-32.5 and 4/10s 32.5-37, breast bone-in 79-91 and boneless 150-155, wings 88-94, boneless leg meat mainly 83 and boneless thigh meat mainly 84, drumstick 38-46. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was up .10 to 56.28 with the volume reported up 20 percent from the previous week.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Final majority delivered prices this week were unchanged from previous Monday's final; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole fryer market tone was steady. Offerings were more than adequate for current trade interest. Demand into retail and food service outlets was mostly light, instances moderate. Floor stocks were balanced to long. Weights desirable. Trading on parts was limited as current commitments satisfy needs. Supplies of wings remain close to short, breast items plentiful and dark meat cuts available. The market tone was fully steady to firm on wings, steady on leg quarters and barely steady to weak on breast items.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally fair to moderate and was generally noted as sufficient in keeping the bulk of seller offerings, the heavier sizes, in good balance to closely cleared. 2.50 pound sizes were fully adequate. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 60 to 70 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady. In the parts complex, offerings were irregularly balanced from plant to plant, but were adequate overall.

\*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	59-74
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	63.18
NO. OF BOXES	11,392

\*7 of 7 plants reporting.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying activity was fair to moderate following the weekend. Offerings of breast items were fully adequate to available. Leg items were generally sufficient and wings were in good balance to tight. Tenderloins were more than sufficient for trade needs. Retail and distributive movement was at fair to least moderate with scattered features providing the best interest. The market tone was barely steady on breast items and tenders; steady to fully 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	155-160		159.56	496,320
TENDERLOINS	150		146.29	179,370
BREAST - WITH RIBS	76-77		84.22	163,520
BREAST - LINE RUN	76		77.42	116,960
LEGS	38-39		38.47	227,840
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	29-30		29.44	359,071
DRUMSTICKS	34-35		39.01	139,240
THIGHS	29-30		39.06	60,320
B/S THIGHS	84-85		86.42	74,100
WINGS (WHOLE)	80-81		84.64	125,480
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12		11.97	29,720
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40		37.28	9,480
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60		63.81	21,600

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	1,601	135.00-178.00	143-149	148.19
TENDERLOINS	482	140.00-212.00	-	147.78
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	822	24.00-28.00	26	25.86
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,093	28.00-29.00	28	28.10
WINGS (WHOLE)	481	67.00-83.00	83	82.13
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS	1,086	24.00-32.00	29	28.24

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

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	10/20	10/16	10/16	10/13	10/09
ALA	3,863	4,038	5.20	3,999	5.25
ARK	5,017	4,685	5.16	5,291	5.04
DELMARVA	2,330	2,259	5.44	2,287	5.52
KY-LA-TN	2,020	1,964	4.90	1,986	4.87
MISS	2,701	3,076	5.45	3,056	5.37
NC	2,397	2,387	6.15	2,252	6.03
TEXAS	2,489	2,194	5.94	2,464	4.95
TOTAL	20,817	20,603	5.41	21,335	5.25
MON	20,817(A)			21,335(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 20-Oct 2003 is estimated to be 31,145,000 down 2.72 percent from a week ago and down 0.40 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,015,000 last year 31,270,000)

**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	878	145.00-224.00	146-149	147.61
TENDERLOINS	218	142.00-215.00	142-145	152.50
BREAST - LINE RUN	105	82.00-91.00	83-85	84.39
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW	TO REPORT		
LEGS	113	33.00-52.00	33-35	35.76
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	628	25.00-30.00	26-27	26.50
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,025	28.00-33.00	29-31	29.69
WINGS (WHOLE)	121	80.00-90.00	-	84.13
WINGS (CUT)	437	92.00-108.00	-	97.90
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW	TO REPORT		
THIGHS	TOO FEW	TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS	85	83.00-98.00	-	90.94

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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
47.50 - 52.50	49.64	49.94

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 20-OCT 24, 2003

CENTS PER POUND	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	140.00 - 165.00	150.00 - 160.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	80.00 - 101.00	80.00 - 87.00
LEGS	38.00 - 45.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	26.00 - 32.50	28.00 - 30.00
DRUMSTICKS	30.00 - 45.00	-
THIGHS	29.00 - 40.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	77.00 - 94.00	78.00 - 82.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	14.00 - 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	86
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	89-93
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	600-625
<b>DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)</b>	
FRESH FRYERS	91-98
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	60-63
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**

	RANGE
<b>DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS</b>	
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** 17-OCT-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	14.00-22.00	17.50-18.00	986,000	526,000
WTD AVERAGE	18.20	17.61		
15-20%				
RANGE	16.00-30.00	11.00-15.00	2,188,000	856,000
WTD AVERAGE	27.36	12.32		
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 lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to moderate for the mostly adequate to at least adequate offerings. Supplies of finished product was clearing satisfactorily and was sufficient for current trade needs. Processing schedules were reduced in some instances. The undertone was steady.

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

THE WEEK OF 20-OCT-03.	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-9	8.25-8.5	8.33
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** 17-OCT-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	17.00	18.00	102,000	-
WTD AVERAGE	17.00	18.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	20.00-21.50	12.00-17.00	1,611,700	856,900
WTD AVERAGE	20.88	14.64		
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

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading levels were unchanged to lower compared to the past week. Demand was only fair for adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were moderate. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady at best.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
 FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 20-OCT-03

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5.5-11	8-9	8.46

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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