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Majority prices were generally unchanged when compared to previous week; trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was seasonally light to fair, but moderate to good for fast food and catering services. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was mostly fair following the weekend. Wings were well cleared to tight and had the strongest movement. Breast items were adequate, closer balanced for boneless skinless breasts, and dark meat was mixed but available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but 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 20-DEC-2004 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Boston/New Eng	61.00-65.00	64.29	12	65.35	32
Chicago	58.00-61.00	61.93	38	63.66	64
Ohio Cities	TFEWR			63.70	25
Denver	79.50	79.27	11	78.31	13
Detroit	60.00-62.00	62.20	10	64.86	52
Los Angeles	80.00	77.98	58	74.50	121
New York	63.00-65.00	64.18	28	64.86	61
Philadelphia	62.50-65.00	63.36	11	62.30	22
Pittsburgh	63.00-65.00	64.18	11	66.58	52
St. Louis	60.75-70.00	60.45	22	61.22	50
San Francisco	80.50	79.62	26	82.63	46

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	12/20/04	Change/Last Wk	12/13/04	12/22/03
538	68.26	.26	68.00	65.74

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	65.02	29
Central	61.00-68.00	66.17	66
Western	60.00-74.00	70.85	34
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent			
Mississippi	69.00-73.00	72.01	84

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 73.50 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
1,075	58.00-75.50	72.48

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	160.00	1,392
BREASTS - B/S	143.50	5,657
BREASTS - WHOLE	74.00	1,448
THIGH MEAT - B/S	75.00	1,008
LEG QUARTERS	31.00	7,699
WINGS	100.00	2,996

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was seasonally fair entering the holiday week. Offerings of all sizes were generally sufficient with some availability noted on the smaller sizes. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light. The market tone was mostly steady. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breasts and wings were in close balance and well cleared. Bone-in breasts were adequate to at least adequate. Dark meat cuts were adequate.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand following the weekend was seasonal to fair, but capable of clearing available offerings. Supplies were sufficient to closer balanced for trade needs. Plant schedules this week are part time with most locations down Friday for Christmas. In the parts structure, movement was fair to fairly good. Wings were barely adequate to tight with the best movement. Breast items were balanced to close and moving well, and dark meat was usually sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices unchanged. Trade sentiment was fully steady. Trading reported for this weeks' delivery at unchanged to higher prices. Offerings were fully adequate overall for immediate needs with sized product confidently held. Plants worked reduced slaughter schedules for the holiday, with closures planned Friday and Saturday. Buying activity lighter as buyers' interest reduced. Retailer demand was fair to moderate best by fast food. Dealers reported moderate weekend carryovers. Trading reported for this week's delivery: leg quarters 30.5-32 bulk and 4/10s mainly 32, boneless leg meat 72-74, boneless thigh meat 73-77, breast bone-in 75-85 and boneless 119-130, wings 110-110.5. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 61.11 up 1.90 with the volume reported down 7 percent to 27 loads.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices were unchanged from Monday's final; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole fryer market tone was steady on light to moderate offerings. Retail and food service demand was slow to moderate; occasionally good into fast food, catering and some Ohio retailers. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate with weights in a desirable range. Offerings of breast cuts and wings were light; leg quarters and drums available and dark meat held with confidence. The market tone was fully steady to firm on wings, steady to fully steady on dark meat items, and steady with a firm undertone on breast items.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement or ready-to-whole birds was at least seasonally fair. Offerings were sufficient for trade needs, but floor stocks were generally clearing. Live supplies were moderate; weights were trending slightly heavier than last week. Processor schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 64 to 78 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Wings continued to clear well and were in the best position. Boneless/skinless breasts were in good balance. Other items were generally 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	62-80
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	67.33
NO. OF BOXES	8,748

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was seasonally fair entering the week as dealers worked hand to mouth approaching the holiday. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts were in good balance and clearing. Bone-in breasts were generally adequate. Wings were well cleared. Dark meat cuts were more than sufficient. Retail and distributive movement was limited as other traditional holiday items entered the market. The market tone was fully steady on wings; boneless skinless breasts were steady to fully steady. Other items were generally 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	135	129.35	396,790
TENDERLOINS	110	110.44	81,360
BREAST - WITH RIBS	68-69	77.36	71,000
BREAST - LINE RUN	68	70.08	88,840
LEGS	42-43	39.99	272,120
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	28-29	27.88	358,262
DRUMSTICKS	23-24	35.00	71,660
THIGHS	27-28	38.11	65,020
B/S THIGHS	79-80	74.37	64,960
WINGS (WHOLE)	102-103	113.77	89,720
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.03	24,080
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	29.74	19,160
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	60.70	22,280

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	2,484	112.00-199.00	117-125	122.89
TENDERLOINS	374	98.00-177.00	107-110	108.70
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,095	22.00-29.00	25-26	25.53
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,259	27.00-30.00	27-29	27.34
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE (1,000)	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS 12/16	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS 12/13	12/09
Alabama	4,096	4,083	5.19	3,788	5.19	
Arkansas	5,633	5,537	4.96	5,498	5.05	
Delmarva	2,140	2,178	5.51	2,158	5.56	
KY-LA-TN	2,170	2,114	5.13	2,147	5.12	
Mississippi	3,057	2,894	5.60	3,020	5.60	
North Carolina	2,488	2,411	6.46	2,472	6.38	
Texas	2,432	2,441	5.08	2,511	5.15	
Total	22,016	21,658	5.34	21,594	5.38	
Mon	22,016(A)			21,594(A)		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 20-Dec 2004 is estimated to be 32,938,000 up 1.65 percent from a week ago. and up 2.1 percent from a year ago. (last week 32,404,000 last year 32,270,000)

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	715	118.00-150.00	120-125	123.31
TENDERLOINS	325	104.00-170.00	120-125	123.77
BREAST - LINE RUN	90	70.00-79.00	73-75	74.78
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	63	32.00-49.00	32-34	35.43
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	550	24.00-29.00	26-27	26.24
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,050	25.00-32.00	28-29	28.10
WINGS (WHOLE)	245	94.00-104.00	100-104	101.67
WINGS (CUT)	572	108.00-127.00	120-123	121.14
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 DEC 20, 2004 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
40.00 - 45.50	43.12	42.58

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 20-24-DEC-2004

CENTS PER POUND	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	122.00 - 134.00	124.00 - 134.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	64.00 - 91.00	68.00 - 78.00
LEGS	37.00 - 42.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	26.00 - 39.00	27.00 - 30.00
DRUMSTICKS	20.00 - 37.00	-
THIGHS	27.00 - 40.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	95.00 - 112.00	102.00 - 109.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 23.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 38.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 65.00	-

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

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	86-90
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	89.5-93.5

FROZEN HENS 5# & UP

FROZEN DUCKS

FROZEN SQUABS

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

FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-107
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	63-67
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 103-105
	DRY PACK 103-108
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.

DECEMBER 17, 2004				
CHICKEN				
PRICES				
(Cents per Pound)				
FAT	VOLUME			
CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

DECEMBER 17, 2004				
CHICKEN				
PRICES				
(Cents per Pound)				
FAT	VOLUME			
CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	18.50	18.75-22.00	660,000	260,000
WTD AVERAGE	18.50	20.70		
15-20%				
RANGE	16.00-22.00	15.50-20.00	1,818,000	1,098,000
WTD AVERAGE	19.14	18.25		
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 about adequate to adequate offerings. Processing schedules were less than normal due to the holiday. Sales of finished product were generally sufficient and clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was steady to fully steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 20-DEC-04			
	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.25-15.25	11-13	11.92
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.

DECEMBER 17, 2004				
CHICKEN				
PRICES				
(Cents per Pound)				
FAT	VOLUME			
CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

DECEMBER 17, 2004				
CHICKEN				
PRICES				
(Cents per Pound)				
FAT	VOLUME			
CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	19.00	40,800	-
WTD AVERAGE		19.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	13.75-17.00	12.00-18.00	1,554,800	1,004,000
WTD AVERAGE	14.90	14.27		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	14.00-17.50	367,200	-
WTD AVERAGE		15.56		

* 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. Demand was moderate for spent heavy hens. Finished sales were active in shipping channels. Kills were reduced for the holiday week. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 20-DEC-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-15	10.75-11.5	11.30

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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