

## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices for next week's trading are trending higher. Trade sentiment was firm in the West, at least steady to firm elsewhere. Retail and food service demand was mostly slow to fair, instances good for fast food, but strongest for other holiday meat items. Supplies of all sizes were sufficient for trade needs. Processing schedules for next week are part-time with plants down one or two days in observance of Thanksgiving Day. In the parts structure, trading was light to fair. Wings were close to tight and had the best movement. Dark meat was adequate and breast items were readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy, but mostly desirable weights.

**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 11/24/03-11/28/03 (cents per lb)

**US GRADE A** (Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	56.00-59.00	55.00-66.00	58.38	24
Los Angeles	74.00			
New York	60.00-63.00			
<b>Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent</b>				
Mississippi	67.50-69.00	54.00-70.00	68.10	70

**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.

**PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT**

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
880	63.56-71.50	68.41
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:		
	WTD. AVG.	VOLUME
ITEM	(CENTS PER POUND)	(000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	201.50	1,314
BREASTS - B/S	171.00	5,321
BREASTS - WHOLE	88.50	1,394
THIGH MEAT - B/S	93.00	947
LEG QUARTERS	31.00	7,489
WINGS	98.00	2,871

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**MIDWEST** Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries were trending higher from Monday's majority. Trade sentiment remained steady to instances firm on whole broiler/fryers. Offerings on heavy sized birds were available, while lighter weights were mixed for the more discerning trade interest. Movement into all channels was mostly light to fair; preparations for traditional Thanksgiving proteins were the main focus of attention. Floor stocks were kept in close balance and limited to accommodate increased volumes of other holiday proteins. Weights were desirable, although trending heavier. Trade on parts was generally quiet, except for the continued strong call for wings. Supplies of wings were limited to short, remaining parts adequate to plentiful. The market tone was steady to firm on wings, steady on dark meat cuts and cautiously steady to weak on breast items.

**SOUTHERN** Trade sentiment was at least steady. Demand entering the weekend was seasonally light to moderate with mixed trading. Supplies were in good balance for trade needs. Processing schedules for next week are part-time in observance of Thanksgiving Day. In the structure, wings were close to tight with strong interest. Dark meat was well balanced and moving, and breast items were mixed, but readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST** Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly fair entering the weekend as dealers kept orders in close balance with the seasonally light and selective demand. Offerings of all sizes were sufficient for current needs. The market tone was at least steady. In the parts complex, breast items were readily available. Dark meat cuts were sufficient and wings were well cleared.

**WESTERN** The preliminary majority prices were up 1 cent from last Fridays' level throughout the region. The market tone was firm with trading reported for next weeks' deliveries at mainly higher prices. Offerings were in fair balance. Buying activity was fair. Retailers focused their attentions on holiday items with demand overall for whole body fryers light and parts moderate. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances. The market tone was steady to firm on parts with wings in the strongest position.

**Ads noted** (per pound unless otherwise stated):

**Arizona** – boneless breast 349-499;

**Colorado** – whole body 99, roasters 99, Cornish hens 169, Cornish hens 20 ounce 2 for 500, ducks 189, goose 349, capons 239, boneless breast 399;

**Northern California** – whole body free range 199, roaster 149, ducks 219, boneless breast 499, split breast 219;

**Southern California** – whole body 99, seasoned whole body 99, whole cut-up 109, roaster 99-169, duck 189, goose 299, Cornish hens 139-239, Cornish hens 12 count 1997, boneless breast 168, boneless breast 4# bag IQF 999, boneless leg meat 99- 119, split breast 98-169, leg quarters 10# bag 290-390, wings 4# and 5# bag IQF 599, thighs 69-99, drumsticks 69-99, drumstick 5# bag 299, gizzards 77-89, (food service deli section - fried mixed 8 piece 399).

**DELMARVA** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally fair to moderate entering the weekend, as many buyers turned their attention to other traditional holiday items. Seller offerings were in good balance. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were light. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 61 to 71 cents. Trade sentiment was at least steady. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breast were available; bone-in breasts were fully sufficient. Drums and thighs were adequate. Wings were adequate 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		58-75
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		63.29
NO. OF BOXES		8,538
CUMULATIVE	11/17/03-11/21/03	63.56
	11/18/02-11/22/02	50.88
NO. OF BOXES	11/17/03-11/21/03	37,319
	11/18/02-11/22/02	38,311

\*7 of 7 plants reporting.

November 20

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

November 21

ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS				WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	854	129.00-223.00	133-135	134.24	864	132.00-223.00	135-139	137.31	4,410	136.64
TENDERLOINS	175	140.00-215.00	-	152.31	225	140.00-215.00	142-147	151.13	1,073	151.47
BREAST - LINE RUN	91	81.00-92.50	82-83	82.77	113	80.00-93.00	82-83	82.20	513	82.54
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				298	77.07
LEGS	96	35.00-50.00	36-37	36.80	128	33.00-50.00	35-37	36.95	593	36.51
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	286	24.00-29.00	26	26.36	273	24.00-29.00	26	26.33	1,362	26.36
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,412	28.00-33.00	28-30	29.35	1,450	28.00-33.00	29-30	29.56	6,508	29.36
WINGS (WHOLE)	301	94.00-100.00	-	98.68	315	97.00-102.00	99-100	99.48	1,519	98.23
WINGS (CUT)	493	105.00-119.00	109-115	111.68	368	104.00-119.00	109-115	109.76	2,216	110.00
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				70	55.14
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				128	64.69
B/S THIGHS	87	85.00-100.00	-	88.79	105	87.00-100.00	-	92.33	439	91.61

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 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS  
 TRADING FOR NOVEMBER 20, 2003 F.O.B. DOCK.

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RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
50.00 - 55.50	53.09	47.50 - 55.00	51.45	51.73

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 was mostly fair to moderate at best entering the weekend as dealers attempted to keep floor stocks in good balance and traditional holiday items became the focal point of the market. Offerings of breast items were readily available. Dark meat cuts were generally sufficient. Wings were adequate. Retail and distributive movement was about fair. The market tone was cautious on breast items, but mostly seasonally steady across the board.

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	145	143.71	593,770	145	144.89	655,320	144.40	3,169,162		
TENDERLOINS	145	141.49	111,850	145	144.47	151,820	142.38	679,030		
BREAST - WITH RIBS	74-75	78.27	212,760	74-75	81.17	165,520	80.36	820,160		
BREAST - LINE RUN	74	73.97	121,720	74	73.07	108,720	74.91	561,160		
LEGS	38-39	37.05	248,240	38-39	38.37	346,700	37.62	1,592,460		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	29-30	29.87	510,448	29-30	29.55	448,301	29.59	2,220,112		
DRUMSTICKS	36-37	40.47	68,280	36-37	40.05	103,840	39.40	553,080		
THIGHS	34-35	41.03	34,880	34-35	39.71	60,840	40.39	264,000		
B/S THIGHS	85-86	85.37	88,020	85-86	89.16	81,840	88.45	434,586		
WINGS (WHOLE)	93-94	101.41	86,000	93-94	98.00	158,960	97.40	673,680		
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.89	44,160	10-12	12.07	34,520	11.95	167,600		
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	30.85	26,440	35-40	32.94	17,760	31.74	97,585		
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	63.78	13,920	60-65	64.77	19,200	64.65	96,020		

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	
	11/21	11/20	11/19	11/18	11/19	11/18	11/14	11/12	11/14	11/12
ALA	4,691	3,896	3,770	3,867	5.16	5.29	4,043	5.11		
ARK	5,013	5,317	5,190	5,293	5.02	5.06	4,928	5.04		
DELMARVA	1,997	2,177	1,489	2,171	5.75	5.60	2,060	5.54		
KY-LA-TN	1,755	1,969	1,844	1,729	4.86	4.80	1,939	4.93		
MISS	2,533	2,988	2,556	2,756	5.14	5.45	2,670	5.35		
NC	2,038	2,115	2,414	2,065	6.28	6.43	2,507	6.71		
TEXAS	2,442	2,442	2,306	2,474	4.93	4.98	2,488	4.94		
TOTAL	20,469	20,904	19,569	20,355	5.25	5.32	20,635	5.27		

MON-FRI 103,277(A) 103,711(A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 21-Nov 03 and 22-Nov-03 is estimated to be 30,624,000 down 1.10 percent from a week ago and up 6.6 percent from a year ago. (Last week 30,965,000; last year 28,731,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 22-Nov-03 is estimated to be 149,121,000 head down 5 percent from a week ago, and unchanged from a year ago. (Last week 157,078,000 Last year 149,717,000)

**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	99-100
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 08-Nov-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	28,380	31,306	45,207
Avg Weight	3.78	4.80	6.40
% of total /1	27%	30%	43%

**COMPARISONS**

Last week	22,698	24,710	36,344
Avg Weight	3.70	4.73	6.23
% of total /1	27%	30%	43%

Same week, yr ago /2	24,191	27,712	41,331
Avg Weight	3.74	4.77	6.23
% of total /1	26%	30%	44%

To date/2003	1,047,739	1,077,008	2,002,159
To date/2002	1,156,148	1,008,027	1,858,357

/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 15-Nov-03 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	157,078	1,126	1,656	2,782	416
AVG WT	5.30	3.45	7.98	6.15	6.79
LAST WEEK	158,112	1,258	1,473	2,731	438
SAME WK YR AGO	154,140	1,441	1,523	2,964	362
AVG WT	5.29	3.47	7.90	5.75	6.91
TO-DATE/2003	7,086,770	66,094	64,749	130,843	19,054
TO-DATE/2002	7,153,750	80,237	65,362	145,599	19,226

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 151.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 159 million head or 7.3 million head more than or 105% of estimated fryers available.

**EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY** - DATE OF AUCTION: NOV 18, 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	2.00 - 2.10ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.90 - 1.00	Geese	
Pekin Ducks	3.00 - 3.25ea.	9-14 LBS	.50 - .60
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.50 - .70	Pigeons	2.00 - 2.10ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.60 - .90	White Pigeons	2.75 - 3.10ea.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.50 - .70	Rabbits 4-6 LBS	.90 - 1.05
Crossbred Roosters		Rabbits 6-9 LBS	.80 - 1.05
4-6 LBS	.70 - 1.00	Bunnies	2.00 - 5.50ea.
Crossbred Roosters		Guinea Pigs	3.00 - 6.50ea.
7-11 LBS	.55 - .80	Goats	40.00 - 45.00ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.00 - 1.10	Doves	2.75 - 3.25ea.
Banty Roosters	2.50 - 3.00ea.	Chukars	3.00ea.
Banty Hens	1.50 - 2.00ea.	Pullets 4-6 LBS	.95
		Total Coops Sold	503

**EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 17-NOV-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	140	146
MOSTLY		
MIDWEST	124-128	125-130
MOSTLY		

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

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	70.00-73.50	71.00-72.50
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	65.00-86.50	70.00-75.50

**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 was mostly steady. Demand was moderate to usually 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 17-NOV-2003

ORIGIN	FROZEN
FRESH	MIDWEST AND OTHERS
107-124	125 MOSTLY

**ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO**

**ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
OCTOBER 11	158.0	158.6	100%	5.14
18	159.0	158.1	101%	5.26
25	161.0	158.3	102%	5.25
NOVEMBER 1	159.7	157.2	102%	5.36
8	160.0	154.5	104%	5.04
15	159.0	151.7	105%	5.30
YEAR TO DATE	6853.9	6914.5	99%	
NOVEMBER 22		149.1		
29		149.6		

**BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**

**Under Federal Inspection**

W/E	11/22/03	11/15/03	% CHG	11/23/02	% CHG
Broilers	149,121	157,078*	-05	149,717	0
Cattle	607	601	+01	684	-11
Hogs	2,141	2,097	+02	2,050	+04

\*ACTUAL

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Majoritiy prices were unchanged to slightly higher on heavy canner; generally unchanged on lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to moderate and generally unaggressive. Trading was very light. Available offerings were clearing satisfactorily. Processing schedules were reduced next week because of the holiday. The undertone was steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b> <b>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b> 21-25 MAJORITY 23.25-24	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b> <b>(WITHOUT NECKS)</b> 30-36 MAJORITY 34-35
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CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b> <b>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b> 22-27 MAJORITY 25.5-26	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b> <b>(WITHOUT NECKS)</b> 31.5-38 MAJORITY 35.5-37
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**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 adequate. Processing schedules were about normal. Demand was moderate but generally unaggressive. Opinions on removal cost were generally steady.

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

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Costs of disposal were too few to report. Availability of spent light hens were adequate for needs. Slaughter schedules were reduced for next week. Finished sales seasonal. Values were expected to remain unchanged.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	TOO FEW TO REPORT

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate with demand fairly good to good. Rendering operations were receiving additional spent fowl while traditional slaughter processors worked full schedules. Opinions of value were steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	3-12.5	10-12.25

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plant schedules light to 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 24-NOV-03

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was fair to moderate. Offerings were about adequate to adequate for reduced holiday schedules. Supplies of finished product were clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was steady.

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

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS** Trading levels were too few to report. Demand was moderate for available offerings of spent heavy fowl. Finished sales were seasonally active. Processing schedules were reduced for next week. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

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

**NEW YORK CITY SEASONAL POULTRY**

FOR DELIVERY THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 17, 2003.

**CAPONS:**

Supplies of USDA Grade A frozen capons were in close balance with anticipated demand. Buying interest for the upcoming holidays was good. Prices to first receivers were unchanged. Weights were in a full range. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

**DOLLARS PER POUND DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS:**

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

**GEESE:**

Prices were unchanged. Supplies of frozen USDA Grade A geese were in close balance. Bookings and inquiries for December shipments were good. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady.

**DOLLARS PER POUND DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS:**

8-16 LBS. 2.25-2.35

PRICES REPORTED FROM LATE OCTOBER THRU MID DECEMBER.