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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were mostly unchanged when compared to previous week. Trade sentiment was at least steady in the East, mostly steady elsewhere. Retail and food service demand was seasonally light to moderate, instances better for fast food specials. Supplies were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was light to fair, best for more traditional holiday items. Wings were close to tight and continued to show strength. Dark meat was in good balance and moving well, often at premium levels, and breast items were readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights in a full range, mostly desirable to heavy.

**Final report** of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 11/10/03-11/14/03 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	
	<b>Delivered to First Receivers</b>				
Bos/New Eng	59.00-63.00	60.22	23	60.96	78
Chicago	53.00-56.00	56.81	35	59.34	66
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	—	—	59.43	30
Denver	72.50	72.41	17	68.50	25
Detroit	55.00	56.83	12	60.81	39
Los Angeles	73.00	70.45	75	70.19	136
New York	58.00-61.00	59.83	23	59.99	50
Philadelphia	58.50-61.00	59.67	12	58.10	24
Pittsburgh	58.00-61.00	60.17	12	62.47	54
St. Louis	55.75-56.00	55.72	24	55.39	54
San Francisco	73.50	72.05	33	76.30	65

### Composite Weighted Average

Loads	11/10/03	Change/Last Wk	11/03/03	11/11/02
621	63.54	-0.23	63.77	53.01

**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	60.63	27
Central	56.00-63.50	61.76	58
West	54.00-66.00	62.44	44
<b>Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent</b>			
Mississippi	65.00-68.00	67.27	80

**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.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,055	53.00-71.00	66.94

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	196.50	1,404
BREASTS - B/S	174.50	5,727
BREASTS - WHOLE	89.00	1,668
THIGH MEAT - B/S	92.50	1,023
LEG QUARTERS	31.50	8,444
WINGS	93.00	3,005

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**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light to fair entering the week as dealers attempted to assess the market. Offerings of all sizes ranged balanced to adequate for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was generally fair at best. The market tone was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, boneless-skinless breasts were available. Dark meat cuts were in good balance. Wings were clearing satisfactorily.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand following the weekend was seasonally light to fair, best for fast food promotions and traditional holiday meat items. Supplies were usually sufficient with wogs in a better balance and clearing. In the parts structure, wings were barely adequate to short of an active call, and dark meat was in good balance to well cleared. Breast items were mixed, but available with limited interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Final majority prices were unchanged from last Monday. Offerings were generally adequate overall. Retailer demand fairly good overall best for parts. Dealers reported moderate weekend carryovers. Trade sentiment was mixed on parts with wings in the strongest position. Trading reported on parts for this week's delivery: leg quarters unchanged bulk 29.5-32.5 and 4/10s 32.5-37, breast bone-in at 83-89 and boneless 135-156, wings 92-97. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 56.76 up .37 from last Monday with the volume reported unchanged at 30 loads.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Final majority delivered prices were unchanged from last Monday's final; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole fryer trade sentiment was steady. Offerings were light to fair for the limited buyer interest. Retail and food service movement was seasonally slow, instances moderate into fast food. Floor stocks were balanced to long. Weights desirable to heavy. Parts trading was hand to mouth as focus is on traditional holiday items. Supplies of wings remain close to tight, breast items and dark meat cuts fully adequate. The market tone was fully steady to firm on wings, steady on dark meat and barely steady on breast items.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole was mostly fair to moderate entering the week. Seller offerings were generally sufficient for trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 60 to 70 cents. Trade sentiment was at least steady. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breast and tenders were available; bone-in breast were adequate. Wings, thighs and drums were in good balance and clearing.

\*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	63.58
NO. OF BOXES	9,018

\*7 of 7 plants reporting.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying activity was mostly light and unaggressive entering the week as dealers attempted to assess the market. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts were available. Bone-in breasts were generally sufficient. Dark meat items were in good balance with premiums noted. Wings were clearing well. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair, best where scattered features were planned or in progress. The market tone was cautious on boneless skinless breasts, fully steady on wings and dark meat cuts and about steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

OCTOBER 27	CURRENT	WTD	VOLUME
ITEM	NEGOTIATED	TRADING	AVG
BREAST - B/S	145-150	148.55	537,660
TENDERLOINS	145	147.46	49,320
BREAST - WITH RIBS	74-75	80.30	161,360
BREAST - LINE RUN	74	76.35	130,280
LEGS	38-39	38.62	194,320
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	29-30	29.57	431,902
DRUMSTICKS	35-36	39.98	125,840
THIGHS	30-31	40.64	50,180
B/S THIGHS	85-86	87.26	33,900
WINGS (WHOLE)	84-85	92.62	103,520
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.98	33,000
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	36.73	8,880
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	64.73	18,840

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	1,784	126.00-159.00	136-143	141.14
TENDERLOINS	374	140.00-192.00	140	144.82
BREAST - WITH RIBS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
FRONT HALVES		NO TRADING REPORTED		
LEGS	1,022	24.00-28.00	26-26.5	26.24
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,337	27.00-29.00	-	28.01
WINGS (WHOLE)	151	79.00-89.00	-	84.30
DRUMSTICKS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
THIGHS	927	31.00-32.00	-	31.01

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

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	11/10	11/06	11/06	11/03	10/30
ALA	4,002	3,974	5.15	3,914	5.23
ARK	5,315	5,186	4.91	5,348	4.94
DELMARVA	2,226	2,255	5.40	2,296	5.38
KY-LA-TN	1,915	1,944	4.86	1,965	4.89
MISS	2,953	3,052	5.37	3,041	5.44
NC	2,467	2,397	6.15	2,366	6.20
TEXAS	2,535	2,284	5.42	2,466	4.83
TOTAL	21,413	21,092	5.27	21,396	5.23
MON	21,413 (A)			21,396 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 10-Nov 2003 is estimated to be 32,036,000 down 0.22 percent from a week ago and up 5.91 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,107,000; last year 30,249,000)

**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	844	124.00-223.00	129-131	131.69
TENDERLOINS	223	140.00-214.00	140-145	150.39
BREAST - LINE RUN	87	79.00-92.00	80-82	81.02
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	121	33.00-50.00	33-35	34.64
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	318	24.00-29.00	25-26	25.68
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,304	28.00-33.00	29-30	29.50
WINGS (WHOLE)	115	88.00-92.00	89-90	89.65
WINGS (CUT)	413	97.00-112.00	-	101.99
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS	60	92.00-99.00	-	94.33

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR NOVEMBER 10, 2003 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
47.00-52.50	49.75	49.80

**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 10-NOV-2003 TO 14-NOV-2003 CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	137.00 - 157.00	141.00 - 149.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	76.00 - 100.00	77.00 - 82.00
LEGS	38.00 - 44.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	25.00 - 31.00	28.00 - 30.00
DRUMSTICKS	31.00 - 45.00	-
THIGHS	30.00 - 41.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	81.00 - 92.00	84.00 - 88.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 40.00	-
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

**DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)**

FRESH FRYERS	91-97
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	99-100
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK	101-103
	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.

07-NOV-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	15.75-22.00	-	734,000	734,000
WTD AVERAGE	18.46			
15-20%				
RANGE	15.50-30.00	11.00-15.00	2,272,000	1,272,000
WTD AVERAGE	28.30	11.52		
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 irregular when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for adequate to barely adequate offerings. Supplies of finished product was well cleared. Processing schedules were less than normal to normal. The undertone was steady.

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

THE WEEK OF 10-NOV-03.	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
	6-9	8-9	8.51
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.

07-NOV-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	-	18.00	20,400	-
WTD AVERAGE		18.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	15.00-21.50	10.50-17.00	2,298,800	1,204,800
WTD AVERAGE	18.88	14.20		
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

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading levels were slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate to instances good for spent heavy hens. Offerings were adequate for reduced schedules at processing plants. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

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

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
	CENTS/LB.		AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.25-11.5	8.5-9	8.76

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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