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Majority prices were mostly unchanged when compared to previous week. Trade sentiment was overall generally steady. Retail demand was seasonally slow to moderate, but optimism was present for first of the month business. Food service was moderate to good. Supplies were usually sufficient to at times closer balanced due to reduced holiday schedules; however, plants resumed full time status this week. In the parts structure, trading was limited with needs being assessed and markets monitored for further developments. Wings were adequate to close, and all other parts were available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 12/01/03-12/05/03 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	
	Delivered to First Receivers				
Bos/New Eng	61.00-64.00	62.24	17	60.93	40
Chicago	56.00-59.00	59.00	37	61.51	68
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	—	—	60.13	26
Denver	73.50	73.50	13	73.10	15
Detroit	56.00-58.00	58.80	10	62.86	34
Los Angeles	74.00	72.05	62	72.61	133
New York	60.00-63.00	61.25	24	63.05	55
Philadelphia	59.50-62.00	60.18	11	59.76	23
Pittsburgh	60.00-62.00	60.50	12	63.55	53
St. Louis	58.25-58.50	58.37	24	58.32	45
San Francisco	74.50	72.84	32	75.69	76
	Composite Weighted Average				
Loads	12/01/03	Change/Last Wk	11/24/03	12/02/02	
568	65.37	-0.65	66.02	53.14	

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	62.50-64.00	63.61	28
Central	58.00-66.50	63.64	62
West	62.00-66.00	65.61	34
	Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent		
Mississippi	67.50-69.00	68.54	73

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 68.75 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
892	56.00-72.04	67.36

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	198.00	1,197
BREASTS - B/S	170.50	4,823
BREASTS - WHOLE	89.00	1,399
THIGH MEAT - B/S	92.50	913
LEG QUARTERS	31.00	7,100
WINGS	100.50	2,546

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was seasonally fair entering the week. Offerings of all sizes were sufficient for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was no better than fair. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, breast items were adequate to available. The balance of cuts ranged adequate to balanced.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand into all channels was mixed with most taking a wait and see attitude, and monitoring further developments following the extended holiday weekend and for first of the month. Supplies were sufficient to close balanced as plants resume full time schedules. In the parts structure, movement was fair, best for wings with supplies adequate to well cleared. The remaining items were balanced to close with mixed interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The final majority prices were unchanged from last Monday's levels. The market tone was steady to barely steady with trading reported for this weeks' deliveries at unchanged to lower prices. Offerings were generally adequate. Demand fairly good overall best where features planned to break mid-week. Dealers reported moderate weekend carryovers. 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 83-88 and boneless 130-144, wings 101-105, boneless leg meat 78-79. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was down .32 to 63.14 with the volume reported up 4 percent to 28 loads.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices unchanged into Chicago, St. Louis and Detroit, with Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole fryer trade sentiment was generally steady. Offerings remain limited but adequate for current trade needs. Retail demand was seasonally slow to moderate. Food service movement moderate to instances good. Floor stocks mostly in close balance. Weights desirable. Supplies of wings adequate to in close balance, balance of parts items available. The market tone was steady to fully steady on wings, about steady on boneless skinless breasts and steady on balance of parts items.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally light. Seller offerings were adequate and in generally good balance. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were about moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 61 to 71 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, supplies were adequate and in fairly good balance.

*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	61.72
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	64.40
NO. OF BOXES	7,528

*7 of 7 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was mostly fair as dealers assess market conditions following the week-end. Offerings of breast items were sufficient for trade needs. Wings and dark meat items were generally adequate. Retail and distributive movement was no better than fair. The market tone was steady.

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		145	161.13	190,830
TENDERLOINS		145	150.76	28,200
BREAST - WITH RIBS	74-75		82.76	109,483
BREAST - LINE RUN	74		75.17	93,160
LEGS	38-39		41.66	134,760
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	29-30		29.55	151,920
DRUMSTICKS	36-37		46.92	47,805
THIGHS	34-35		42.62	43,500
B/S THIGHS	85-86		92.00	8,120
WINGS (WHOLE)	93-94		104.46	68,165
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12		12.00	28,600
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40		40.00	2,160
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65		64.10	14,020

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	1,060	124.00-155.00	127-137	134.60
TENDERLOINS	220	139.00-155.00	139-145	144.00
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	720	26.00-27.00	26	26.17
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,600	27.00-28.00	28	27.88
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
THIGHS	1,480	31.00-34.00	34	33.84

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	12/01	11/27	11/27	11/24	11/20
ALA	3,982	Holiday	Holiday	3,874	5.17
ARK	4,867	Holiday	Holiday	5,264	5.00
DELMARVA	2,139	Holiday	Holiday	2,198	5.51
KY-LA-TN	2,038	Holiday	Holiday	2,006	4.81
MISS	3,103	Holiday	Holiday	3,040	5.39
NC	2,205	Holiday	Holiday	2,090	6.21
TEXAS	2,400	Holiday	Holiday	2,498	4.86
TOTAL	20,734	Holiday	Holiday	20,970	5.23
MON	20,734 (B)			20,970 (B)	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 01-Dec 2003 is estimated to be 31,020,000 down 1.42 percent from a week ago and up 0.70 percent from a year ago. (Last week 31,468,000 last year 30,805,000)

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	823	130.00-223.00	135-138	135.73
TENDERLOINS	183	141.00-215.00	142-147	152.52
BREAST - LINE RUN	122	79.00-93.00	82-83	82.80
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	118	34.00-50.00	36-37	37.37
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	258	24.00-29.00	25-26	26.29
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,212	29.00-33.00	29-30	30.03
WINGS (WHOLE)	300	97.00-102.00	-	99.58
WINGS (CUT)	363	107.00-120.00	107-110	110.88
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR DECEMBER 01, 2003 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
49.50 - 54.50	52.24	52.57

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 DEC 01-DEC 05, 2003

CENTS PER POUND	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	137.00 - 154.00	141.00 - 149.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	77.00 - 100.00	77.00 - 82.00
LEGS	39.00 - 44.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	26.00 - 32.00	28.00 - 30.00
DRUMSTICKS	37.00 - 46.00	-
THIGHS	36.00 - 44.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	92.00 - 107.00	92.00 - 95.00
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	81-95
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	60-63
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

	RANGE
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS	
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

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.

28-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	16.00-22.00	18.00	676,100	634,000
WTD AVERAGE	18.46	18.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	15.50-22.00	11.50-17.00	1,444,000	588,000
WTD AVERAGE	20.39	12.66		
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 unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate. Offerings were about adequate to adequate. Processing schedules were mostly normal. Supplies of finished product were clearing. The undertone was steady.

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

THE WEEK OF 01-DEC-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.

28-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	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				
15-20%				
RANGE	15.75-21.50	10.00-17.00	2,508,000	1,732,800
WTD AVERAGE	18.78	12.46		
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 was slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced, but at desired volume. Finished sales were seasonal. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 24-NOV-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
	CENTS/LB.		AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.75-11.5	8.5-9	8.95

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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