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Majority prices trended lower in the East and Midwest; but unchanged in the West when compared to a week earlier. Trade sentiment was barely steady at current market levels. Retail demand was mostly light to fair; food service was fair to moderate. Supplies were in balance to available. In the parts structure, interest was only fair with movement often slow and disappointing. Breast items were available, wings and tenders were adequate, and dark meat items were sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at irregular weights.

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	LOADS
	Delivered to First Receivers				
Bos/New Eng	65.00-72.00	69.86	14	70.79	32
Chicago	72.00-75.00	75.32	42	77.31	80
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	—	—	78.85	20
Denver	85.50	85.50	14	85.00	16
Detroit	73.00-75.00	74.67	12	78.96	42
Los Angeles	86.00	84.32	63	82.26	117
New York	73.00-76.00	73.76	25	74.80	51
Philadelphia	73.50-76.00	74.83	12	75.50	23
Pittsburgh	74.00-76.00	74.58	12	80.18	57
St. Louis	75.25-75.50	74.94	23	75.98	43
San Francisco	86.50	85.76	35	86.60	54

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	07/26/04	Change/Last Wk	07/19/04	07/28/03
535	78.84	-1.32	80.16	62.34

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

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AV	LOADS
East	80.00-83.00	82.12	47
Central	78.00-84.00	80.69	70
West	75.00-83.00	80.42	35
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent			
Mississippi	79.00-81.50	81.28	77

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 81.00 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
1,111	72.00-83.00	79.69

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	256.50	1,513
BREASTS - B/S	238.00	5,776
BREASTS - WHOLE	134.00	1,662
THIGH MEAT - B/S	109.50	1,134
LEG QUARTERS	35.00	8,248
WINGS	116.50	2,952

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light and unaggressive entering the week. Offerings of all sizes were fully adequate and available at discounted levels. Retail and distributive movement was slow. The market tone was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, breast items were fully adequate. Dark meat items were at least sufficient. Wings were clearing satisfactorily.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was barely steady in early week business. Retail demand was light to fair, mostly fair. Food service movement was moderate. Supplies were in balance to fully adequate starting out the week. In the parts structure, trading was light as sellers and buyers assess needs. Breast items were available, but not as freely offered. Dark meat cuts were sufficient. Wings were generally adequate and clearing satisfactorily. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at irregular, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices unchanged from last week. Reported trading for this week's deliveries at unchanged to lower prices. Offerings remained adequate on sized product with heavy weights ample and often sharply discounted. Buying activity was only fair with interest focused on current needs. Retailer demand was fairly good overall best where promoted. Dealers reported moderate weekend carryovers. Trade sentiment was weak on breast, firm on wings and about steady on leg quarters. Trading reported on parts for this weeks' delivery: leg quarters bulk 30-32 and 4/10s generally 32.5, wings 104-108, bone-in breast 129- 142 and boneless 185-204. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 76.65 down 4.62 with the volume reported at 26 loads down 13 percent.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Majority prices decreased 3 to 4 cents from last Monday's final; Ohio cities TFEWR. Offerings were moderate to heavy; buyer interest light on an about steady to weak market tone. Retail movement slow to fair with scattered features only. Food service demand was light to fairly good. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Weights mostly desirable. Offerings of parts was fully sufficient for the light and unaggressive buyer inquiry. Supplies of wings in close balance, and remaining parts fully sufficient. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady on wings, and barely steady to weak on the balance.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds improved compared to last several days, and was often noted as fair to moderate at best. Seller offerings were fully adequate. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged to 1 cent lower at 74 to 91 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, breast items remained available and competitively priced in an effort to stimulate buyer interest. Leg cuts and wings were fully 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	72-95
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	78.72
NO. OF BOXES	7,590

*7 of 7 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was cautious and unaggressive entering the week as dealers continued to closely monitor the market and work hand-to-mouth. Offerings of breast items were readily available, however, declining values were attempting to settle. Dark meat cuts were adequate to fully adequate. Wings were sufficient. Retail and distributive movement was lackluster. The market tone was barely steady on breast items and no better than steady on the balance.

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	200-205		197.46	472,495
TENDERLOINS	225		220.75	93,050
BREAST - WITH RIBS	117-118		117.71	138,880
BREAST - LINE RUN	117		116.10	130,640
LEGS	49-50		44.73	323,960
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	32-33		35.14	388,335
DRUMSTICKS	42-43		46.81	112,780
THIGHS	35-36		43.98	88,680
B/S THIGHS	95-96		93.46	121,600
WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101		109.68	87,520
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12		11.82	29,480
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40		25.76	11,720
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60		59.44	14,880

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	2,436	173.00-283.00	201-212	207.05
TENDERLOINS	533	205.00-239.00	220-225	223.20
BREAST - WITH RIBS	352	100.00-147.00	109-120	120.96
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	943	20.00-31.00	26-27	26.38
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,787	25.00-31.00	26-28	27.98
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS	1,287	26.00-42.00	28-33	28.55

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS FOR MONDAY 26-JUL-04

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	(1,000)	(1,000)		(1,000)	
	07/26	07/22	07/22	07/19	07/15
Alabama	4,073	3,966	5.17	3,905	5.08
ARK	5,462	5,433	4.97	5,447	4.96
Delmarva	2,266	2,180	5.48	2,216	5.57
KY-LA-TN	2,102	2,093	4.87	1,985	5.01
Mississippi	3,069	3,056	5.41	3,058	5.31
North Carolina	2,492	2,424	6.19	2,325	6.09
Texas	2,456	2,500	5.05	2,487	5.13
Total	21,920	21,652	5.26	21,423	5.28
Mon	21,920(A)			21,423(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 26-Jul 2004 is estimated to be 32,795,000 up 2.02 percent from a week ago, and up 3.2 percent from a year ago.

(last week 32,147,000; last year 31,783,000)

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	884	169.00-304.00	173-180	184.54
TENDERLOINS	228	215.00-282.00	215-227	226.11
BREAST - LINE RUN	92	124.00-133.00	125-128	127.35
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	66	38.00-57.00	38-40	39.45
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	586	24.00-31.00	24-27	26.56
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,020	26.00-36.00	28-30	28.78
WINGS (WHOLE)	303	92.00-113.00	92-97	98.83
WINGS (CUT)	488	112.00-119.00	115-119	117.36
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 JULY 26, 2004 — F.O.B. DOCK.

	TODAY'S	5-DAY
	RANGE	AVERAGE
	60.50 - 68.00	63.78
		67.77

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 26-JUL-2004 TO 30-JUL-2004, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	172.00 - 238.00	195.00 - 209.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	119.00 - 158.00	119.00 - 131.00
LEGS	43.00 - 48.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	25.00 - 39.00	27.00 - 30.00
DRUMSTICKS	39.00 - 52.00	-
THIGHS	34.00 - 47.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	97.00 - 109.00	102.00 - 105.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 23.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 35.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 45.00	-

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

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	101.5-105.5
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	105-109
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	95-107
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	78-83
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	109
	DRY PACK	116
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	108
	DRY PACK	110
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	93
	DRY PACK	93-95
DUCKS		162-185

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.

23-JUL-2004

CHICKEN — 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	20.00	1,328,000	728,000
WTD AVERAGE	16.50	20.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	16.00-21.00	15.50-18.50	2,368,800	1,248,000
WTD AVERAGE	18.42	16.87		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	14.00	80,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		14.00		

* 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 fair to mostly moderate for adequate to fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal to heavy. Supplies of finished product were clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 26-JUL-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.25-15	9.5-10.5	10.31
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.

23-JUL-2004

CHICKEN — 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	183,600	-
WTD AVERAGE		18.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	13.75-17.00	12.00-17.00	2,352,800	1,006,400
WTD AVERAGE	15.09	14.51		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN,

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were mixed, but generally unchanged compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate supplies of spent fowl. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were set according to requirements. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 26-JULY-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING		TOO FEW TO REPORT	

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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