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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were mostly unchanged when compared to previous week. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail and food service demand was seasonally light to moderate with most interest focused on more traditional holiday items and features. Supplies were usually sufficient with heavier weights fully sufficient. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate. Breast items were at least adequate and often discounted to stimulate movement. Wings were close to tight, and dark meat was in good balance to close. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy 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 15-NOV-2004

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Boston/New Eng	61.00-64.00	62.17	12	65.66	34
Chicago	58.00-61.00	61.13	44	62.83	81
Ohio Cities	TFEWR			64.90	20
Denver	80.50	80.50	14	79.50	16
Detroit	60.00-62.00	61.64	11	65.53	52
Los Angeles	81.00	79.02	60	74.58	116
New York	60.00-63.00	62.02	29	64.39	64
Philadelphia	60.50-63.00	61.45	11	61.34	22
Pittsburgh	61.00-63.00	61.91	11	67.67	57
St. Louis	60.25-60.50	60.20	21	62.17	41
San Francisco	81.50	80.24	35	81.95	54

### Composite Weighted Average

Loads	11/15/04	Change/Last Wk	11/08/04	11/17/03
557	68.50	.83	67.67	64.79

**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	65.49	37
Central	59.00-68.00	65.60	74
Western	56.00-74.00	68.70	34
<b>Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent</b>			
Mississippi	70.00-74.00	72.28	90

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 74.75 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
1,101	58.00-76.75	73.76

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	166.50	1,485
BREASTS - B/S	144.00	5,919
BREASTS - WHOLE	75.00	1,538
THIGH MEAT - B/S	72.00	1,127
LEG QUARTERS	31.00	7,899
WINGS	87.50	3,110

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 seasonally light to moderate entering the week. Offerings of 3.5 and heavier sizes were at least adequate; smaller sizes were well cleared. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, breast items, were at least adequate to available. Legs and thighs were in good balance. Wings were well cleared.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand following the weekend was seasonally light to fair, better for active ads, promotions, and for items more related to Thanksgiving. Supplies were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was mixed. Breast items were at least adequate, but tenders were closer balanced and moving. Dark meat and wings were adequate to close and clearing satisfactorily. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Final majority prices were unchanged from last weeks' levels. Trading reported on regular commitments at generally unchanged prices and new negotiations at unchanged to higher prices. Offerings were adequate overall. Producers tried to keep slaughter schedules in line with seasonal needs. Buying activity was only fair. Retailer demand was fair at best with interest focused on holiday items. Dealers reported moderate to heavier than desired weekend carryovers. Trading reported on parts for this week's delivery: leg quarter 29-32 bulk and 4/10s mainly 32, drumstick 8/5s 30-35, thigh meat mid 70s, boneless leg meat 67- 76, wings 89-95.5, bone-in breast 70-86 and boneless 115-128. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 58.22 up 1.63 and the volume reported down 7 percent.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Final majority prices were unchanged in Chicago and Detroit; slightly lower in St. Louis from Monday's final; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole fryer market tone was steady. Offerings adequate on limited trade interest. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate, with traditional holiday proteins creating interest. Floor stocks adequate with weights desirable to trending heavy. Offerings of breast cuts moderate to heavy, wings tight, and dark meat lines moderate to light. The market tone was fully steady to firm on wings, steady on dark meat items, and steady to barely steady on breast cuts.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally light to moderate. Offerings were in good balance to well cleared on all but the 4.00 sizes which were fully adequate. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate to light. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 62 to 77 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, demand for wings was good and supplies were clearing well. Thighs were in good balance. Other items were at least adequate for a steadily declining buyer interest, as many were looking to stock more traditional items for the upcoming holiday.

\*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	57-79
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	66.49
NO. OF BOXES	4,994

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying activity was generally noted as fair to mostly moderate entering the week. Offerings of breast items were at least adequate to available and competitively priced in some instances. Legs and thighs were in good balance. Wings were well cleared. Retail and distributive movement was seasonally light to fair. The market tone was at least steady to fully steady on wings, legs and thighs; steady to barely steady on breast items.

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	122.31	450,040
TENDERLOINS	105-110	106.78	59,560
BREAST - WITH RIBS	68-69	77.26	106,680
BREAST - LINE RUN	68	69.57	116,840
LEGS	42-43	37.54	204,720
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	28-29	29.44	334,268
DRUMSTICKS	25-26	36.70	72,780
THIGHS	25-26	35.73	74,860
B/S THIGHS	75-76	72.73	42,960
WINGS (WHOLE)	86-87	96.30	77,680
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.73	26,920
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	27.39	14,200
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	66.45	15,840

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	1,961	105.00-198.00	118-122	121.29
TENDERLOINS	604	105.00-180.00	105-108	107.93
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,103	21.00-29.00	26-27	26.32
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,253	27.00-30.00	27-29	27.60
WINGS (WHOLE)	530	68.00-93.00	83-92	88.06
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
THIGHS	1,240	20.00-21.00	-	20.84

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

	ESTIMATE (1,000)	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS 11/11	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS 11/04
Alabama	4,106	3,981	5.20	4,000	5.18
Arkansas	5,564	5,343	5.03	5,523	5.11
Delmarva	2,189	2,150	5.61	2,262	5.57
KY-LA-TN	2,088	2,066	5.08	2,080	5.08
Mississippi	3,021	2,839	5.62	2,828	5.54
North Carolina	2,505	2,220	6.26	2,451	6.36
Texas	2,497	2,492	5.16	2,505	5.10
Total	21,970	21,091	5.35	21,649	5.37
Mon	21,970(A)			21,649(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 15-Nov 2004 is estimated to be 32,870,000 up 1.18 percent from a week ago. and up 6.1 percent from a year ago. (last week 32,486,000 last year 30,975,000)

**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	670	110.00-155.00	115-120	119.66
TENDERLOINS	328	98.00-178.00	100-110	114.02
BREAST - LINE RUN	110	69.00-76.00	70-72	71.50
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	74	30.00-49.00	32-33	34.35
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	510	23.00-29.00	25-26	25.55
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,455	25.00-32.00	27-29	28.15
WINGS (WHOLE)	295	80.00-90.00	83-85	84.07
WINGS (CUT)	365	96.00-106.00	103-106	104.30
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 NOV 15, 2004 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
38.50 - 44.50	41.44	41.02

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 15-19-NOV-2004

CENTS PER POUND	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	110.00 - 132.00	115.00 - 132.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	64.00 - 92.00	66.00 - 75.00
LEGS	34.00 - 43.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	24.00 - 35.00	27.00 - 30.00
DRUMSTICKS	23.00 - 37.00	-
THIGHS	23.00 - 26.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	72.00 - 104.00	85.00 - 95.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 23.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 38.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 55.00	-

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

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	95.25-99.25
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	98.75-102.75
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#	65-68
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**

**DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

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

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

**CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED**

PRICES VOLUME  
(Cents per Pound)

FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	18.50	18.75-22.00	540,000	260,000
WTD AVERAGE	18.50	21.07		
15-20%				
RANGE	18.00-26.00	18.00-20.00	2,352,000	1,672,000
WTD AVERAGE	22.08	19.07		
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 moderate to at least moderate for the at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules were normal to instances heavy. 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 15-NOV-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.25-15	10.5-12	11.47
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.

NOVEMBER 12, 2004

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

**CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED**

PRICES VOLUME  
(Cents per Pound)

FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	14.50-19.00	122,400	-
WTD AVERAGE		17.50		
15-20%				
RANGE	12.00-22.00	11.00-18.00	2,400,000	1,340,800
WTD AVERAGE	15.81	13.28		
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 generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate supplies of spent hens. Finished sales were seasonally active. Schedules were reduced for the holiday week. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 15-NOV-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7.75-15	10-11	10.62

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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