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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices for next week were trending mostly unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to about steady. Movement was light to fair, moderate for fast food specials, but usually regular commitments satisfied needs. Also, buying interest may be affected by upcoming Thanksgiving Day, causing demand to shift towards holiday items. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate. In the parts structure, trading was limited, but active where weekend needs increased. Breast items were in the longest position with little movement, and dark meat was sufficient. Wings were balanced to tight and continued to clear well. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

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 11/03/03-11/07/03 (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	55.83	24
Los Angeles	73.00			
New York	58.00-61.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	65.00-68.50	50.00-69.00	66.99	81

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.
895	63.36-70.50	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	200.50	1,361
BREASTS - B/S	178.50	5,487
BREASTS - WHOLE	89.00	1,458
THIGH MEAT - B/S	94.50	1,013
LEG QUARTERS	31.50	7,653
WINGS	92.50	2,969

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 trade into the Chicago area were unchanged from Monday's final. The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was about steady. Buyers remain cautious on taking additional offerings from production areas. Offerings were mixed, with light weight birds in balance and heavier sizes long. Movement overall was less than expected for end of the week with fast food promotions providing moderate increase in orders for upcoming promotions. Talk of possible labor strife resolution was noted in the St. Louis market, but nothing definitive as yet. Floor stocks were adequate to long, weights desirable to occasionally heavy. Offerings of parts were fully sufficient for trade needs, except for wings which remain in close balance to tight. The market tone was steady to instances firm on wings and cautiously steady to weak on the balance of items.

SOUTHERN BROILER Trade sentiment was generally steady entering the weekend. Demand into all channels was light to fair, best for active retail ads and fast food features, with mixed opinions for first of the month. Supplies were more than sufficient to handle current trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was light to fair. Wings were in good balance and moving well, and dark meat was adequate. Breast items were irregular, but overall available with mixed interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices were unchanged from last Friday's levels. Trading reported for next week delivery at mainly unchanged prices. Offerings were generally adequate on lightweights with heavier sizes ample for trade needs. Retailer demand was moderate to good, best to cover ad activities. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances.

Ads noted (per pound unless otherwise stated):

Arizona – boneless breast 349-399, boneless thigh meat 199, split breast 139-279, drumstick 79-129, thighs 79-129, wings 79;

Colorado – whole body 99-159, Cornish 2 for 500, boneless breast tenders 299, split breast 199, boneless thighs meat 229, thighs 119-129, drumstick 119-129 wings 3# bag IQF 599

(food service deli section fried) – mixed 8 piece 499, 50 piece 2499, 100 piece 4899, 250 piece 11999, 500 piece 23499; drumstick and thighs 10 piece 429, 50 piece 1746, 100 piece 3441, 250 piece 8226, 500 piece 15999);

Northern California – whole body 99-139, whole cut-up 139, roaster 99, boneless breast marinated 499, boneless breast 199-399, boneless thigh 139-199, whole leg 139, wings 99;

Southern California – whole body 37-79, whole cut up 99, Cornish hen 129, boneless breast 199-399, boneless leg meat marinated 129, boneless leg meat 119-129, split breast 97-199, whole legs 37-98, leg quarters 77-79, leg quarters 10# bag 250-390, wings 5# bag IQF 649, thigh 37-99, drumstick 37-99, combo pack 98,

(food service deli section fried) – mixed 8 piece 399).

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair to moderate entering the weekend. Offerings of the 2.5 pound birds were readily available and the heavier weights were at least sufficient. Movement through retail and distributive channels was only fair at best. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items were at least sufficient and discounted to clear. Legs and leg quarters were adequate. Wings were clearing satisfactorily.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was typically light to fair and unaggressive at the end-of-the month, with many buyers shifting attention to other items for the upcoming thanksgiving holiday. Offerings were fully adequate as buyers often limited receipts to standing commitments. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 60 to 70 cents. Trade sentiment was no better than steady. In the parts complex, most items were at least adequate. Breast items remained available, and drums were often noted as 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		57-70
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		63.05
NO. OF BOXES		9,452
CUMULATIVE	10/27/03-10/31/03	62.95
	10/28/02-10/01/02	49.86
NO. OF BOXES	10/27/03-10/31/03	41,643
	10/28/02-10/01/02	43,278

*7 of 7 plants reporting.

October 30

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

October 31

ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS				WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	865	131.00-224.00	132-136	136.70	950	126.00-225.00	129-136	131.70	4,745	138.03
TENDERLOINS	170	140.00-212.00	145-149	152.51	170	140.00-212.00	142-147	152.33	988	151.40
BREAST - LINE RUN	74	80.00-92.00	82-83	82.16	105	79.00-92.00	82-84	82.60	503	82.90
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				305	73.05
LEGS	89	35.00-52.00	35-36	36.53	136	30.00-52.00	33-35	34.07	569	35.15
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	628	26.00-30.00	26-27	27.39	628	26.00-30.00	26-27	26.56	3,105	26.84
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,015	27.00-33.00	29-30	29.81	1,005	27.00-33.00	29-30	28.96	5,255	29.50
WINGS (WHOLE)	295	90.00-97.00	-	94.75	TOO FEW TO REPORT				900	92.94
WINGS (CUT)	507	94.00-110.00	-	101.28	498	94.00-110.00	-	100.68	2,843	99.88
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				70	55.20
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				132	52.58
B/S THIGHS	45	92.00-98.50	-	94.89	60	88.00-98.00	-	93.50	242	94.30

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
 TRADING FOR OCTOBER 30, 2003 F.O.B. DOCK. *****
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RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
48.00 - 52.50	50.07	47.50-52.50	49.53	49.96

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.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS - Trucklot buying activity increased slightly entering the weekend, however, dealers remained cautious and selective. Offerings of breast items remained available at discounted levels. Legs and leg quarters were sufficient. Wings were clearing satisfactorily. Retail and distributive movement was mostly fair. The market tone was barely steady on breast items and about steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED B/F PARTS, DLVRD TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER LB.

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			CURRENT NEG			WEEKLY		
	TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS	
BREAST - B/S	150-155	151.74	667,380	150	152.46	680,410	152.69	3,396,378	
TENDERLOINS	145	144.34	122,840	145	140.58	177,600	142.03	757,220	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	76-77	82.29	143,200	75-76	81.60	284,560	81.79	1,079,720	
BREAST - LINE RUN	76	75.53	89,000	75	76.83	77,760	78.11	552,280	
LEGS	38-39	39.47	193,360	38-39	37.83	259,880	38.48	1,289,040	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	29-30	29.77	369,883	29-30	29.19	336,565	29.76	1,725,872	
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	38.12	101,570	34-35	39.55	106,760	39.18	561,550	
THIGHS	29-30	36.75	73,310	29-30	39.60	67,680	38.09	383,390	
B/S THIGHS	84-85	87.97	100,520	84-85	88.71	83,480	88.38	448,220	
WINGS (WHOLE)	80-81	87.64	130,570	80-81	85.99	128,000	88.14	744,520	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.98	27,480	10-12	11.94	38,760	12.00	174,400	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	30.36	14,360	35-40	32.70	15,320	30.97	80,690	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	59.24	18,720	55-60	62.86	27,440	60.26	139,380	

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
	10/31	10/30	10/29	10/28	10/29	10/28	10/24	10/22	
ALA	4,139	4,008	3,951	3,933	5.36	5.37	4,124	5.29	
ARK	5,027	5,300	5,190	5,238	5.01	5.07	5,522	5.06	
DELMARVA	2,271	2,295	2,302	2,303	5.43	5.42	2,182	5.49	
KY-LA-TN	1,971	1,823	2,001	1,983	4.93	4.97	1,965	4.92	
MISS	3,014	3,134	3,104	3,108	5.53	5.44	3,558	5.55	
NC	2,550	2,426	2,344	2,322	6.31	6.33	2,822	6.35	
TEXAS	2,509	2,505	2,468	2,464	5.09	5.11	2,482	4.98	
TOTAL	21,481	21,491	21,360	21,351	5.34	5.35	22,655	5.34	
MON-FRI	107,577 (A)						106,913 (A)		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.
 Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 31-Oct 03 and 1-Nov-03 is estimated to be 32,138,000 down 5.47 percent from a week ago and up 6.0 percent from a year ago.
 (Last week 33,996,000; last year 30,319,000)
 Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 01-Nov-03 is estimated to be 155,957,000 headdown 2 percent from a week ago, and unchange 0 percent from a year ago
 (Last week 159,099,000; Last year 155,193,000)

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

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	91-97
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

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 18-Oct-03 (Preliminary),

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

Head	28,310	24,861	52,102
Avg Weight	3.77	4.79	6.27
% of total /1	27%	24%	49%

COMPARISONS

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

Same week, yr ago /2	25,828	27,588	55,445
Avg Weight	3.77	4.81	6.11
% of total /1	24%	25%	51%

To date/2003	972,399	989,360	1,867,986
To date/2002	1,077,891	930,121	1,727,434

/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 25-Oct-03 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS		LIGHT HENS		HEAVY HENS		TOTAL HENS		DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----								
HEAD	159,099	1,137	1,383	2,520	429				
AVG WT	5.25	3.44	7.95	5.92	6.84				
LAST WEEK	157,115	1,164	1,378	2,542	408				
SAME WK YR AGO	158,649	1,842	1,530	3,372	379				
AVG WT	5.22	3.49	7.91	5.50	6.80				
TO-DATE/2003	6,613,830	62,617	60,306	122,923	17,766				
TO-DATE/2002	6,688,770	75,661	60,753	136,414	18,102				

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 158.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 161 million head or 2.7 million head more than or 102% of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: OCT 28, 2003
PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

AI PAPERS REQUIRED FOR ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.90 - 1.00	Silkie	1.75 - 2.00ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.90 - 1.00	Geese	
Pekin Ducks	3.00 - 4.00ea.	9-14 LBS	.50 - .60
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.35 - .45	Pigeons	1.50 - 1.95ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.60 - 1.00	White Pigeons	3.00 - 4.00ea.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.50 - .60	Rabbits 4-6 LBS	.90 - 1.12
Crossbred Roosters		Rabbits 6-9 LBS	.90 - 1.00
4-6 LBS	.70 - 1.00	Bunnies	1.50 - 4.00ea.
Crossbred Roosters		Guinea Pigs	7.00 - 12.00ea.
7-11 LBS	.50 - .60	Doves	3.00 - 3.50ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.00 - 1.10		
Banty Roosters	3.00 - 3.25ea.	Total Coops Sold	375
Banty Hens	1.75 - 2.00ea.		

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 27-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)	65.00-85.00	70.00-75.00

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 unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Demand was moderate to good. Schedules full-time. Weights were desirable. 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 27-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 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
25	161.0	158.3	102%	5.25
YEAR TO DATE	6694.2	6757.3	99%	
NOVEMBER 1		157.2		
8		154.5		

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

	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	11/01/03	10/25/03	% CHG	10/26/02	% CHG
Broilers	155,957	159,099	-2%	155,193	0%
Cattle	631	648	-3%	694	-9%
Hogs	2,141	2,101	+2%	2,149	0%

*ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Majority prices were unchanged on both heavy and light cannery when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate but most traders were unaggressive. Trading was light, however available offerings were clearing. Processing schedules were less than normal. The undertone was steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS **HEAVY CANNER HENS**

(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) **(WITHOUT NECKS)**
20-26 MAJORITY 23-23.75 29-36 MAJORITY 34-35

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS **HEAVY CANNER HENS**

(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) **(WITHOUT NECKS)**
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 when compared to a week earlier. Offerings of spent fowl were limited, but usually about adequate for normal to less than normal processing schedules. Demand was moderate but unaggressive. Opinions on removal cost were generally steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-12	10-11

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Disposal costs were unchanged from the past week. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings. Finished sales were moderate. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING		TOO FEW TO REPORT

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to last week. Demand was mostly good with offerings continuing tight to unavailable with processing schedules reduced. Opinions of value were steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	3-12.5	10-12.25

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants schedules moderate. Offerings adequate.

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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 limited but usually adequate to barely adequate offerings. Supplies of finished product was clearing easily. Processing schedules were generally less than normal. The undertone was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
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. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING		TOO FEW TO REPORT

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

MISC. POULTRY: Seasonal/Weekly NEW YORK SEASONAL HOLIDAY ITEMS. FOR DELIVERY THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 27, 2003.

CAPONS:

Supplies of USDA Grade A frozen capons were in close balance with anticipated demand. Early bookings for the upcoming holiday are finished. Weights were in a full range but mostly desirable. Trade sentiment was steady.

DOLLARS PER POUND DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS:

6-9 LBS.	1.55-1.75
MOSTLY	1.60-1.70

GEESE:

Supplies of frozen USDA Grade A geese were in close balance with anticipated needs. Processing has already started and deliveries are being made. Larger volume buyers have booked their early needs. Trade sentiment was steady. Weights were in a full range, but mostly desirable. Quality and conditions of the 2003 production was rated as very good.

DOLLARS PER POUND DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS:

8-10 LBS.	2.25-2.35
10-12 LBS.	2.25-2.35
12 LBS. AND UP	2.25-2.35