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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were irregular, but mostly unchanged. Trade sentiment was mixed, overall steady at best. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate, good for active fast food promotions. Supplies of smaller sized product was sufficient to well balanced and clearing well, but heavier sizes were more available and often discounted. In the parts structure, movement was no better than fair. Breast items were adequate to ample, dark meat was sufficient, closer balanced for leg quarters, and wings were mixed. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

**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
Bos/New Eng	59.00-63.00	61.42	19	64.62	50
Chicago	58.00-61.00	61.23	42	63.70	76
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	—	—	64.61	18
Denver	80.50	80.50	14	77.47	17
Detroit	60.00-62.00	61.64	11	64.75	69
Los Angeles	81.00	78.49	63	70.39	166
New York	60.00-63.00	61.79	29	66.23	66
Philadelphia	60.50-63.00	61.36	11	61.30	22
Pittsburgh	61.00-63.00	61.82	11	67.79	57
St. Louis	60.50-60.75	60.46	22	62.74	46
San Francisco	81.50	80.13	35	81.07	65

### Composite Weighted Average

Loads	11/08/04	Change/Last Wk	11/01/04	11/10/03
652	67.67	-0.09	67.76	63.54

**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	65.43	33
Central	61.00-69.00	66.35	71
Western	53.00-74.00	66.85	39
<b>Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent</b>			
Mississippi	70.00-74.00	72.40	87

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 75.00 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
1,133	58.00-77.00	74.06

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	168.00	1,454
BREASTS - B/S	149.00	5,955
BREASTS - WHOLE	77.50	1,519
THIGH MEAT - B/S	72.00	1,155
LEG QUARTERS	31.50	7,938
WINGS	89.50	3,142

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**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers ranged seasonally light to moderate entering the week. Offerings of 3.5 and heavier sizes were adequate to available; smaller sizes were sufficient. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light. The market tone was no better than steady. In the parts complex, breast items, were adequate to available. Dark meat cuts were fully sufficient. Wings were at least adequate.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand following the weekend was mostly light to fair with additional interest for active ads and promotions. Supplies were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, breast items were at least adequate, and dark meat was available. Wings were mixed, but moving better for smaller cuts. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Final majority prices were unchanged from last Monday levels. Trading reported on regular commitment at generally unchanged prices and new negotiations mixed. Offerings were adequate to ample with sized product confidently held and heavy weights often discounted. Buying activity improved in some areas and decreased in others. Retailer demand was fair to fairly good, best where features planned later in the week. Dealers reported moderate weekend carryovers. Trading reported on parts for this week's delivery: leg quarter 29-32 bulk and 4/10s mainly 32, bulk drumstick 29-30 and 8/5s 32.5-35, thigh meat 70-75, bone-in breast 70-87 and boneless 117-127. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 56.59 up 1.47 and the volume reported down 3 percent.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Final majority prices were unchanged in Chicago and Detroit; slightly higher in St. Louis from Monday's final; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole fryer trade sentiment was about steady. Offerings of whole fryers adequate. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate, instances good into fast food. Floor stocks adequate to ample with some reductions of regular commitments noted. Weights desirable. Supplies of breast cuts fully adequate to ample, wings tight, and leg quarters adequate to close. The market tone was fully steady on wings, steady on dark meat items, and barely steady to weak on breast cuts.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonal moderate for early week business. Offerings were sufficient, but in a workable position. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 62 to 77 cents. Trade sentiment was steady for early week. In the parts complex, most items were clearing, but were still sufficient for the seasonal and selective buyer interest.

\*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	53-82
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	64.83
NO. OF BOXES	7,472

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying activity was noted as no better than fair entering the week. Offerings of breast items were fully adequate to available and discounted in some instances. Dark meat cuts were adequate to fully adequate. Wings were at least sufficient. Retail and distributive movement was light and unaggressive. The market tone ranged no better than steady to barely steady.

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	125-130	127.19	505,662
TENDERLOINS	105-110	106.24	58,480
BREAST - WITH RIBS	68-69	78.38	78,640
BREAST - LINE RUN	68	68.90	107,360
LEGS	42-43	37.84	232,200
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	28-29	29.83	195,679
DRUMSTICKS	25-26	30.13	97,480
THIGHS	24-25	36.92	61,960
B/S THIGHS	75-76	72.49	42,040
WINGS (WHOLE)	82-83	90.66	127,840
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.97	28,760
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	30.93	14,560
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	62.75	17,800

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	1,720	105.00-125.00	-	115.56
TENDERLOINS	850	98.00-108.00	98-105	102.15
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	560	26.00-27.00	26	26.07
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,760	27.00-30.00	27	27.61
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS	1,320	20.00-23.00	21	21.00

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

	ESTIMATE (1,000)	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS 11/04	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS 11/01	10/28
Alabama	4,061	3,893	5.18	3,985	5.12	
Arkansas	5,485	5,165	5.11	5,229	5.11	
Delmarva	2,197	2,254	5.57	2,242	5.51	
KY-LA-TN	2,089	2,108	5.08	2,102	5.02	
Mississippi	2,832	2,910	5.54	2,841	5.48	
North Carolina	2,517	2,506	6.36	2,473	6.38	
Texas	2,528	2,494	5.10	2,476	5.00	
Total	21,709	21,330	5.37	21,348	5.33	
Mon	21,709(A)			21,348 (A)		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 08-Nov 2004 is estimated to be 32,479,000 up 1.39 percent from a week ago, and up 0.9 percent from a year ago.

(last week 32,035,000 last year 32,183,000)

**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	680	108.00-185.00	110-115	115.91
TENDERLOINS	240	95.00-195.00	100-105	115.83
BREAST - LINE RUN	124	72.00-94.00	75-78	77.84
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	99	28.00-50.00	29-30	31.29
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	511	23.00-29.00	25-26	25.56
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	980	25.00-33.00	27-28	27.40
WINGS (WHOLE)	299	80.00-84.00	-	82.86
WINGS (CUT)	370	96.00-103.00	99-101	100.49
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS  
TRADING FOR NOVEMBER 08, 2004 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
37.50 - 42.00	39.64	39.63

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 08-NOV-2004 TO 12-NOV-2004

CENTS PER POUND	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	105.00 - 132.00	115.00 - 132.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	67.00 - 94.00	67.00 - 77.50
LEGS	34.00 - 41.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	24.50 - 39.00	27.00 - 30.00
DRUMSTICKS	23.00 - 36.00	-
THIGHS	23.00 - 39.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	69.00 - 99.00	80.00 - 88.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 23.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 38.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 60.00	-

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

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	95.5 - 99.5
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	99 - 103

FROZEN HENS 5# & UP

FROZEN DUCKS

FROZEN SQUABS

**DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)**

FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	107
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	67-68

DUCKS

RABBITS-WHOLE

RABBITS-CUT UP

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**

**DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	106-110
	ICE PACK 105-106
ROASTERS 4# & UP	111
	ICE PACK 108-111
HENS OVER 5#	89-95
	ICE PACK 89-93
DUCKS	175-192

**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.

CHICKEN	NOVEMBER 05, 2004			
	PRICES		VOLUME	
	(Cents per Pound)			
FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

**CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED**

CHICKEN	NOVEMBER 05, 2004			
	PRICES		VOLUME	
	(Cents per Pound)			
FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	18.50	18.75-22.00	568,000	208,000
WTD AVERAGE	18.50	21.28		
15-20%				
RANGE	17.00-27.00	18.50-20.00	2,866,000	2,546,000
WTD AVERAGE	20.51	19.44		
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 at least moderate for the adequate to fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were noted as normal to instances heavy. Sales of finished product were sufficient. 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 08-NOV-04	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.25-15	10.5-12	11.46
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.

CHICKEN	NOVEMBER 05, 2004			
	PRICES		VOLUME	
	(Cents per Pound)			
FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

**CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED**

CHICKEN	NOVEMBER 05, 2004			
	PRICES		VOLUME	
	(Cents per Pound)			
FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	14.50-19.00	81,600	-
WTD AVERAGE		16.75		
15-20%				
RANGE	13.75-22.00	11.00-18.00	2,891,600	1,288,000
WTD AVERAGE	17.21	12.49		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

\* 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 compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were seasonally active. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 08-NOV-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7.75-14.5	10-11	10.99

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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