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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Preliminary majority prices were lower in the West; unchanged in the Northeast and Midwest. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak in the West, steady to about steady elsewhere. Retail and food service demand ranged light to moderate, mostly fair to moderate. Supplies were balanced to close for smaller sized product, slightly more available on the heavier sizes. In the parts structure, trading was light and usually limited to regular commitments. Breast items were at least adequate with tenders and boneless skinless thighs readily available and competitively priced. Wings were adequate to available and dark meat was fully sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

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 10/11/04-10/15/04 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
(Including branded product)				
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	58.00-61.00	45.00-76.25	60.50	31
Los Angeles	82.00			
New York	61.00-64.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	74.00-76.00	53.00-77.00	74.73	90

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 76.25 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.
983	71.75-78.25	75.95

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	198.50	1,424
BREASTS - B/S	165.00	5,619
BREASTS - WHOLE	86.50	1,506
THIGH MEAT - B/S	77.50	1,061
LEG QUARTERS	31.00	7,132
WINGS	107.50	2,998

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

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices on whole fryers into the Chicago area unchanged from Monday's final. Trade interest was light to fair, market tone mostly steady. Offerings were limited on small birds, larger weights adequate. First of the month demand was fading with few receivers noting demand better than moderate. Retail advertisements provided bulk of movement, followed by restaurants, while fast food was fairly light. Floor stocks were in better balance at week's end with some noting fully adequate supplies. Weights were desirable overall. Parts trade was generally unchanged all week, very light to instances fair; best demand noted on breast items for ads and dark meat. Parts offerings remained fully sufficient. The market tone steady to firm on dark meat, steady with a cautious undertone on wings and leg quarters and steady to weak on the balance.

SOUTHERN BROILER Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was fair to moderate entering the weekend, best for feature activity. Supplies were usually sufficient for trade needs with smaller sizes in the better balance. In the parts structure, tenders were readily available; breast items were adequate to available. Dark meat was sufficient to close with boneless skinless thighs well cleared. Wings were at least adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices were lower. Trading reported for next weeks' deliveries at generally lower prices on regular commitments and unchanged to higher on new negotiations. Offerings in close balance on sized product and ample on heavy weights. Buying activity was moderate at best.

Retailer demand was moderate overall best to cover ads. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances. The market tone was about steady on parts with breast in the weakest position.

Ads noted (per pound unless otherwise stated):

Arizona - whole body 77, boneless breast 399-499 and 2.5# bag IQF 999, split breast 149- 269, leg quarters 99 and 10# bagged 220-490; Idaho - boneless breast 199, drumstick 79 and 4# bag IQF 349, thigh 79 and 4# bag IQF 349,

(deli food service - rotisserie 499 each);

Northern California - whole body 79-119, whole cut-up 169, whole body free range 179, boneless breast 369, split breast 139-259;

Southern California - whole body 68-119, whole cut-up 169, whole body organic 349, cornish hen 199 and marinated 168, roaster 129-149, boneless breast 169- 399, boneless breast and boneless thigh combo 199, boneless leg meat 79-118, split breast 97-129, wing 139-169 and buffalo style 2# bag IQF 599, leg quarters 49-77 and 10# bagged 390-490, leg quarter marinated 79, thigh 69-129, drumstick 47-129 and 5# bagged 295, thigh and drumstick combo 77,

(deli food service - fried mixed 8 piece 499, breast tenders 5 count 188 and 10 count 399, breast tenders 299, barbeque leg quarter 100 each, rotisserie 498-499 each).

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair to moderate entering the weekend. Offerings of the 3 pound and lighter birds were generally adequate. The larger sizes were at least sufficient. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair at best. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items were adequate to fully adequate. Tenderloins remained ample. Boneless skinless thighs continued to clear. Dark meat cuts were at least sufficient. Wings were adequate.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds increased entering the weekend and was fair to moderate. Seller offerings remained fully sufficient. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were light to heavy, mostly desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were heavy when combined with operations planned for Saturday. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 63 to 77 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, supplies remained at least adequate and often competitively priced, as plants continued in their efforts to keep floor stocks fresh.

*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		59-81
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		65.79
NO. OF BOXES		8,709
CUMULATIVE	10/04/04-10/08/04	66.14
	10/06/03-10/10/03	63.54
NO. OF BOXES	10/04/04-10/08/04	40,917
	10/06/03-10/10/03	40,683

7 of 7 plants reporting.

OCT 07

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

OCT 08

ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS				WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	696	108.00-185.00	115-122	122.43	730	115.00-185.00	115-120	119.55	3,511	123.00
TENDERLOINS	278	110.00-215.00	115-120	119.14	290	110.00-215.00	110-120	131.03	1,357	126.56
BREAST - LINE RUN	88	82.00-94.00	84-87	85.38	112	82.00-94.00	84-87	85.88	491	86.00
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				350	53.63
LEGS	84	27.00-50.00	29-31	31.72	88	29.00-50.00	30-31	32.10	423	32.49
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	509	23.00-29.00	25-26	25.54	484	22.00-29.00	25-26	25.64	2,520	25.56
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,958	25.00-32.00	26-28	27.28	1,378	25.00-32.00	26-28	27.04	6,480	27.15
WINGS (WHOLE)	246	92.00-110.00	95-97	95.38	309	90.00-110.00	93-96	95.61	1,434	96.11
WINGS (CUT)	460	113.00-119.00	114-119	115.84	475	113.00-119.00	115-119	116.86	2,125	116.32
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				270	35.15
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				173	36.66
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				322	73.82

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
 TRADING FOR OCT 07, 2004 F.O.B. DOCK.

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RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
40.50 - 46.50	41.77	38.50 - 43.50	41.07	40.38

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 call but was noted as moderate at best. Offerings of breast items were adequate to fully adequate. Legs and leg quarters were at least sufficient. Tenderloins remained available. Wings were at least adequate. Movement through retail and distributive channels was mostly fair. The market tone was about steady.

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	135.45	628,505	130-135	133.26	770,031	134.21	3,586,796	
TENDERLOINS	125-130	133.14	94,880	125-130	123.80	158,760	136.36	696,400	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	77-78	82.57	139,640	77-78	82.42	88,520	82.99	708,320	
BREAST - LINE RUN	77	78.77	156,200	77	78.42	116,160	78.52	588,520	
LEGS	42-43	38.09	235,640	42-43	39.96	218,040	38.51	1,138,082	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	30-31	29.69	371,048	30-31	30.62	276,154	30.43	1,694,770	
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	29.80	191,360	29-30	33.49	218,200	31.93	892,440	
THIGHS	24-25	32.19	92,320	24-25	36.33	125,000	35.08	492,240	
B/S THIGHS	74-75	69.42	110,400	75-76	69.32	91,000	68.91	414,520	
WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101	105.24	130,840	100-101	103.20	144,040	106.32	664,320	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.67	39,840	10-12	12.01	30,920	11.79	172,200	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	27.70	20,600	30-35	28.28	17,680	28.07	97,400	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	63.72	14,240	55-60	64.82	22,080	64.23	93,760	

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		SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	RANGE	
Alabama	4,483	4,082	3,995	4,066	5.36	5.37	5,134	5.25	5,134	5.25	FRESH FRYERS	97-99
Arkansas	5,532	5,522	5,326	5,431	5.19	5.25	6,240	5.13	6,240	5.13	ROASTERS 4# & UP	107
Delmarva	2,695	2,253	2,275	2,291	5.56	5.68	2,244	5.67	2,244	5.67	HENS UNDER 5#	
KY-LA-TN	2,012	1,864	1,876	1,856	4.95	5.04	1,927	5.06	1,927	5.06	HENS OVER 5#	73
Mississippi	3,526	3,067	3,088	3,070	5.50	5.61	3,611	5.49	3,611	5.49	DUCKS	
North Carolin	3,153	2,531	2,439	2,476	6.48	6.63	3,229	6.47	3,229	6.47	RABBITS-WHOLE	
Texas	2,465	2,507	2,537	2,539	5.17	5.31	2,479	5.26	2,479	5.26	RABBITS-CUT UP	
Total	23,866	21,826	21,536	21,729	5.43	5.52	24,864	5.42	24,864	5.42	SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS	
Mon-Fri	111,446 (A)						112,282 (A)				RANGE	
(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 08-Oct-04 and 09-Oct-04 is estimated to be 35,706,000 head down 4.30 percent from a week ago and up 11.04 percent from a year ago. (Last week 37,311,000, last year 32,155,000)												
Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 09-Oct-04 is estimated to be 161,566,000 head down 0.31 percent from a week ago, and up 3.51 percent from a year ago. (Last week 162,066,000, last year 156,092,000)												
FRESH FRYERS												
ROASTERS 4# & UP												
HENS OVER 5#												
DUCKS												
RABBITS-WHOLE												
RABBITS-CUT UP												
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YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 25-Sep-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	23,198	20,845	50,155
Avg Weight	3.75	4.74	6.42
% of total /1	25%	22%	53%

Comparisons

Last week	23,946	18,462	50,900
Avg Weight	3.72	4.71	6.32
% of total /1	26%	20%	55%

Same week, yr ago /2	18,785	26,724	33,161
Avg Weight	3.60	4.56	6.04
% of total /1	24%	34%	42%

To date/2004	999,809	815,511	1,735,676
To date/2003	890,427	909,368	1,708,346

/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 02-Oct-04	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
Head	162,066	1,416	1,573	2,989	487
Avg Wt	5.35	3.44	8.12	5.90	6.79
Last week	161,724	1,523	1,316	2,839	489
Same wk yr ago	158,247	1,346	1,444	2,790	435
Avg Wt	4.99	3.56	8.10	5.91	6.77
To-date/2004	6,107,022	53,304	52,490	105,794	18,193
To-date/2003	6,014,731	57,874	54,975	112,849	16,135

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 164.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 164.0 million head, or 0.9 million less than estimated available.

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - OCTOBER 05, 2004

PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	RANGE	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.20 - 1.25	Leghorn Roosters .18
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.15 - 1.20	Silkie 1.75 - 2.00 ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.20 - .25	Pigeons 1.10 - 1.25
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.35 - .40	White Pigeons 4.25 - 4.35 ea.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.40 - .50	Rabbits 4-6 LBS .65 - .95
Crossbred Roosters		Rabbits 6-9 LBS .65 - .80
4-6 LBS	.60 - .70	Bunnies 1.00 - 2.00 ea.
Crossbred Roosters		Guinea Pigs .05 - .10 ea.
7-11 LBS	.35 - .50	Kid Goats 25.00 - 30.00 ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.10 - 1.15	Doves 3.50 - 4.00 ea.
Banty Roosters	3.25 - 4.00 ea.	Pullets .80 - .90
Banty Hens	2.00 - 2.25 ea.	
Leghorn Hens	.15 - .16	Total Coops Sold 600

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 04-OCTOBER-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

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)	72.00-80.00	74.00-75.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	67.00-86.00	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 remained unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady. Demand was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for current needs. Schedules full-time. Weights were in the desirable range to at time heavy. 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 04-OCTOBER -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	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
	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
Year to date	6181.3	6291.4	98%	
October	9 165.1			
	16 164.4			

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection					
-----THOUSANDS-----					
W/E	10/09/04	10/02/04	% CHG	10/11/03	% CHG
Broilers	161,566	162,066*	-0.31	156,092*	+3.51
Cattle	628	643	-02	638*	-02
Hogs	2,005	2,070	-03	2,073*	-03*
*ACTUAL					

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading was too few to report sales on heavy canners; light canners were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate to at least moderate for light canners; ranged fair to good mostly fair to fairly good for heavies with most available dressed product being used internally. Offerings were clearing and were about adequate to adequate. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was at least steady. CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
28-33 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 11-OCT-04

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was at least moderate for the adequate to fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules for next week were noted as normal. Sales of finished product were clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was at least 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 were too few to report. Demand was limited for fully adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were as desired. Trade sentiment was about 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 last week. Demand was at least moderate with offerings of spent hens about adequate for current trade needs. Processing schedules were normal. Opinions on removal costs were generally steady.

	RANGE MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	5-10 8-10

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Disposal costs were TFEWR. Demand for spent light fowl was measured based on a fair call for finished sales. Schedules were as desired. Values required for salvage were expected to remain constant.

	RANGE MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Mostly prices were unchanged. Demand remained good with offerings mostly adequate, although tight in a few locations. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-8 0-5

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

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