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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were lower in the East, unchanged elsewhere. Trade sentiment was about steady to mostly steady. Retail and food service demand ranged light to moderate. Supplies ranged at least adequate to fully adequate for full trade needs, with heavier weights noted as ample in the West. In the parts structure, trading was light to fair. Supplies were fully adequate to ample on breast, wings and tenders. Dark meat items were adequate to fully sufficient for needs. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at light 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 25-OCT-2004

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Boston/New Eng	58.00-64.00	61.33	21	65.02	55
Chicago	58.00-61.00	60.98	43	63.27	78
Ohio Cities	TFEWR			59.88	28
Denver	81.50	81.35	15	80.25	17
Detroit	60.00-62.00	62.00	11	66.48	49
Los Angeles	82.00	79.72	60	74.02	165
New York	60.00-63.00	61.64	28	64.60	70
Philadelphia	60.50-63.00	61.36	11	61.59	23
Pittsburgh	61.00-63.00	62.00	12	66.22	52
St. Louis	60.00-60.25	59.96	22	62.32	42
San Francisco	82.50	81.00	35	80.53	85

### Composite Weighted Average

Loads	10/25/04	Change/Last Wk	10/18/04	10/27/03
664	68.01	.11	67.90	64.04

**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	65.09	34
Central	61.00-69.00	65.57	78
Western	57.00-74.00	70.70	38
<b>Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent</b>			
Mississippi	73.00-75.00	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.

LOADS	RANGE	FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,123	58.00-77.25	74.64

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	183.00	1,485
BREASTS - B/S	158.00	5,916
BREASTS - WHOLE	83.00	1,598
THIGH MEAT - B/S	76.00	1,127
LEG QUARTERS	31.00	7,886
WINGS	103.00	3,102

THIS INFORMATION IS SUPPLIED BY THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S POULTRY MARKET NEWS SERVICE.

**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was noted as fair at best entering the week. Offerings were at least adequate to fully adequate and competitively priced. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items were fully adequate. Dark meat cuts were fully sufficient. Wings and tenderloins were readily available and slow to clear.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was steady with caution noted on whole product. Demand into all channels was light to fair. Supplies were usually adequate to fully sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure movement was light. Wings and tenders were increasing in availability while other items were adequate to instances available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Final majority prices unchanged throughout the region, when compared to last week's levels. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Offerings of small sized product remained in the closest position and confidently held; however heavier weights were ample and often discounted in the hopes of stimulating additional interest by buyers. Buying activity was light to moderate. Retailer demand was moderate overall, best where features planned later in the week. Dealers reported moderate weekend carryovers. Trade sentiment was steady to weak on parts with trading reported for this week's delivery at unchanged prices on leg quarters and unchanged to lower on wings and breast. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 61.59 up .20 with the volume reported up 4 percent to 29 loads.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Final majority prices generally unchanged from Monday's final; Ohio cities TFEWR. Market tone steady on mixed offerings with heavy weights long. Movement was light to moderate into all sectors. Floor stocks in balance to fully adequate with reductions of regular commitments the norm. Weights mostly desirable. Parts supplies were adequate to ample for the light trade needs. Supplies of breast cuts and wings fully available, tenders ample, and leg items adequate. Market tone steady on leg items, barely steady to weak on the balance.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was quiet and often reported as slow for early week business. However, most were expecting business to be steady. 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 steady. In the parts complex, product varied from plant to plant with leg quarters reported as clearing, balance of items were either available or at least fully sufficient for full trade needs.

\*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	65.11
NO. OF BOXES	8,270

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying activity was noted as no better than fair entering the week as dealers limited orders to regular commitments. Breast items were at least adequate to available. Dark meat items were fully sufficient. Wings were readily available and slow to clear. Movement through retail and distributive channels was limited. The market tone was weak on wings and tenderloins; barely steady on breast items, cautiously 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	130-135		129.69	718,931
TENDERLOINS	105-110		116.10	91,780
BREAST - WITH RIBS	77-78		82.86	88,080
BREAST - LINE RUN	77		76.75	135,200
LEGS	42-43		32.83	381,841
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	30-31		29.40	296,384
DRUMSTICKS	29-30		32.77	112,160
THIGHS	24-25		36.99	52,000
B/S THIGHS	75-76		68.45	89,100
WINGS (WHOLE)	95-96		101.78	264,800
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12		11.94	31,680
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35		27.71	15,560
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65		63.67	17,720

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	2,546	105.00-211.00	115-126	122.78
TENDERLOINS	524	90.00-192.00	110-122	113.35
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,144	18.00-29.00	26-27	25.82
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,895	27.00-30.00	27-29	27.45
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS	1,292	17.00-28.00	20-21	20.91

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	(1,000)	(1,000)		(1,000)	
	10/25	10/21	10/21	10/18	10/14
Alabama	4,121	4,056	5.23	4,008	5.25
Arkansas	5,515	5,222	5.18	5,498	5.16
Delmarva	2,219	2,180	5.69	2,279	5.60
KY-LA-TN	2,125	2,049	4.96	2,035	5.07
Mississippi	3,080	3,078	5.50	2,971	5.46
North Carolina	2,562	2,477	6.43	2,458	6.36
Texas	2,502	2,523	5.01	2,666	5.06
Total	22,124	21,585	5.39	21,915	5.38
Mon	22,124 (A)			21,915 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 25-Oct 2004 is estimated to be 33,100,000 up 0.65 percent from a week ago and up 6.8 percent from a year ago.

(last week 32,886,000 last year 30,999,000)

**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	723	108.00-185.00	110-115	117.11
TENDERLOINS	296	95.00-195.00	95-100	100.41
BREAST - LINE RUN	120	74.00-94.00	76-78	76.97
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	67	27.00-50.00	28-29	28.85
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	511	23.00-29.00	25-26	25.56
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,058	25.00-32.00	27-28	27.83
WINGS (WHOLE)	315	90.00-105.00	92-94	93.68
WINGS (CUT)	270	110.00-114.00	112-114	112.89
DRUMSTICKS	74	27.00-59.00	-	32.08
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS	82	65.00-85.00	-	70.85

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS  
TRADING FOR OCTOBER 25, 2004 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
40.00 - 46.50	43.23	42.83

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 25-OCT-2004 TO 29-OCT-2004

CENTS PER POUND	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	110.00 - 139.00	121.00 - 130.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	73.00 - 99.00	73.00 - 83.50
LEGS	26.00 - 45.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	21.50 - 35.00	27.00 - 30.00
DRUMSTICKS	23.00 - 45.00	-
THIGHS	23.00 - 39.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	65.00 - 114.00	95.00 - 103.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 23.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 45.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	26.00 - 60.00	-

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

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	96.25-100.25
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	99.75-103.75
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	600
<b>DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)</b>	
FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	107
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	67-69
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	DRY PACK 111
	ICE PACK 108-111
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK 93-95
ICE PACK	91-93
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 22, 2004				
CHICKEN				
PRICES (Cents per Pound)				
FAT	PRICES		VOLUME	
CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

**CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED**

OCTOBER 22, 2004				
CHICKEN				
PRICES (Cents per Pound)				
FAT	PRICES		VOLUME	
CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	18.50	22.00	448,000	208,000
WTD AVERAGE	18.50	22.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	17.75-21.50	18.00-21.00	2,196,000	1,716,000
WTD AVERAGE	18.93	19.50		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	17.50	200,000	-
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 mostly moderate for the at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Sales of finished product were well cleared. 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 25-OCT-04	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.25-15	10.5-12	11.44
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 22, 2004				
CHICKEN				
PRICES (Cents per Pound)				
FAT	PRICES		VOLUME	
CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

**CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED**

OCTOBER 22, 2004				
CHICKEN				
PRICES (Cents per Pound)				
FAT	PRICES		VOLUME	
CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	17.00	18.00-19.00	142,400	-
WTD AVERAGE	17.00	18.67		
15-20%				
RANGE	13.75-22.00	11.00-18.00	3,024,800	1,760,000
WTD AVERAGE	18.33	13.11		
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** Trading levels were slightly higher when compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were seasonally active. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 25-OCT-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7.75-14.5	10-11	11.04

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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