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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices for next week are trending lower in the West, unchanged elsewhere. Trade sentiment was irregular, ranging cautiously steady to barely steady in the West and Midwest, at least steady in the East, but unsettled in areas affected by Hurricane Ivan. Demand into retail and food service was light to moderate, and supplies were adequate overall. Plant schedules along the affected areas were mixed with some down, and others running tonight and Saturday if capable; however, areas not directly in the path may experience delivery problems. In the parts structure, movement was light. Breast items were at least adequate, dark meat was sufficient, and wings were clearing well. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed 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 9/20/04-09/24/04 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	58.00-61.00	44.00-61.00	60.90	30
Los Angeles	83.00			
New York	60.00-63.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	74.00-77.00	58.00-78.00	74.62	76

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 78.00 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.
964	73.25-80.00	77.70

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

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	233.50	1,092
BREASTS - B/S	182.00	5,299
BREASTS - WHOLE	99.50	1,522
THIGH MEAT - B/S	78.50	815
LEG QUARTERS	31.50	7,333
WINGS	109.50	2,802

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into the Chicago area were unchanged from last Monday's final. Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment was cautiously steady. Major producers in direct path of hurricane damage had curtailed or limited production; production areas outside of eastern gulf area were running and offerings were moderate, although transport issues were a concern. Buyer interest was irregular, mostly light to fair. Demand was generally light to moderate. Floor stocks were adequate to ample. Weights desirable. Offerings of parts were available for the limited trade needs. The market tone was steady overall with weak undertone on breast cuts.

SOUTHERN BROILER Trade sentiment was mostly unsettled with assessments being made as a result of Hurricane Ivan. Processing schedules were irregular with some plants down, and some running tonight and weekend shifts. Demand entering the weekend was mostly fair. Supplies were available, but may tighten due to limited processing. In the parts structure, movement was light to fair. Breast items were at least adequate, dark meat was sufficient to improved, and wings were moving satisfactorily. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices were 1 cent lower than last Fridays' reported levels. Offerings were generally adequate. In areas where hurricane Ivan had an impact processors were down but expected to be back in operations by Saturday. Buying activity was fair. Retailer demand was moderate best to cover feature activities. Moderate weekend carryovers anticipated but some dealers were alerted of possible delivery delays

caused by the aftermath of the hurricane. **Ads noted** (per pound unless otherwise stated): **Arizona** – whole body 99-159, boneless breast 449, boneless breast marinated 399, boneless breast tenders 249, boneless breast and boneless thigh meat combo 199, split breast 97-279, leg quarters 79-99 and 10# bagged 490, drumstick 129-159, thigh 129-159; **Colorado** – boneless breast or breast tenders organic 649, boneless breast 249- 449, boneless breasts 4# bag IQF or 3# bag IQF boneless breast tenders 1099, boneless breast or boneless thigh meat combo 199, drumstick 129-149, thigh 129- 149; **Idaho** – roaster 99, boneless breast 299, boneless breast 4# bag IQF 796, drumstick 88-99, thigh 88-99, (**deli food service** – fried 8 piece mixed 499-599); **Northern California** – whole body 89-149, whole body organic 279, whole cut-up 169, boneless breast 499, split breast 199, whole leg organic 299, thigh 99, drumstick 99, leg quarter 99; **Southern California** – whole body 78-99, whole body free range 199, whole cut-up 138-169, cornish hen 117, roaster 128-149, boneless breast 158-499, boneless breast tenders or fillets 499, boneless thigh meat 168 and 4# bag IQF 499, boneless leg meat 89-118, split breast 99-139, whole leg 98, leg quarters 8# bagged 464 and 10# bagged 290-490, thigh and drumstick combo pack 98, thigh 69-99 and 4# bag IQF 356, drumstick 69-99, drumstick 4# bag IQF 356 and 5# bagged 245, grill pack contains combination of split breast/leg quarter/thigh 128, (**deli food service** – fried mixed 8 piece 398, 8 piece drumstick and thigh 299-398, hot wings 398, rotisserie 499 each).

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers increased slightly entering the weekend but was mostly moderate overall. Offerings of all sizes ranged balanced to adequate for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was about fair. Dealers were attempting to assess the effect of hurricane Ivan on the market, however, general opinion indicated that the storm had at least temporarily moved product into a better balance. The market tone was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, breast items were fully sufficient. Dark meat cuts were at least adequate. Wings were clearing well.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to fairly good entering the weekend, and was best where retail ad activity was planned. Seller offerings were adequate to tight for immediate delivery. Live supplies were moderate; weights were a bit light at some points, a bit heavy at others. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 63 to 77 cents. Trade sentiment was at least steady. The market tone continued to be affected by weather events in outside production centers and was for the most part unsettled. In the parts complex, supplies were at least 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		59-78
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		65.62
NO. OF BOXES		7,611
CUMULATIVE	09/13/04-09/17/04	66.10
	09/15/03-09/19/03	64.22
NO. OF BOXES	09/13/04-09/17/04	42,534
	09/15/03-09/19/03	35,989

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

SEP 17

ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS				WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	537	110.00-200.00	120-125	127.19	647	120.00-200.00	120-125	128.27	2,990	125.38
TENDERLOINS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				272	170.00-240.00	170-175	183.17	1,262	195.20
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT				106	89.00-105.00	91-93	92.72	478	91.20
FRONT HALVES	95	55.00-66.00	-	59.89	TOO FEW TO REPORT				310	56.85
LEGS	76	31.00-51.00	34-35	34.31	98	29.00-51.00	32-35	34.47	355	35.02
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	483	23.00-30.00	24-26	25.36	508	23.00-30.00	25-26	25.59	2,490	25.60
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,170	25.00-32.00	25-27	26.57	1,140	26.00-32.00	27-28	27.68	4,925	27.44
WINGS (WHOLE)	295	93.00-110.00	93-95	96.69	295	92.00-110.00	92-95	96.02	1,476	95.59
WINGS (CUT)	275	112.00-119.00	115-119	118.11	472	112.00-119.00	114-119	116.04	1,817	116.23
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				241	47.92
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				169	42.14
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				366	69.72

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
 TRADING FOR SEP 16, 2004 F.O.B. DOCK.

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RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
39.00 - 48.00	42.63

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
38.00 - 46.00	41.30	41.42

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 ranged fair to fairly good at times entering the weekend. Offerings of breast items were at least sufficient. Dark meat items were generally adequate and wings were clearing well. Dealers continued to assess the effects of hurricane Ivan throughout the Southern region as plant schedules and shipping availability was disrupted. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone was cautious.
 ICE PACKED B/F PARTS, DLVRD TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER LB.

SEP 16

ITEM	CURRENT NEG	WTD	VOL/LBS
	TRADING*	AVG**	
BREAST - B/S	140	144.26	616,030
TENDERLOINS	180-185	164.94	121,600
BREAST - WITH RIBS	84-85	94.85	104,760
BREAST - LINE RUN	84	86.80	75,560
LEGS	45-46	39.65	249,040
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	30-31	33.17	398,968
DRUMSTICKS	31-32	40.89	176,840
THIGHS	24-25	41.08	136,836
B/S THIGHS	69-70	66.19	84,560
WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101	113.64	89,320
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.60	29,640
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	25.64	24,840
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	58.86	15,880

ITEM	CURRENT NEG	WTD	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
	TRADING*	AVG**			
BREAST - B/S	140	141.57	872,004	144.96	2,884,966
TENDERLOINS	180-185	180.06	100,620	174.03	487,940
BREAST - WITH RIBS	84-85	93.97	115,160	93.50	522,520
BREAST - LINE RUN	84	87.87	104,000	86.95	503,600
LEGS	45-46	44.08	200,200	41.51	1,080,080
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	30-31	31.18	201,761	32.53	1,890,429
DRUMSTICKS	31-32	40.56	148,320	40.19	668,500
THIGHS	24-25	42.68	170,320	40.39	619,556
B/S THIGHS	69-70	66.10	117,320	66.75	369,320
WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101	112.56	103,120	110.46	446,710
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.68	18,400	11.49	134,560
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	25.16	16,840	25.10	116,180
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	59.89	20,440	59.34	99,780

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	
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)
	09/17	09/16	09/15	09/14	09/15	09/14	09/10	09/08		
Alabama	3,355	1,550	4,005	4,091	5.24	5.28	4,652	5.31		
Arkansas	5,690	5,199	5,149	5,040	5.10	5.30	7,527	5.19		
Delmarva	2,206	2,287	2,285	2,227	5.76	5.68	2,487	5.67		
KY-LA-TN	2,371	1,856	1,979	2,131	4.91	5.14	2,610	5.13		
Mississippi	4,581	1,803	2,814	3,103	5.34	5.52	3,541	5.48		
North Carolin	2,696	2,525	2,423	2,272	6.46	6.44	3,099	6.46		
Texas	2,466	2,492	2,538	2,513	5.18	5.33	3,704	5.23		
Total	23,365	17,712	21,193	21,377	5.38	5.48	27,620	5.44		
Mon-Fri	105,873(A)						101,033(A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 17-Sep-04 and 18-Sep-04 is estimated to be 34,957,000 head down 15.66 percent from a week ago and up 11.68 percent from a year ago.
 (Last week 41,447,000, last year 31,300,000)
 Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 18-Sep-04 is estimated to be 153,748,000 head up 2.79 percent from a week ago, and down 1.47 percent from a year ago.
 (Last week 149,574,000, last year 156,044,000)

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

	RANGE
FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	107
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	73-79
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

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 04-Sep-04 (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	25,276	22,125	42,204
Avg Weight	3.58	4.79	6.30
% of total /1	28%	25%	47%

Comparisons

Last week	26,593	17,949	52,920
Avg Weight	3.80	4.70	6.26
% of total /1	27%	18%	54%

Same week, yr ago /2	15,480	18,694	42,103
Avg Weight	3.71	4.72	6.18
% of total /1	20%	25%	55%

To date/2004	930,105	757,770	1,586,796
To date/2003	821,837	823,013	1,571,482

/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 (Preliminary)

W/E 11-Sep-04	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					

Head	149,574	1,231	1,346	2,577	414
Avg Wt	5.31	3.43	8.00	5.82	6.77
Last week	167,764	1,464	1,571	3,035	467
Same wk yr ago	158,505	1,121	1,597	2,718	447
Avg Wt	5.18	3.46	7.91	6.07	6.73
To-date/2004	5,628,856	48,922	48,040	96,962	16,733
To-date/2003	5,540,416	54,095	50,502	104,597	14,865

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 163.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 151.4 million head, or 11.6 million less than estimated available.

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - SEPTEMBER 14, 2004

PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	RANGE	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.85 - .95	Silkies 2.25 - 2.75 ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.85 - .90	Pigeons 1.80 - 1.95 ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.35 - .40	White Pigeons 3.25 - 3.50 ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.40 - .60	Rabbits
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.50 - .70	4-6 LBS .70 - .80
Crossbred Roosters		Rabbits
4-6 LBS	.70 - .90	6-9 LBS .70 - .80
Crossbred Roosters		Bunnies 1.00 - 4.00 ea.
7-11 LBS	.50 - .60	Guinea Pigs .50 - 1.00 ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.00 - 1.10	Goats 50.00 ea.
Banty Roosters	3.00 - 3.75ea.	Kid Goats 35.00 - 40.00 ea.
Banty Hens	2.00 - 2.25ea.	
Leghorn Hens	.25 - .30	Total Coops Sold 416

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 13-SEPTEMBER-2004

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND MOSTLY	143-145	149-151

MIDWEST MOSTLY	127-131	128-133
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ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	75.00-85.00	80.00-85.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	65.00-86.00	68.00-79.00

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-71.28
14 OZ.	66.96-77.92
16 OZ.	73.44-86.67

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 unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady. Demand was fairly good. Supplies were adequate for current needs. Schedules full-time. Weights were desirable. 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 \$0.30-0.50, 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 13-SEPTEMBER -2004

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	116-134	118-139
MOSTLY		

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT	
August	7	161.5	164.8	98%	5.32
	14	163.0	165.1	99%	5.18
	21	165.8	165.5	100%	5.18
	28	166.7	165.0	101%	5.30
September	4	169.8	163.9	104%	5.16
	11	151.4	163.0	93%	5.31
Year to date		5697.3	5798.8	98%	
September	18		163.4		
	25		164.3		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection					
-----THOUSANDS-----					
W/E	09/11/04	09/04/04	% CHG	09/13/03	% CHG
Broilers	153,748	149,574*	+2.79	156,044*	-1.47
Cattle	638	541	+18	733*	-13
Hogs	2,093	1,855	+13	1,966*	+07
*ACTUAL					

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading was too few to report sales on heavy canners; light canners were slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate to at least moderate for light canners; fair to instances good for heavies with most available supplies being used internally. Offerings were well cleared and ranged about adequate to adequate. Processing schedules were normal to less than normal. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
28-32 MAJORITY 28-29	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT
CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED	
LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
29-34 MAJORITY 30-32	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR
SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 20-SEP-04

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was fair to mostly moderate for generally adequate to at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules for next week were noted as at least normal. Sales of finished product were clearing satisfactorily. 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 LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate. Offerings were adequate. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

	RANGE MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT

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 Prices were unchanged when compared to last week. Demand was moderate with offerings of spent hens generally sufficient for current trade needs. Processing schedules were normal to less than normal. Opinions on removal costs were mostly steady.

	RANGE MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	5-11 8-10

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Costs of disposal were too few to report. Demand was light. Offerings were fully adequate. Finished sales were slow. Salvage values were expected to remain constant.

	RANGE MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to tight with demand mostly good as processors work full schedules following the holiday week. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	5-9 5

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked moderate schedules. Offerings adequate.

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