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Majority prices were unchanged in the West, lower in the East, unchanged to lower in the Midwest. Trade sentiment was irregular, but mostly steady at best. Retail and food service demand was quiet to fair, better for fast food promotions. Supplies of smaller sized product was sufficient to at times tight, whereas larger sizes were more available to ample. In the parts structure, movement following the weekend was slow to fair. Breast items were at least adequate and discounted, and wings were adequate. Dark meat was readily available with leg quarters in the best position. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights in a full range.

Final report Report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 7/26/04-07/30/04 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	
Delivered to First Receivers					
Bos/New Eng	67.00-72.00	70.22	23	69.44	53
Chicago	66.00-69.00	70.22	43	72.64	75
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	—	—	73.65	20
Denver	84.50	84.25	16	83.68	19
Detroit	68.00-70.00	69.44	16	73.44	48
Los Angeles	85.00	82.93	60	77.86	167
New York	67.00-70.00	68.69	26	71.03	53
Philadelphia	68.00-70.00	68.91	11	69.07	22
Pittsburgh	68.00-71.00	69.46	12	74.68	57
St. Louis	69.75-70.00	69.28	22	70.80	42
San Francisco	85.50	84.09	35	82.16	98

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	08/23/04	Change/Last Wk	08/16/04	08/25/03
654	74.34	-1.22	75.56	63.31

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AV	LOADS
East	72.00-75.50	74.79	36
Central	69.00-80.00	75.35	66
West	65.00-78.00	75.46	41

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	75.00-79.00	78.98	86
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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 80.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG

LOADS	RANGE	FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,139	69.00-82.00	78.09

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	242.50	1,527
BREASTS - B/S	208.00	5,789
BREASTS - WHOLE	120.50	1,737
THIGH MEAT - B/S	93.00	1,143
LEG QUARTERS	32.50	8,265
WINGS	114.00	3,063

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was only fair for early week business. Offerings were usually reported as sufficient for immediate needs. Retail and distributive movement was slow. Trucks were still short of requirements. The market tone was cautiously steady. In the parts complex, B/S breast were available at competitive prices, other breast items were at least adequate. Wings were sufficient, dark meat was adequate with drums and thighs increasing in availability. Leg quarters were balanced.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was steady at best. Demand following the weekend was light to fair with trading mostly limited to regular commitments. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was light; supplies of all items were at least adequate or readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices unchanged from last Mondays' reported levels. Regular commitments reported at generally unchanged prices; however new negotiation mixed with small sized product in the strongest position. Offerings fully adequate overall with product over 3 pounds in the longest position. Buying activity somewhat improved. Retailers demand fairly good best to cover planned feature activities. Dealers reported satisfactory week-end clearances. The market tone was about steady on parts with wings in the best position. Parts trading reported for this weeks' delivery: leg quarters bulk 31-31.75 and 4/10s 31.5-32, boneless thigh meat 77-85, boneless leg meat 67-69, wing 104-109, bone- in breast 109-124 and boneless 134-175. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 68.10 down 1.42 with the volume reported at 29 loads down 12 percent from last week.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices mostly unchanged from last Monday's final; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole fryer market tone was fully steady on small birds, weak on heavy weights. Offerings tight on small birds, plentiful on heavy weights. A lackluster demand was noted into all channels; occasionally fairly good into fast food. Floor stocks were in balance to ample; weights desirable to heavy. Parts trade was wait and see. Supplies of parts were adequate to ample with breasts and thigh meat in the longest position and leg quarters and wings in good balance. Trade sentiment was steady on wings and leg quarters, barely steady, undertone weak on the balance.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to no better than fair entering the week. Seller offerings were at least adequate to fully adequate. Live supplies were moderate; weights were light to mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 70 to 85 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady to barely steady. In the parts complex, breast items were readily available and slow in clearing. Dark meat items were more than sufficient. Wings were 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	
RANGE	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	62-89
NO. OF BOXES	73.02
	9,113

*7 of 7 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was slow and light for early week business with most traders generally steady but adequate on wings, and about steady to steady on leg quarters. Offerings of breast items were readily available and discounted to clear. Dark meat cuts were fully sufficient especially on thighs. Retail and distributive draw was light as late vacations were scheduled for current week. The market tone continued barely steady to instances weak.

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	170-175		174.21	558,462
TENDERLOINS	205		194.03	92,840
BREAST - WITH RIBS	105-106		111.72	105,920
BREAST - LINE RUN	105		104.58	159,080
LEGS	48-49		39.79	310,280
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	31-32		33.04	304,682
DRUMSTICKS	35-36		35.86	167,720
THIGHS	29-30		32.22	124,720
B/S THIGHS	85-86		79.26	84,000
WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101		108.85	156,120
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12		11.78	30,520
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35		25.81	14,520
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60		59.32	23,880

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	2,667	150.00-235.00	160-168	166.14
TENDERLOINS	202	180.00-226.00	180-200	192.94
BREAST - WITH RIBS	218	95.00-127.00	-	105.30
FRONT HALVES	224	75.00-121.00	75-79	82.15
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,270	26.00-29.00	27-28	27.11
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,939	27.00-30.00	-	27.46
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS	1,324	25.00-42.00	25-26	25.87

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	(1,000)	(1,000)		(1,000)	
Alabama	4,118	4,088	5.27	4,037	5.22
Arkansas	5,479	5,346	5.03	5,475	5.03
Delmarva	2,289	2,246	5.57	2,228	5.57
KY-LA-TN	2,100	2,049	4.98	2,139	5.01
Mississippi	3,087	3,082	5.32	3,050	5.47
North Carolina	2,538	2,464	6.40	2,425	6.37
Texas	2,471	2,557	5.11	2,527	5.05
Total	22,082	21,832	5.33	21,881	5.33
Mon	22,082(A)			21,881(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 23-Aug 2004 is estimated to be 33,037,000 up 0.62 percent from a week ago. and up 3.2 percent from a year ago.

(last week 32,835,000 last year 32,016,000)

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	587	150.00-225.00	155-160	160.26
TENDERLOINS	163	190.00-245.00	190-195	196.84
BREAST - LINE RUN	90	112.00-128.00	112-115	115.11
FRONT HALVES	120	78.00-80.00	78-79	79.00
LEGS	88	32.00-53.00	35-37	37.03
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	510	24.00-29.00	26-27	26.49
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,133	26.00-33.00	28-29	28.61
WINGS (WHOLE)	330	92.00-100.00	95-97	96.68
WINGS (CUT)	415	110.00-119.00	115-119	115.59
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 AUG 23, 2004 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
51.00 - 54.50	52.75	52.79

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 AUG 23-27-2004

CENTS PER POUND	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	155.00 - 180.00	170.00 - 178.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	103.00 - 126.00	105.00 - 111.00
LEGS	26.00 - 45.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	26.00 - 35.00	27.00 - 30.00
DRUMSTICKS	29.00 - 40.00	-
THIGHS	28.00 - 44.50	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	85.00 - 113.00	102.00 - 105.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 25.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 39.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 45.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	100.5-104.5
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	104-108

FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	600

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

FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	107
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	78-83

DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK 116
	ICE PACK 107-108
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 108-109
	DRY PACK 110
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 93
	DRY PACK 93-95
DUCKS	170-185

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 20-AUG-2004
 — 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	16.50-18.50	19.00-22.00	1,181,000	780,000
WTD AVERAGE	17.30	21.69		
15-20%				
RANGE	16.50-23.00	14.00-21.00	2,352,000	1,352,000
WTD AVERAGE	18.97	17.62		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	17.50	160,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		17.50		

* 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 the mostly fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal to 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 23-AUG-04	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.25-15	9.25-11	10.39
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 20-AUG-2004
 — 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	-	18.00-19.00	61,200	-
WTD AVERAGE		18.33		
15-20%				
RANGE	13.75-22.00	11.50-18.00	2,574,000	1,208,800
WTD AVERAGE	15.76	13.43		
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 Prices were generally unchanged. Demand was moderate. Floorstocks were adequate on dressed product. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
 PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 23-AUG-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-13.5	9.5-10.75	10.29

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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