



**NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE**



Majority prices were lower in the West, higher in the East, and mostly unchanged in the Midwest. Trade sentiment was fully steady in the East, generally steady elsewhere. Retail and food service following the holiday weekend was slow to moderate. Supplies were in good balance to well cleared as a result of reduced holiday schedules. Some plants were down and deliveries were affected due to winter weather in parts of the South. In the parts structure, trading was seasonally light to moderate. Wings were tight with strong movement, and dark meat was usually sufficient. Breast items were in good balance to at times close for boneless skinless. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were irregular but 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 27-DEC-2004 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Boston/New Eng	64.00-68.00	66.57	14	65.96	30
Chicago	58.00-61.00	62.12	37	63.25	68
Ohio Cities	TFEWR			64.91	25
Denver	78.50	78.34	11	77.67	13
Detroit	60.00-62.00	62.18	11	66.61	51
Los Angeles	79.00	77.36	58	71.97	158
New York	64.00-67.00	65.77	26	65.45	58
Philadelphia	63.00-66.00	64.36	11	62.80	22
Pittsburgh	64.00-66.00	64.91	11	67.79	57
St. Louis	61.00-61.25	60.80	22	62.35	42
San Francisco	79.50	78.98	27	82.24	47
<b>Composite Weighted Average</b>					
Loads	12/27/04	Change Last Wk	12/20/04	12/29/03	
571	68.12	-.14	68.26	65.57	

**WOG BROILERS** (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
Eastern	64.00-66.00	65.55	41
Central	61.00-68.00	66.47	70
Western	60.00-74.00	71.29	33
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent			
Mississippi	70.00-73.00	71.30	84

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 73.25 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
1,062	58.00-75.00	72.08

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	161.50	1,331
BREASTS - B/S	144.00	5,031
BREASTS - WHOLE	74.50	1,420
THIGH MEAT - B/S	73.50	871
LEG QUARTERS	31.00	6,857
WINGS	102.50	2,819

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**NORTHEAST** Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair to moderate entering the week. Offerings of all sizes were in good balance and well cleared. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair. The market tone was fully steady. In the parts complex, wings were in close balance to tight. Other items were generally adequate.

**SOUTHERN** Trade sentiment was mixed, but at least steady following the holiday weekend. Demand was light to moderate with market being monitored for further developments and refilling needs. Supplies were adequate to short due to reduced holiday schedules, truck shortages, and inclement weather in spot areas. Plant schedules for this week are mostly part time with numerous plants down Friday for New Years. In the parts structure, movement was light to fairly good with availability also affected by lighter schedules. Wings were barely adequate to short, breast items were in balance, and dark meat was usually sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN** Final majority prices were 1 cent lower than last week. The market tone was mixed with trading reported on regular commitments at generally unchanged prices, new negotiations however were lower to unchanged on heavy weights and unchanged to instances higher on small sized product. Offerings moved into better balance due to holiday plant closures. Buying activity increased in some areas. Retailer demand was fairly good overall with improved interest where features planned. Market tone was steady to fully steady with wings in the strongest position. Dealers reported fair weekend carryovers due to anticipated late arrivals. 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 73-79, breast bone-in 75-85 and boneless 119-130, wings 111-111.5. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 61.52 up .41 with the volume reported unchanged from last week at 27 loads.

**MIDWEST** Final majority prices were unchanged from Monday's final; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole fryer market tone was steady. Light offerings noted on generally inactive trade interest. Retail and food service demand was slow to moderate. Floor stocks were mixed with poor winter road conditions hampering deliveries. Weights mostly desirable. Offerings were light on breast cuts and wings, light to moderate on dark meat items. The market tone was fully steady to firm on wings and boneless/skinless breasts; steady to fully steady on leg items, and steady on the balance.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was moderate in early week business. Offering were in fairly good balance to well cleared. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to light. Processing schedules were light to moderate, as some plants were closed due to weather conditions. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 65 to 79 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady. In the parts complex, wings were tight under seasonal active inquiry. Other items were 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	62-84
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	68.14
NO. OF BOXES	7,057

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying activity was seasonally light to moderate as dealers were selective as they assessed market conditions entering the week. Offerings of breast items were in good balance and clearing satisfactorily. Wings were tight. Leg and Leg quarters were adequate. Thighs were no more than adequate. Retail and distributive movement was noted as fair. Movement into fast food channels was moderate to good. The market tone was fully steady to firm on wings. Other items were generally steady. ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED TRADING	CURRENT	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	135		127.16	508,080
TENDERLOINS	110		109.68	62,800
BREAST - WITH RIBS	68-69		78.32	168,440
BREAST - LINE RUN	68		67.78	162,560
LEGS	42-43		42.74	236,000
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	28-29		32.52	604,460
DRUMSTICKS	23-24		33.16	89,000
THIGHS	27-28		42.58	59,200
B/S THIGHS	80-81		76.28	58,720
WINGS (WHOLE)	104-105		109.95	78,240
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12		12.00	36,040
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35		29.37	14,640
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65		64.50	23,160

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	960	115.00-123.00	117-123	118.58
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,280	27.00-29.00	-	27.31
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	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS
	12/27	12/23	12/23	12/20	12/16
Alabama	4,104	3,228	4.80	3,972	5.19
Arkansas	5,375	2,898	4.61	5,539	4.96
Delmarva	1,897	2,154	5.62	2,121	5.51
KY-LA-TN	2,160	1,374	5.32	2,168	5.13
Mississippi	3,087	2,009	5.48	3,067	5.60
North Carolina	2,400	2,430	6.55	2,221	6.46
Texas	2,505	2,463	5.26	2,380	5.08
Total	21,528	16,556	5.32	21,468	5.34
Mon	21,528(A)			21,468(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 27-Dec 2004 is estimated to be 32,208,000 down 0.02 percent from a week ago. and down 31.3 percent from a year ago. (last week 32,215,000 last year 46,875,000)

**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	540	120.00-150.00	120-125	128.12
TENDERLOINS	243	104.00-170.00	115-120	128.46
BREAST - LINE RUN	88	70.00-75.00	70-72	72.11
FRONT HALVES	55	57.00-63.00	-	59.00
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	510	23.00-29.00	26-27	26.39
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,130	25.00-34.00	27-28	28.68
WINGS (WHOLE)	295	97.00-108.00	99-102	100.19
WINGS (CUT)	333	120.00-124.00	122-125	122.89
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 DEC 27, 2004 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
40.00 - 46.00	42.70	42.34

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 27-31-DEC-2004

CENTS PER POUND	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	122.00 - 134.00	127.00 - 134.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	68.00 - 91.00	68.00 - 78.00
LEGS	37.00 - 42.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	26.00 - 35.00	27.00 - 30.00
DRUMSTICKS	22.00 - 37.00	-
THIGHS	27.00 - 34.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	99.00 - 117.00	107.00 - 114.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 23.00	-
LIVERS	25.00 - 35.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 60.00	-

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

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	85.75-97.75
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	89.25-101.25

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#	63-71

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.

Dec 23, 2004

**CHICKEN**                      — PRICES ——— VOLUME ———  
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

**CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED**

Dec 23, 2004

—— PRICES ——— VOLUME ——  
(Cents per Pound)

FAT 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	15.50-20.50	2,253,000	1,373,000
WTD AVERAGE	19.58	18.59		
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

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading levels were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales had slowed. Schedules were reduced. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\*  
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF  
27-DEC-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7.75-15 CENTS/LB.	10-11.5	10.98

\*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.

Dec 23, 2004

**CHICKEN**                      — PRICES ——— VOLUME ——  
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

**CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED**

Dec 23, 2004

—— PRICES ——— VOLUME ——  
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	19.00	61,200	-
WTD AVERAGE		19.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	13.75-16.50	12.00-18.00	1,966,800	885,600
WTD AVERAGE	14.80	14.16		
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

**SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY 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 sufficient and clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was steady to fully steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\*  
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF  
27-DEC-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.25-15.25 CENTS/LB.	11-13	11.93
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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