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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices and trucklot trading on whole product in the East was slightly lower than a week earlier, in other major terminal markets majority prices were generally reported at unchanged levels. Demand slowed in late week business and was not up to weekend expectations. Supplies, although in slightly better balance were at least fully adequate for full trade needs. Retail demand was light to fair, instances moderately active where features activity was either planned or in progress. In the parts structure, trading was no better than fair with orders limited to immediate needs. Supplies were fully adequate to ample on wings and tenders. Balance of items were sufficient to available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy, mostly desirable weights. Some shortage or availability of trucks continue to hinder deliveries.

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 10/25/04-10/29/04 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
(Including branded product)				
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	58.00-61.00	42.00-75.75	60.08	31
Los Angeles	82.00			
New York	60.00-63.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	73.00-75.00	52.00-76.50	73.99	91

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 75.75 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.
981	71.00-77.25	75.48

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	187.50	1,395
BREASTS - B/S	159.50	5,656
BREASTS - WHOLE	83.00	1,418
THIGH MEAT - B/S	75.50	1,055
LEG QUARTERS	31.00	7,166
WINGS	103.50	3,015

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 trading into the Chicago area unchanged from Monday's final. Whole fryer market tone was about steady on mixed offerings. Transportation issues and very competitively priced proteins showing throughout the region remained major topics of discussion. Demand was light overall; a few businesses in Ohio noted fairly good demand and the St. Louis area expected increased movement into sports bars and restaurants for the baseball series. Floor stocks adequate to ample with most receiverships taking a cautious position on next week's orders. Weights desirable to trending heavy. Parts trade was very light as buyers turn cautious and wary of customer intent for next week. Supplies were fully adequate to ample on most parts with dark meat items in best balance. The market tone was barely steady to weak on the parts complex.

SOUTHERN BROILER Trade sentiment was cautiously steady to steady on whole product. Demand slowed and was only fair going into the week-end. Supplies were in a full range of clearing to available for trade needs. The lack of availability of trucks are continuing into the week-end. In the parts structure, movement was light with wings and tenders showing, other items were adequate to occasionally available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was steady. Offerings adequate. Retailer demand moderate. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances.

Ads this week:

Southern California- wholebody 59-79, boneless breasts 147-499, boneless breast-thigh combo 197, boneless thighs 168, 4# IQF 499, boneless leg meat 78-99, breasts 98- 189, legs 99, leg quarters 37-129, 10# bag 390, wings 139-149, 4# IQF 739, thighs 79-129, drums 50-129, deli- rotisserie 488-499, fried 2pc d&t 193, 8pc 499, 10pc d&t 399, 12pc 699, 15pc d&t 599, dinner 699, hot wings 349-398, party tray 3899;

Arizona- wholebody 79, boneless breasts 169-499, boneless thighs 169, thighs 129-159, drums 129-159;

Colorado- wholebody 69, boneless breasts 349, organic 459, boneless breast-thigh combo 199, leg quarters 29-99, deli- fried 50pc 2799, 100pc 5499, 150pc 8199, hot wings 399;

Idaho- boneless breasts 149- 249, leg quarters 79, deli fried 8pc 549, hot wings or strips 499.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers increased slightly entering the weekend but was noted as no better than fair. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate to fully adequate and competitively priced in some instances. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair at best. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items were fully adequate. Tenders and wings were readily available. Dark meat items were more than sufficient.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds increased entering the weekend. However, overall activity was just fair, instances fairly good where stimulated by planned retail ads. Seller offerings were fully adequate. Live supplies were moderate; weights were light to heavy, mostly desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 62 to 77 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. In the parts complex, although volumes varied from plant to plant, supplies remained at least adequate to ample for immediate and early next week's delivery.

*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		55-79
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		65.74
NO. OF BOXES		8,558
CUMULATIVE	10/18/04-10/22/04	65.10
	10/20/03-10/24/03	63.12
NO. OF BOXES	10/18/04-10/22/04	39,236
	10/20/03-10/24/03	44,321

OCT 21

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

OCT 22

ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS				WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	700	110.00-185.00	110-120	120.06	680	105.00-185.00	110-115	118.20	3,359	120.45
TENDERLOINS	328	100.00-195.00	105-110	118.29	310	95.00-195.00	95-110	107.90	1,530	113.65
BREAST - LINE RUN	88	80.00-94.00	84-87	85.03	97	80.00-94.00	84-87	85.87	449	85.59
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				323	59.63
LEGS	70	25.00-50.00	27-29	30.57	66	27.00-50.00	27-29	28.50	356	29.55
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	509	23.00-29.00	25-26	25.54	509	23.00-29.00	25-26	25.54	2,505	25.58
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	945	24.00-32.00	27-29	27.66	1,250	24.00-32.00	26-28	27.50	5,285	27.49
WINGS (WHOLE)	302	92.00-106.00	92-95	95.78	300	90.00-106.00	92-95	95.80	1,508	96.12
WINGS (CUT)	455	112.00-118.00	115-118	115.65	565	110.00-118.00	112-116	113.51	2,186	115.74
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				290	33.00
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				177	45.49
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				310	70.48

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
 TRADING FOR OCT 21, 2004 F.O.B. DOCK.

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RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
40.00 - 45.50	42.66	40.00 - 45.50	42.52	42.55

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 increased under normal weekend demand, but was noted as no better than fair as dealers were cautious and selective. Breast items were at least adequate to available and competitively priced. Dark meat items were more than sufficient. Wings were available and slow to clear. Movement through retail and distributive channels was limited. The market tone was barely steady to weak on wings; barely steady on breast items, no better than steady on the balance.

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

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			CURRENT NEG			WEEKLY		
	TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS	
BREAST - B/S	130-135	128.15	736,584	130-135	130.96	725,613	130.49	2,975,793	
TENDERLOINS	110-115	118.30	192,680	110-115	116.53	85,230	119.93	661,990	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	77-78	82.97	96,800	77-78	83.64	133,240	82.89	574,040	
BREAST - LINE RUN	77	77.43	106,360	77	76.53	113,240	76.93	508,120	
LEGS	42-43	38.68	192,320	42-43	37.46	182,759	36.83	964,163	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	30-31	29.84	406,074	30-31	29.93	176,016	30.34	1,273,686	
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	32.72	138,800	29-30	34.58	140,620	33.21	672,900	
THIGHS	24-25	35.69	63,880	24-25	38.66	70,260	35.74	367,380	
B/S THIGHS	75-76	70.15	104,760	75-76	72.14	67,560	70.77	460,660	
WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101	106.93	163,200	98-99	100.91	105,680	105.31	663,640	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.77	40,160	10-12	11.57	37,480	11.70	176,920	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	28.74	18,960	30-35	27.60	14,560	28.61	90,840	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	64.13	15,720	60-65	65.21	16,080	64.56	106,936	

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)
	10/22	10/21	10/20	10/19	10/20	10/19	10/15	10/13		
Alabama	4,434	4,105	4,037	3,993	5.35	5.38	5,007	5.35		
Arkansas	5,709	5,272	5,410	5,376	5.16	5.15	6,017	5.19		
Delmarva	2,237	2,237	2,248	2,255	5.70	5.73	2,256	5.69		
KY-LA-TN	2,220	2,061	2,069	2,058	5.05	5.12	2,204	5.13		
Mississippi	3,328	3,087	3,064	3,017	5.53	5.59	3,030	5.59		
North Carolin	2,639	2,518	2,505	2,480	6.40	6.43	2,773	6.43		
Texas	2,444	2,462	2,590	2,535	5.11	5.21	2,514	5.12		
Total	23,011	21,742	21,923	21,714	5.43	5.46	23,801	5.45		
Mon-Fri	110,793(A)						110,844(A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 22-Oct-04 and 23-Oct-04 is estimated to be 34,427,000 head down 3.61 percent from a week ago and up 2.12 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 35,716,000, last year 33,713,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 23-Oct-04 is estimated to be 160,929,000 head down 0.34 percent from a week ago, and up 1.15 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 161,485,000, last year 159,099,000)

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

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & up	107
HENS UNDER 5 LBS	-
HENS OVER 5 LBS	68-69
DUCKS	-
RABBITS WHOLE	-
CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

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

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 09-Oct-04 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C)

Deboning

	Food service		
	4.20 Lbs & down	4.21-5.25 Lbs	5.26 Lbs & Up
-----THOUSANDS-----			
Head	18,335	17,184	45,156
Avg Weight	3.80	4.75	6.34
% of total /1	23%	21%	56%
Comparisons			
Last week	21,323	20,623	51,158
Avg Weight	3.69	4.67	6.60
% of total /1	23%	22%	55%
Same week, yr ago /2	16,750	18,866	33,600
Avg Weight	3.79	4.80	6.24
% of total /1	24%	27%	49%
To date/2004	1,039,467	853,318	1,831,990
To date/2003	924,847	946,469	1,777,230

/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 16-Oct-04	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
Head	161,485	1,305	1,522	2,827	470
Avg Wt	5.46	3.34	7.81	5.75	6.76
Last week	161,676	1,270	1,512	2,782	492
Same wk yr ago	157,115	1,164	1,378	2,542	408
Avg Wt	5.26	3.42	8.40	6.12	6.75
To-date/2004	6,430,183	55,879	55,524	111,403	19,155
To-date/2003	6,327,938	60,301	57,796	118,097	16,949

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 164.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 163.4 million head, or 1.0 million less than estimated available.

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - OCTOBER 19, 2004

PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.10 - 1.15	Silkie	2.00 - 3.00 ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.05 - 1.10	Geese	
Pekin Ducks	3.00 - 3.50 ea.	9-14 LBS	.75 - .80
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.20 - .30	Pigeons	1.75 - 2.00
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.40 - .50	White Pigeons	3.00 - 3.50 ea.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.50 - .60	Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.10 - 1.15
Crossbred Roosters		Rabbits 6-9 LBS	.90 - 1.00
4-6 LBS	1.00 - 1.10	Bunnies	1.25 - 3.00 ea.
Crossbred Roosters		Guinea Pigs	.50 - 2.00 ea.
7-11 LBS	.70 - .90	Chukars	3.00 - 3.25 ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.20 - 1.30	Pullets 4-6 LBS	1.00 - 1.10
Banty Roosters	3.00 - 3.25 ea.		
Banty Hens	1.75 - 2.25 ea.	Total Coops Sold	384
Leghorn Hens	.14 - .18		

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 18-OCTOBER-2004

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

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND MOSTLY	143-145	149-151
MIDWEST MOSTLY	127-131	128-133

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	65.00-72.50	70.00-72.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	66.00-86.50	68.00-73.00

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. Trade sentiment steady. Demand was moderate to at times good. Supplies were moderate for current needs. Schedules full-time. 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 18-OCTOBER -2004

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

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/**FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
September	11 151.4	163.0	93%	5.31
	18 156.3	163.4	96%	5.33
	25 163.7	164.3	100%	5.39
October	2 164.0	164.9	99%	5.35
	9 163.6	165.1	99%	5.40
	16 163.4	164.4	99%	5.46
Year to date	6508.3	6620.9	98%	
October	23 163.9			
	30 163.4			

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection					
-----THOUSANDS-----					
W/E	10/23/04	10/16/04	% CHG	10/25/03	% CHG
Broilers	160,929	161,485*	-0.34	159,099*	+1.15
Cattle	641	631	+02	657*	-02
Hogs	2,167	2,156	+01	2,096*	+03
*ACTUAL					

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading was too few to report sales on heavy canners; generally unchanged on lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand was at least moderate for light canners; fair to fairly good for heavies with the bulk of supplies being used internally. Offerings were clearing satisfactorily and were generally adequate to about adequate for current trade needs. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) 28-33 MAJORITY 28-29 CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS) TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED
LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) 29-34 MAJORITY 30-33	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS) TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR
SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 25-OCT-04

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sale prices were too few to report. Demand was moderate for the at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules for next week were noted as normal. Sales of finished product were well cleared. The undertone was at least steady to fully steady.

AT FARM BUYER LOADING	RANGE MAJORITY
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT

SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS Trading levels required for transfer of ownership of spent heavy hens were too few to report. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings from primary users. Finished sales were seasonally active. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

AT FARM BUYER LOADING	RANGE MAJORITY
	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 generally unchanged when compared to a week ago. Demand ranged moderate to fairly good with offerings of spent hens generally adequate for current trade needs. Processing schedules were normal. Opinions on removal costs were mostly steady.

REMOVAL COST	RANGE MAJORITY
	4-10 7-10

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Sales of spent hens for processing requirements were too few to report. Demand was light for at least adequate supplies of light fowl. Schedules were established to service a fair call for finished product. Salvage values were expected to remain constant.

REMOVAL COST	RANGE MAJORITY
	TOO FEW TO REPORT

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Removal costs ranged lower. Offerings were generally adequate for the fairly good to good demand. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

REMOVAL COST	RANGE MAJORITY
	0-7

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plant schedules moderate. Offerings adequate.

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