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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were lower in the West; unchanged in the Northeast and Midwest. Trade sentiment was weak in the West, steady elsewhere. Demand ranged light to fair, best in fast food promotions and retail features activity. Supplies were usually more than sufficient to handle current needs. In the parts structure, trading was light to fair. Wings were adequate to tight and clearing satisfactorily. Dark meat cuts were generally adequate. Breast items were at least adequate to available with limited demand. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable, but at times heavier than desired.

**Preliminary 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 10/27/03-10/31/03 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A (Including branded product)				
AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	53.00-56.00	53.00-65.00	55.64	25
Los Angeles	73.00			
New York	58.00-61.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	63.00-68.50	52.00-69.00	66.85	79

**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.

### PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
896	63.50-70.75	68.15

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	202.50	1,376
BREASTS - B/S	181.50	5,052
BREASTS - WHOLE	88.50	1,758
THIGH MEAT - B/S	94.50	908
LEG QUARTERS	31.50	8,456
WINGS	91.50	2,949

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into the Chicago area were unchanged from Monday's final majority. The whole broiler market tone was mostly steady. Offers were sufficient to cover the light buyer interest. Retail and institutional demand was light to fair, best into fast food. Floor stocks were adequate to long. Weights desirable to heavy. Supplies of breast items were more than adequate, wings light, leg quarters moderate. The market tone was fully steady to firm on wings, steady on leg quarters, and barely steady on breast items.

**SOUTHERN BROILER** Trade sentiment was generally steady entering the weekend. Demand was moderate at best with light trading. Supplies were more than sufficient for current trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was light to fair. Breast items were less available, but still at least adequate. Dark meat was in good balance and clearing. Wings were in close balance 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 weak with trading for next week at mainly 1 cent lower prices. Offerings adequate. Retailer demand mainly moderate. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances.

**Ads this week: Arizona**- wholebody 49, buy 1 get 1 free, cut up 59, boneless breasts 329-379, tenders 399, leg quarters 79, wings IQF 4# 599, thighs 79, drums 79, IQF 4# 599;

**Colorado**- wholebody 59-69, cut up 99, whole stuffed buy 1 get 1 free, boneless breasts 319-379, 3# IQF 799, tenders 309-429, boneless thighs 169, breasts 199, leg quarters 69-79, wings 109, thighs or drums 97, legs 145-159, deli rotisserie 449ea., cooked wings 449, cooked breasts 599, 8 pc fried 499;

**Southern California**- wholebody California 59-89, southern 77-79, roasted 359, boneless breasts 169-248, IQF 3# 599, boneless leg 99-119, marinated 199, breasts 87-99, leg quarters 37-69, marinated 69-99, wings 87-99, thighs 79-99, drums 49-99, cornish 98-139, 12hd case 1999, marinated 199, gizzards 57-69, deli rotisserie 398ea.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS** Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers increased entering the weekend but was mostly fair to no better than moderate overall. Offerings of the 3 pound and larger birds were generally sufficient. The 2.5 pound sizes were available. Movement through retail and distributive channels was only fair. The market tone was generally steady on the 3 pound and heavier birds, no better than steady on the lighter weights. In the parts complex, breast items were at least sufficient. Legs and leg quarters were adequate. Wings were clearing satisfactorily.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole was slow to about moderate at best. Seller offerings were adequate to ample for immediate delivery. Live supplies were moderate; weights varied in a full range of light to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate to light. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 60 to 70 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady. In the parts complex, volumes differed from plant to plant; however, supplies were fully adequate on all cuts.

\*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		59-73
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		62.91
NO. OF BOXES		9,765
CUMULATIVE	10/20/03-10/24/03	63.12
	10/21/02-10/25/02	48.98
NO. OF BOXES	10/20/03-10/24/03	44,321
	10/21/02-10/25/02	44,629

\*7 of 7 plants reporting.

October 23

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

October 24

ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS				WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	845	145.00-225.00	147-152	149.63	865	145.00-225.00	147-150	149.60	4,340	149.25
TENDERLOINS	205	140.00-212.00	144-150	152.51	165	140.00-212.00	142-148	152.64	1,075	151.98
BREAST - LINE RUN	114	82.00-92.00	82-84	84.00	105	79.00-92.00	82-84	82.89	495	83.97
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				275	73.15
LEGS	128	32.00-52.00	34-35	35.36	103	33.00-52.00	33-35	36.03	560	35.74
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	628	26.00-30.00	26-27	26.62	588	26.00-30.00	26-27	26.60	3,060	26.65
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,005	28.00-33.00	29-30	29.55	1,225	28.00-33.00	29-30	29.95	4,815	29.94
WINGS (WHOLE)	TOO FEW TO REPORT				110	87.00-90.00	88-89	88.50	696	88.27
WINGS (CUT)	518	91.00-108.00	-	97.72	698	92.00-108.00	-	98.54	2,849	98.10
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				102	51.77
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				140	55.46
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				320	92.34
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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS					WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS					
TRADING FOR OCTOBER 23, 2003 F.O.B. DOCK.					TRADING FOR OCTOBER 24, 2003 F.O.B. DOCK.					
	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>TODAY'S AVERAGE</u>				<u>RANGE</u>	<u>TODAY'S AVERAGE</u>		<u>5-DAY AVERAGE</u>	
	48.50 - 53.00	50.40				48.00 - 53.00	50.31		49.92	

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent the industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** - Trucklot buying activity increased slightly entering the weekend but was noted as moderate overall. Offerings of breast items were at least adequate to available. Dark meat cuts were sufficient. Wings and tenderloins were generally adequate. Retail and distributive movement was mostly fair with best draw centering around scattered features. The market tone was no better than steady on breast items and about steady on the balance of cuts.  
 ICE PACKED B/F PARTS, DLVRD TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER LB.

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD	CURRENT NEG			WTD	WEEKLY	
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	155-160	152.80	722,880	155-160	154.27	503,160	153.86	2,844,880		
TENDERLOINS	145-150	139.22	173,195	145-150	150.58	121,080	143.93	744,735		
BREAST - WITH RIBS	76-77	83.61	187,520	76-77	84.95	218,760	84.04	1,007,680		
BREAST - LINE RUN	76	78.90	96,680	76	79.02	81,480	78.45	537,800		
LEGS	38-39	39.87	164,880	38-39	38.03	260,280	38.33	1,226,760		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	29-30	29.56	495,521	29-30	29.87	435,453	29.73	2,070,258		
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	38.03	129,220	34-35	38.97	122,440	38.54	628,080		
THIGHS	29-30	36.15	55,210	29-30	40.33	51,200	39.02	325,270		
B/S THIGHS	84-85	87.32	102,880	84-85	88.70	49,440	86.68	422,490		
WINGS (WHOLE)	80-81	85.81	129,440	80-81	88.12	138,780	86.98	680,780		
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.31	48,520	10-12	11.92	33,520	12.04	193,770		
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	37.36	9,840	35-40	29.11	17,560	33.01	61,400		
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	58.28	23,360	55-60	61.57	27,880	61.68	121,400		

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). \* TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.  
 \*\* WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPE, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

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

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WT		ACTUAL		AVG WTS	
	10/24	10/23	10/22	10/21	10/22	10/21	10/17	10/15		
ALA	4,107	4,093	4,053	4,030	5.29	5.40	3,938	5.26		
ARK	5,327	5,315	5,271	5,242	5.06	5.11	4,998	5.14		
DELMARVA	2,186	2,301	2,355	2,339	5.49	5.54	2,606	5.42		
KY-LA-TN	1,970	1,964	1,949	2,021	4.92	4.99	1,907	5.01		
MISS	3,372	3,072	2,665	2,664	5.55	5.57	2,764	5.35		
NC	2,958	2,443	2,426	2,369	6.35	6.22	2,934	6.24		
TEXAS	2,464	2,447	2,494	2,485	4.98	5.06	2,464	5.04		
TOTAL	22,384	21,635	21,213	21,150	5.34	5.38	21,611	5.31		
MON-FRI	107,738(A)				106,740(A)					

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 24-Oct 03 and 25-Oct-03 is estimated to be 33,489 ,000 up 3.27 percent from a week ago and up 6.8 percent from a year ago.  
 (Last week 32,429,000; last year 31,363 ,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 25-Oct-03 is estimated to be 156,758,000 head unchanged or 0 percent from a week ago, and down 1 percent from a year ago  
 (Last week 157,115,000; Last year 158,649,000)

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	RANGE
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 DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

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

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED** Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 11-Oct-03 (Preliminary),

	(A) Fast food/ Food service	(B) Retail	(C) Deboning
	4.20 Lbs & down	4.21-5.25 Lbs	5.26 Lbs & Up
-----THOUSANDS-----			

Head	16,750	18,866	33,600
Avg Weight	3.79	4.80	6.24
% of total /1	24%	27%	49%

**COMPARISONS**

Last week	17,670	18,235	35,284
Avg Weight	3.81	4.73	6.50
% of total /1	25%	26%	50%

Same week, yr ago /2	15,964	18,164	23,878
Avg Weight	3.37	4.60	5.90
% of total /1	28%	31%	41%

To date/2003	944,089	964,499	1,815,884
To date/2002	1,052,063	902,533	1,671,989

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION** W/E 18-Oct-03 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	157,115	1,164	1,378	2,542	408
AVG WT	5.26	3.42	8.40	6.12	6.75
LAST WEEK	156,092	1,263	1,443	2,706	406
SAME WK YR AGO	155,053	1,822	1,603	3,425	414
AVG WT	5.05	3.30	7.90	5.45	6.65
TO-DATE/2003	6,454,731	61,480	58,923	120,403	17,337
TO-DATE/2002	6,530,121	73,819	59,223	133,042	17,723

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 158.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 159 million head or 0.9 million head more than or 101% of estimated fryers available.

**EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY** - DATE OF AUCTION: OCT 21, 2003

PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

\*\*\*AI PAPERS REQUIRED FOR ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY\*\*\*

	RANGE	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.00 - 1.10	Silkie 1.75 - 5.00ea.
Pekin Ducks	2.50 - 3.00ea.	Geese 9-14 LBS .25 - .40
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.35 - .40	Pigeons 1.50 - 2.25ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.60 - 1.00	White Pigeons 2.75 - 3.25ea.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.40 - .50	Rabbits 4-6 LBS .75 - 1.00
Crossbred Roosters		Rabbits 6-9 LBS .75 - .95
4-6 LBS	.55 - .60	Bunnies 2.00 - 5.00ea.
Crossbred Roosters		Guinea Pigs 5.00 - 7.50ea.
7-11 LBS	.50 - .55	Goats 25.00 - 30.00ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.55ea.	Doves 3.75 - 4.50ea.
Banty Roosters	2.75 - 3.50ea.	
Banty Hens	1.75 - 2.00ea.	Total Coops Sold 450
Leghorn Hens	.40 - .45	
Leghorn Roosters	.50 - 1.00ea.	

**EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 20-OCT-2003

**DUCKLINGS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND MOSTLY	140	146
MIDWEST MOSTLY	124-128	125-130

**ROASTERS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	68.00-69.00	68.00-69.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	65.00-86.00	68.00-76.00

**SQUABS:** NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-69.66
14 OZ.	66.96-76.14
16 OZ.	73.44-83.43

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

**CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS** Prices remained unchanged. Trade sentiment mostly steady. Demand was moderate to instances good. Schedules full-time. Weights were in the desirable range. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.25-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.35-1.45, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$0.30-0.45, livers at \$0.75-1.70, and feet at \$0.80-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 20-OCT-2003

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS MOSTLY	107-124	125

**ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO****ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
SEPTEMBER 13	160.4	157.1	102%	5.18
20	157.9	158.4	100%	5.30
27	162.0	159.4	102%	5.24
OCTOBER 4	160.2	158.9	101%	4.99
11	158.0	158.6	100%	5.14
18	159.0	158.1	101%	5.26
YEAR TO DATE	6533.2	6599.0	99%	
OCTOBER 25		158.3		
NOVEMBER 1		157.2		

**BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER****Under Federal Inspection**

W/E	10/25/03	10/18/03	% CHG	10/26/02	% CHG
Broilers	156,758	157,115*	0	158,649*	-01
Cattle	648	620	+05	714*	-09
Hogs	2,101	2,118	-01	2,048*	+03

\*ACTUAL

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Majority prices were unchanged on both heavy and light canners when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to moderate but generally unaggressive. Trading was light. Supplies were in a full range of tight to adequate but still sufficient for most needs. Processing schedules were less than normal. The undertone was steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b> <b>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b> <b>(WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
20-26 MAJORITY 23-23.75	29-36 MAJORITY 34-35

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b> <b>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b> <b>(WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
22-27 MAJORITY 25.5-26	31.5-38 MAJORITY 35-37

**LIGHT TYPE HENS**

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

**EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN** Values were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Offerings of spent fowl were about adequate for current trade needs. Demand was fair to fairly good. Processing schedules were normal to less than normal. Opinions on removal cost were generally steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	0-12	10-11

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Salvage costs remained constant. Demand was light from processing operations. Offerings easily covered needs. Finished sales were moderate at best. Disposal values were expected to be steady. **RANGE MAJORITY**  
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Values were unchanged when compared to last week. Offerings were tight to unavailable as strong egg markets cause producers to adjust and hold laying hens. Demand was fairly good to good. Opinions of value were steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	8-12.5	10-12.25

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plant schedules moderate. Offerings adequate.

**HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \***  
PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR  
SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 10-OCT-03

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was moderate for the generally adequate offerings. Supplies of finished product was clearing satisfactorily. Processing schedules were less than normal. The undertone was steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were moderate. Trade sentiment was steady at best. **RANGE MAJORITY**  
AT FARM BUYER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.



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