



NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were trending higher in the East; unchanged elsewhere. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm in the East, generally steady in most other areas. Retail demand ranged slow to moderate, best for retail ads. Food service was light to moderate, strongest for fast food promotions. Supplies were sufficient to well cleared. In the parts structure, trading was fair. Wings were adequate to well cleared. Breast items were sufficient and clearing satisfactorily. Dark meat was adequate to available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights ranged 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 12/08/03-12/12/03 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A (Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	56.00-59.00	56.00-67.00	58.60	25
Los Angeles	74.00			
New York	61.00-64.00			

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	68.00-69.50	55.00-70.00	68.49	81
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 69.00 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.
881	63.86-72.50	68.85

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

ITEM	(CENTS PER POUND)	(000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	202.00	1,366
BREASTS - B/S	172.00	5,487
BREASTS - WHOLE	89.50	1,458
THIGH MEAT - B/S	92.50	1,013
LEG QUARTERS	30.50	7,663
WINGS	102.00	2,950

This information is supplied by the GA Dept. of Agriculture's poultry market news service.

MIDWEST Preliminary majority prices for next weeks deliveries into the Chicago area were unchanged from Monday's final. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady. Offerings of whole birds and wogs were in line with limited trade needs. Retail demand was mixed, light to moderate with some businesses indicating a pick up for the first the month. Food service movement continued light to moderate with instances of good demand into catering and some fast food outlets. Floor stocks were in balance to occasionally long. Weights desirable. In the parts complex demand was measured with wings clearing best with all items sufficient for immediate needs. The market tone was steady to firm on wings and steady on the balance of parts.

SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand into all channels entering the weekend was fair to moderate, best for fast foods and retail feature activity. Supplies were generally sufficient for current trade needs. In the parts structure, wings were in close balance and well cleared. Breast items were clearing satisfactorily and dark meat items were adequate to 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 remained fair to moderate entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes were in close balance with most immediate needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was about fair. The market tone was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts ranged balanced to short of full needs. Boneless-skinless breasts were at least sufficient. The balance of cuts were generally adequate.

WESTERN The preliminary majority prices for next week unchanged from last Friday. Trading reported for next week's deliveries at unchanged to lower prices, with heavier sizes in the weakest position. Offerings were in fair balance to fully adequate with out-of-state product in the longest position. Retailers demand was fair to fairly good best where featured. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances. Trade sentiment generally steady on parts.

Ads noted (per pound unless otherwise stated):

Arizona - whole body 99, boneless breast 177- 299, breast tenders 299, boneless thigh meat 279, boneless thigh meat marinated 299, leg quarters 79, thighs 99-149, drumsticks 99-149;

Colorado - boneless breast 299, boneless breasts marinated 399, boneless breasts marinated 4# IQF 1099, breasts tenders 299, breast fillets 299, boneless thigh meat 229, leg quarters 79;

Northern California - whole body 99, whole cut-up 139, boneless breast 179-399, split breast 199, whole leg free range 149, thighs 89, drumsticks 89;

Southern California - whole body 59-69, whole cut-up 149, roasters 149, boneless breast 167-399, split breast 97-129, boneless leg meat 99-119, wings 118-139, thighs 69-149, drumsticks 57-149, drumsticks 5# bag 299, leg quarters 10# bag 270-440, (deli food service - fried 12 piece mixed 599).

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally fair to moderate. Seller offerings were generally adequate on the 2.50 and 3.00 pound sizes; in good balance to well cleared on the heavier weights. Live supplies were moderate; weights varied and were mostly desirable to light. Processor schedules were moderately heavy and included some operations on Saturday. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 62 to 71 cents. Trade sentiment remained fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were no more than adequate. Other items were generally noted as adequate.

*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		61-73
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		65.14
NO. OF BOXES		7,693
CUMULATIVE	12/01/03-12/05/03	64.68
	12/02/02-12/06/02	51.62
NO. OF BOXES	12/01/03-12/05/03	39,248
	12/02/02-12/06/02	36,339

*7 of 7 plants reporting.

December 04

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

December 05

ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS				WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	930	129.00-223.00	132-135	134.15	771	129.00-137.00	132-135	134.13	4,233	134.66
TENDERLOINS	192	140.00-215.00	142-147	151.84	235	140.00-215.00	140-147	150.23	1,030	151.58
BREAST - LINE RUN	93	79.00-93.00	82-84	82.75	112	79.00-93.00	82-84	83.51	511	83.28
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				316	78.48
LEGS	103	32.00-51.00	35-37	37.36	128	34.00-51.00	35-37	37.13	540	37.54
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	295	24.00-29.00	26	26.27	278	24.00-29.00	26	26.33	1,351	26.36
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,175	29.00-32.00	29-31	29.63	1,295	28.00-32.00	29-31	29.63	5,862	29.78
WINGS (WHOLE)	295	99.00-106.00	-	104.10	295	99.00-106.00	-	104.10	1,612	102.86
WINGS (CUT)	473	107.00-120.00	-	112.48	487	107.00-120.00	111-115	112.71	2,215	112.30
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				82	54.05
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				302	52.28
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				98	81.00-100.00	-	88.12	422	90.89

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
 TRADING FOR DECEMBER 04, 2003 F.O.B. DOCK. WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
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RANGE **TODAY'S AVERAGE** **RANGE** **TODAY'S AVERAGE** **5-DAY AVERAGE**
 49.50 - 55.50 52.27 51.00 - 55.50 53.17 52.48
 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 fair to moderate entering the weekend. Offerings of bone-in breasts were irregular and ranged adequate to instances short of full needs. Boneless-skinless breasts were at least sufficient. Dark meat cuts and wings were adequate. Distributive movement was fair to moderate, and retail draw was expected to see a bump in demand as buyers eyed the approaching inclement weather with caution. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm on bone-in breasts. Mostly steady on the balance of cuts.

ICE PACKED B/F PARTS, DLVRD TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER LB. Dec 05

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			CURRENT NEG			WEEKLY		
	TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS	
BREAST - B/S	145	142.36	821,490	145	145.67	846,882	145.16	3,128,762	
TENDERLOINS	145	142.94	173,730	145	146.03	173,560	144.86	628,340	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	75-76	82.91	104,760	75-76	83.74	205,800	82.02	760,163	
BREAST - LINE RUN	75	75.96	114,200	75	76.76	80,720	76.16	491,160	
LEGS	38-39	36.79	296,200	38-39	39.51	240,080	37.88	1,312,321	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	29-30	29.78	341,731	29-30	29.79	334,482	29.72	1,574,885	
DRUMSTICKS	36-37	38.07	110,280	36-37	36.99	215,550	38.73	593,515	
THIGHS	34-35	40.88	57,010	34-35	39.13	63,090	40.59	273,680	
B/S THIGHS	85-86	88.08	91,200	85-86	89.07	65,600	89.05	307,700	
WINGS (WHOLE)	93-94	97.72	161,400	93-94	98.88	176,550	99.82	657,435	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.98	32,120	10-12	12.08	39,800	11.99	186,320	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	32.30	18,960	35-40	34.55	13,480	34.02	62,100	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	66.20	18,240	60-65	67.61	20,340	65.07	107,170	

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	
	12/05	12/04	12/03	12/02	12/03	12/02	11/28	11/26	11/28	11/26
ALA	4,460	3,943	3,846	3,844	5.23	5.28	2,931	5.05		
ARK	5,481	5,412	5,139	5,160	5.17	5.12	4,445	4.92		
DELMARVA	2,464	2,250	1,992	2,221	5.47	5.58	2,021	5.43		
KY-LA-TN	1,953	1,996	1,952	1,976	4.97	4.98	1,856	4.89		
MISS	2,929	3,100	3,066	3,020	5.40	5.47	1,944	5.37		
NC	2,408	2,466	2,398	2,362	6.35	6.35	1,913	6.21		
TEXAS	2,472	2,360	2,473	2,477	4.99	5.05	2,466	5.06		
TOTAL	22,167	21,527	20,866	21,060	5.34	5.36	17,576	5.29		
MON-FRI	107,077(A)								79,851(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 05-Dec 03 and 6-Dec-03 is estimated to be 33,164,000 up 25.74 percent from a week ago and up 3.6 percent from a year ago.
 (Last week 26,375 ,000; last year 32,008 ,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 06-Dec-03 is estimated to be 155,043,000 head up 31 percent from a week ago, and up 2 percent from a year ago.
 (Last week 118,334,000 Last year 151,980,000)

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

	RANGE
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 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 22-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	24,513	25,381	46,333
Avg Weight	3.76	4.77	6.28
% of total /1	25%	26%	48%

COMPARISONS

Last week	28,162	29,689	47,181
Avg Weight	3.72	4.78	6.27
% of total /1	27%	28%	45%

Same week, yr ago /2	24,263	25,229	37,723
Avg Weight	3.75	4.73	6.19
% of total /1	28%	29%	43%

To date/2003	1,100,414	1,132,078	2,095,673
To date/2002	1,206,569	1,059,866	1,942,094

/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 29-Nov-03 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	118,334	668	897	1,565	305
AVG WT	5.35	4.10	7.98	6.32	6.81
LAST WEEK	151,254	1,097	1,427	2,524	446
SAME WK YR AGO	115,454	1,223	1,010	2,233	312
AVG WT	4.98	3.47	7.79	5.42	6.56
TO-DATE/2003	7,356,358	67,859	67,073	134,932	19,805
TO-DATE/2002	7,418,921	83,123	67,928	151,051	19,948

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 149.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 119.8 million head or 29.8 million head less than or 80% of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: DEC 02, 2003

PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

AI PAPERS REQUIRED FOR ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	RANGE	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.05	Silkie 2.75ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.95	Geese 9-14 LBS .70
Pekin Ducks	.50 - .60	Pigeons 2.25 - 2.75ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.40 - .50	White Pigeons 3.25 - 4.00ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.50 - .75	Rabbits
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.70 - .90	4-6 LBS 1.50 - 1.70
Crossbred Roosters		Rabbits
4-6 LBS	.80 - 1.00	6-9 LBS 1.15 - 1.20
Crossbred Roosters		Bunnies 1.50 - 4.00ea.
7-11 LBS	.70 - .90	Guinea Pigs 2.00 - 3.00ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.90	Doves 3.00 - 3.25ea.
Banty Roosters	3.00 - 3.25ea.	
Banty Hens	1.50 - 2.00ea.	Total Coops Sold 294
Leghorn Hens	.16	

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 01-DEC-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	72.00-73.50
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	62.00-85.50	67.00-75.50

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 fairly 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 01-DEC-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 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
22	153.1	149.1	103%	5.25
29	119.8	149.6	80%	5.35
YEAR TO DATE	7445.8	7519.4	99%	
DECEMBER 6		150.2		
13		150.2		

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

W/E	12/06/03	11/29/03	% CHG	12/07/02	% CHG
Broilers	155,043	118,334*	+31	151,980*	+02
Cattle	622	548	+14	671*	-07
Hogs	2,120	1,882	+13	2,031*	+04

*ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher heavy canners; generally unchanged on lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly moderate. Trading was light to fair. Available offerings were clearing satisfactorily. Processing schedules were normal to instances heavy. The undertone was steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
20-25 MAJORITY 23.5-24.5	29-36 MAJORITY 34-35

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
22-27 MAJORITY 26	31.5-38 MAJORITY 35.5-37.5

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR
SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 08 -DEC-03

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was fair to moderate. Offerings were about adequate to adequate. Processing schedules were normal to instances heavy. Supplies of finished product were well cleared. 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 of spent heavy hens was too few to report prices. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings from primary suppliers. Finished sales were moderate. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was generally 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	

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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 HENS Values were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Offerings of spent fowl were adequate for processing schedules that were at least normal. Demand was fair to moderate but generally unaggressive. Opinions on removal cost were generally steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-12	
	10-11	

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS Prices ranged unchanged to higher while majority values were unchanged. Demand was fair to fairly good with offerings adequate to fully adequate. Opinions of value were steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	4.5-12.5	10-12.25

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Negotiations for disposal of light fowl were too few to report. Demand was light for ample numbers of light fowl. Schedules were at desired volume for a moderate call for finished product. Salvage costs were expected to remain constant.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

WEST COAST LIGHT Plants schedules mainly moderate. Offerings adequate.

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