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Majority prices were mostly unchanged. Trade sentiment was fully steady in the West, steady in the Midwest, steady to about steady in the East. Retail demand was light to moderate, and food service demand was slow to fair. Supplies were in good balance and moving well for smaller size product, but heavier weights were adequate to fully sufficient. In the parts structure, trading was no better than fair with orders usually limited to regular commitments. Breast items were adequate to fully adequate, ample for tenders. Dark meat was readily available, and wings were mixed, but obtainable. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy, mostly desirable weights.

Final Report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 18-OCT-2004

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Boston/New Eng	58.00-64.00	60.59	16	64.99	38
Chicago	58.00-61.00	61.13	44	61.59	82
Ohio Cities	TFEWR			62.01	26
Denver	81.50	81.37	15	80.64	18
Detroit	60.00-62.00	61.88	16	66.02	58
Los Angeles	82.00	79.52	62	72.75	162
New York	61.00-64.00	62.59	27	63.86	48
Philadelphia	61.50-64.00	62.08	12	61.67	23
Pittsburgh	62.00-64.00	62.69	13	66.28	58
St. Louis	60.50-60.75	60.30	22	62.09	42
San Francisco	82.50	81.01	36	85.29	65

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	10/18/04	Change/Last Wk	10/11/04	10/20/03
620	67.90	-1.82	69.72	63.82

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

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AV	LOADS
Eastern	64.00-66.00	64.55	34
Central	58.00-68.50	63.73	83
Western	59.00-75.00	71.52	40
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent			
Mississippi	73.00-75.00	74.37	90

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 76.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,125	58.00-78.00	74.97

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	188.50	1,456
BREASTS - B/S	161.50	5,950
BREASTS - WHOLE	85.00	1,580
THIGH MEAT - B/S	76.50	1,154
LEG QUARTERS	31.50	7,937
WINGS	107.00	3,142

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was noted as fair at best. Offerings of the 3.5 pound and larger sizes were at least adequate to available and competitively priced. The 3 pound and lighter birds were clearing satisfactorily. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items were available. Dark meat cuts were fully sufficient. Wings were at least adequate.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand following the weekend was quiet to fair with trading limited and usually for regular commitments. Supplies were generally at least sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was light with all items at least adequate or readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices unchanged from previous week levels. The market tone was fully steady with trading reported for this week delivery at unchanged to higher prices. Offerings of small sized product in good balance with heavier weights in better balance but remained at least adequate for needs. Buyers' interest increased for whole body bagged product to cover planned feature activities. Retailer demand fair to fairly good. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. Trade sentiment was steady overall on parts with trading reported for this weeks deliveries at unchanged prices on wings, breast and leg quarters. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 61.39 up 1.29 with the volume reported down 3 percent to 28 loads compared with last week.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices unchanged from last Monday's final; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was mostly steady. Trade interest was fair on adequate offerings, although lighter weight birds remain tight. Retail and food service demand was light to fairly good, mostly moderate. Food service was slow to fair. Floor stocks in balance to fully adequate with some reductions in regular commitments. Weights desirable. Parts supplies were adequate to ample on light trade call. Supplies of breast cuts fully available with tenders ample, wings mixed and leg items adequate. Market tone steady to barely steady on all items with tenders weak.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds remained fair for early week business. Offerings were sufficient for most trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 63 to 77 cents. Trade sentiment was no better than steady. In the parts complex, most items were adequate but still priced to keep inventories in 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	60-79
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	65.87
NO. OF BOXES	7,176

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was generally no better than fair entering the week as dealers limited orders to regular commitment. Breast items were available and competitively priced to stimulate additional interest. Dark meat items were more than sufficient. Wings were at least adequate. Tenderloins were fully adequate to ample and discounted. Movement through retail and distributive channels was no better than fair. The market tone remained barely steady to weak on tenderloins; cautiously steady on the balance of items.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	130-135	133.12	458,801
TENDERLOINS	115-120	115.48	69,440
BREAST - WITH RIBS	77-78	83.16	113,120
BREAST - LINE RUN	77	76.98	97,080
LEGS	42-43	34.23	228,601
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	30-31	30.56	225,610
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	34.85	67,400
THIGHS	24-25	32.60	52,920
B/S THIGHS	75-76	70.69	107,940
WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101	99.64	204,240
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.90	28,400
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	26.99	17,600
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	64.76	20,336

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	1,777	113.00-211.00	117-128	126.25
TENDERLOINS	453	120.00-197.00	120-131	126.84
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,076	20.00-29.00	23-26	25.50
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,270	27.00-31.00	27-31	27.85
WINGS (WHOLE)	698	70.00-106.00	-	101.15
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS	1,247	19.00-42.00	20-22	21.79

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE (1,000)	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS 10/14	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS 10/11
	10/18	10/14	10/14	10/11	10/07
Alabama	4,162	4,094	5.25	4,068	5.30
Arkansas	5,594	5,440	5.16	5,017	5.13
Delmarva	2,283	2,252	5.60	2,277	5.61
KY-LA-TN	2,065	2,048	5.07	1,836	4.95
Mississippi	3,040	3,108	5.46	3,102	5.29
North Carolina	2,535	2,511	6.36	2,450	6.38
Texas	2,455	2,578	5.06	2,775	5.14
Total	22,134	22,031	5.38	21,525	5.36
Mon	22,134(A)			21,525(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 18-Oct 2004 is estimated to be 33,115,000 up 2.52 percent from a week ago. and up 5.6 percent from a year ago.

(last week 32,300,000 last year 31,346,000)

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	695	110.00-185.00	115-120	121.90
TENDERLOINS	291	110.00-205.00	110-120	116.70
BREAST - LINE RUN	88	82.00-94.00	84-87	85.38
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	66	27.00-50.00	29-30	29.58
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	469	23.00-29.00	25-26	25.76
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,130	25.00-32.00	26-28	27.13
WINGS (WHOLE)	302	92.00-106.00	92-94	96.23
WINGS (CUT)	383	113.00-119.00	116-119	117.43
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 OCT 18, 2004 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
37.50 - 45.50	41.84	41.89

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 OCT 18-22-2004

CENTS PER POUND	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	113.00 - 139.00	125.00 - 138.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	73.00 - 99.00	73.00 - 85.00
LEGS	31.00 - 45.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	23.50 - 39.00	27.00 - 30.00
DRUMSTICKS	24.00 - 36.00	-
THIGHS	23.00 - 26.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	80.00 - 115.00	102.00 - 105.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 23.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 38.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 50.00	-

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

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	96.5-100.5
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	100-104

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#

68-69

DUCKS

RABBITS-WHOLE

RABBITS-CUT UP

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK 110
	ICE PACK 105-106
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 108-111
	DRY PACK 111
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 91-93
	DRY PACK 93-95
DUCKS	175-188

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.

OCTOBER 15, 2004				
CHICKEN	PRICES		VOLUME	
	(Cents per Pound)			
FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

OCTOBER 15, 2004				
CHICKEN	PRICES		VOLUME	
	(Cents per Pound)			
FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	18.50	20.00-22.00	640,000	160,000
WTD AVERAGE	18.50	20.83		
15-20%				
RANGE	16.00-20.00	17.00-21.00	2,568,000	1,768,000
WTD AVERAGE	18.63	18.53		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	17.50	120,000	-
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 unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for the adequate to at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules were noted as normal to less than normal. Sales of finished product were clearing. The undertone was at least steady to fully steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 18-OCT-04	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.25-15	10.5-12	11.43
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.

OCTOBER 15, 2004				
CHICKEN	PRICES		VOLUME	
	(Cents per Pound)			
FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

OCTOBER 15, 2004				
CHICKEN	PRICES		VOLUME	
	(Cents per Pound)			
FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	16.00-17.50	18.00-19.00	182,000	-
WTD AVERAGE	16.75	18.60		
15-20%				
RANGE	13.75-22.00	11.00-18.00	3,305,600	1,918,400
WTD AVERAGE	17.70	12.74		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	14.50	40,800	-
WTD AVERAGE		14.50		

* 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 Sales of spent hens were unchanged to slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings for spent hens. Finished sales were seasonal and noted as clearing. Schedules were increased at some slaughter operations. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 18-OCT-04	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-14.5	10-11	10.84

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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