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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

 Majority prices were unchanged in the West, higher in the East, and irregular in the Midwest. Trade sentiment was overall steady. Retail demand was mostly light to moderate with few features. Food service was fair to good with best movement for fast food, caterers, and businesses where holiday shoppers frequented. Supplies of all size were usually sufficient to handle needs. In the parts structure, trading following the weekend was fair. Availability was mixed, but obtainable, with boneless skinless breasts at least adequate and wings balanced to at times tight. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 12/08/03-12/12/03 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
	Delivered to First Receivers				
Bos/New Eng	62.00-65.00	62.94	17	64.20	69
Chicago	56.00-59.00	59.29	39	61.76	72
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	—	—	61.67	29
Denver	73.50	73.50	16	72.11	19
Detroit	55.00-58.00	59.00	10	63.75	39
Los Angeles	74.00	71.79	68	71.74	148
New York	61.00-64.00	62.26	23	62.81	53
Philadelphia	60.50-63.00	61.45	11	60.34	22
Pittsburgh	61.00-63.00	62.08	12	65.04	58
St. Louis	58.50-58.75	58.51	24	58.69	56
San Francisco	74.50	73.18	32	78.88	526

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	12/08/03	Change/Last Wk	12/01/03	12/09/02
617	66.01	0.64	65.37	53.73

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	63.00-64.00	64.02	32
Central	58.00-66.50	63.58	66
West	59.00-65.00	63.29	36
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent			
Mississippi	68.00-69.50	68.49	81

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.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,032	56.00-72.50	67.76

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	1,466
BREASTS - B/S	170.50	5,775
BREASTS - WHOLE	89.50	1,658
THIGH MEAT - B/S	92.50	1,093
LEG QUARTERS	30.50	8,463
WINGS	102.00	3,046

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was about fair entering the week. Offerings of all sizes were sufficient for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was at least steady. In the parts complex, offerings of bone-in breasts varied by plant and ranged adequate to instances short. Boneless-skinless breasts were at least sufficient. The balance of cuts were generally adequate.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail demand was light to moderate, best for ads. Food service was fair to fairly good, best into fast food for promotions and where holiday shoppers frequented eating establishments. Supplies were generally sufficient for current trade needs. In the parts structure, wings were balanced to well cleared, closest for cut and smaller sizes. Breast items were clearing well, and dark meat was available. 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 week. Trading reported on regular commitments at generally unchanged prices and new negotiations at generally lower prices. Offerings were fully adequate with product from out-of-state in the longest position. Retailer demand was moderate to fairly good best to cover features planned or in progress. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. Trading reported on parts for this week's delivery: leg quarters bulk 30-32.5 and 4/10s 32.5-37, breast bone-in 79-88 and boneless 136-145, wings 102-105. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 60.71 down 2.43 with the volume reported up 4 percent to 29 loads.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices were generally unchanged; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole fryer trade sentiment was steady. Offerings were balanced for current trade needs. Movement into all outlets was seasonal; light to moderate, instances good into catering and fast food. Floor stocks were adequate to at times long. Weights desirable. Supplies of all items were in balance; instances tight on wings and a little long on boneless/skinless breasts. The market tone was steady to firm on wings and steady on the balance of items.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally fair to moderate entering the week. Seller offerings were generally adequate on all sizes. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed but were mostly desirable to light. Processor schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 62 to 71 cents. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were clearing satisfactorily. 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	59-77
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	65.38
NO. OF BOXES	9,937

*7 of 7 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was about fair entering the week as dealers cautiously assessed the market. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts were at least sufficient. Supplies of bone-in breasts were irregular and varied by plant ranging adequate to short. Dark meat cuts and wings were generally sufficient. Retail movement was moderate to fairly good over the week-end, however, the winter weather offered little impetus for food service and distributive draw. The market tone was mostly 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	147.02	147.02	629,577
TENDERLOINS	145	144.93	144.93	94,320
BREAST - WITH RIBS	75-76	83.97	83.97	105,520
BREAST - LINE RUN	75	76.77	76.77	75,720
LEGS	38-39	37.46	37.46	399,480
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	29-30	29.83	29.83	335,982
DRUMSTICKS	36-37	39.79	39.79	202,890
THIGHS	34-35	40.34	40.34	88,410
B/S THIGHS	85-86	89.22	89.22	68,360
WINGS (WHOLE)	93-94	98.81	98.81	121,680
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.97	11.97	30,200
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	33.90	33.90	17,040
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	68.72	68.72	19,400

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	1,163	127.00-181.00	132-136	135.22
TENDERLOINS	120	145.00-193.00	145-155	157.17
BREAST - WITH RIBS	271	71.00-92.00	-	79.25
FRONT HALVES	171	68.00-77.00	-	70.68
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	840	26.00-28.00	26	26.24
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,049	27.00-29.00	28-29	28.16
WINGS (WHOLE)	207	67.00-100.00	93-97	94.53
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS	1,264	32.00-36.00	33-34	33.80

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	12/08	12/04	12/04	12/01	11/27
ALA	3,966	3,899	5.22	3,754	Holiday
ARK	5,381	5,326	4.98	4,812	Holiday
DELMARVA	2,173	2,198	5.46	2,191	Holiday
KY-LA-TN	1,979	2,024	4.95	2,056	Holiday
MISS	3,103	3,087	4.97	3,078	Holiday
NC	2,343	2,388	6.26	2,259	Holiday
TEXAS	2,483	2,485	4.91	2,501	Holiday
TOTAL	21,428	21,407	5.20	20,651	0.00
MON	21,428(A)			20,651(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 08-Dec 2003 is estimated to be 32,059,000 up 3.45 percent from a week ago and up 4.89 percent from a year ago. (Last week 30,989,000 last year 30,565,000)

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	887	129.00-223.00	132-135	135.74
TENDERLOINS	178	140.00-215.00	140-147	152.22
BREAST - LINE RUN	82	79.00-93.00	82-84	83.88
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	89	36.00-51.00	36-38	38.25
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	250	26.00-29.00	26	26.44
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,085	29.00-33.00	29-31	30.10
WINGS (WHOLE)	300	99.00-106.00	-	104.02
WINGS (CUT)	437	107.00-120.00	111-115	112.38
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 08, 2003 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
50.50 - 55.50	52.17	52.47

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 08-DEC 12, 2003

CENTS PER POUND	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	137.00 - 159.00	141.00 - 150.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	77.00 - 100.00	77.00 - 82.00
LEGS	35.00 - 44.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	26.00 - 32.00	28.00 - 30.00
DRUMSTICKS	34.00 - 46.00	-
THIGHS	36.00 - 44.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	88.00 - 111.00	94.00 - 97.00
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

ROASTERS 4# & UP
HENS UNDER 5#
HENS OVER 5#
DUCKS
RABBITS-WHOLE
RABBITS-CUT UP

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	91-97
ROASTERS 4# & UP	81-95
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	60-63

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	101-103
ROASTERS 4# & UP	89-105
HENS OVER 5#	91
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.

CHICKEN 05-DEC-2003
 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	16.00-17.50	18.00	452,100	370,000
WTD AVERAGE	16.15	18.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	20.00-21.00	11.00-17.00	1,284,000	468,000
WTD AVERAGE	20.56	12.51		
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 for the about adequate to adequate offerings. Processing schedules were normal to instances heavy. Supplies of finished product were well cleared. The undertone was steady.

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

THE WEEK OF 08-DEC-03.	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
	6-9	8-9	8.58
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.

CHICKEN 05-DEC-2003
 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	22.00	13.00-17.00	123,800	-
WTD AVERAGE	22.00	15.68		
15-20%				
RANGE	15.00-20.00	10.50-15.00	1,588,800	1,134,400
WTD AVERAGE	15.23	11.94		
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 generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were seasonal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

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

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
	CENTS/LB.		AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.5-11.5	8.5-9.5	9.04

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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