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Majority prices for next week are trending unchanged in the West, higher in the East and Midwest. Trade sentiment was steady in the West, mostly fully steady to firm in all other areas. Retail and food service demand was light to good, best for fast food, with hopes that next week's first of the month will increase movement. Supplies of all sizes were in good balance to well cleared for trade needs. Processing schedules for this week are mostly part time with many plants down Friday in observance of New Year's. In the parts structure, trading was fair to moderate. Wings were tight to well cleared, and dark meat was available. Breast items were fully sufficient in the East; however, in other locations, boneless skinless and tenders were adequate to tight. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights. According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), for the week ending 25-Dec-04, broiler egg sets were up 2%, and chick placements were up 1% when compared to the previous year. Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 05-Feb-2005 were estimated at 159.1 million head.

Preliminary report Prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 03-JAN-2005 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Including branded product)			
	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	61.00-64.00	60.00-74.00	64.11	30
New York	67.00-70.00			
Los Angeles	79.00			

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	70.00-73.00	55.00-73.50	71.49	90
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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.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT PRELIMINARY WTD AVG

LOADS	RANGE	WTD AVG	VOLUME
ITEM	(CENTS PER POUND)	(000 POUNDS)	
961	68.25-75.25	73.10	
The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:			
LINE RUN TENDERS	165.00	1,326	
BREASTS - B/S	144.00	5,280	
BREASTS - WHOLE	73.50	1,305	
THIGH MEAT - B/S	74.50	902	
LEG QUARTERS	31.00	6,657	
WINGS	105.50	2,831	

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MIDWEST Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into the Chicago area were 3 cents higher than Monday's final price. The whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady to fully steady. Additional offerings were limited, yet in balance with the current trade interest. Retail and food service movement was light to moderate with best interest into fast food outlets as the both the New Year's holiday and first of the month approaches. Floor stocks were adequate to in close balance; weights mostly desirable. Supplies of boneless skinless breasts, wings, and tenders tight; leg items mostly adequate; and the balance of parts adequate. The market tone was firm on wings, fully steady on leg items, steady to fully steady on breasts, and steady on the balance.

SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Demand for late week was fair to moderate, best for fast food promotions, with hopes first of the month will aid movement. Supplies of all sizes were barely adequate to short and moving. Processing schedules were part time with many plants down tomorrow in observance of New Year's. In the parts structure, movement was light to moderate, best to cover food service, fast food, and extended holiday needs. Wings were tight and sought, and dark meat was mixed, but available. Breast items were adequate to close balanced and moving satisfactorily. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was at least moderate to good for the available supplies. Offerings of all sizes were in good balance and well cleared. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, wings were tight and well cleared. Breast items were fully sufficient and clearing satisfactorily. Thighs and boneless thigh meat were in good balance. Other items were generally adequate.

WESTERN The market tone was steady. Offerings adequate. Retailer demand moderate to fairly good. Floor stocks adequate.

Ads noted (per pound unless otherwise stated):

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA – Southern California- whole body 59-89, boneless breast 177-499, boneless leg meat 79, bone in breast 97-199, whole leg 88, leg quarter 79, wing 4# IQF 799, drum 88, deli-rotisserie 498ea, 299lb, party wings 449, fried 8pc leg & thigh 399, 8pc mixed 499;

COLORADO – boneless breast 225-299, organic 449, buy 1 get 1 free, bone in breast 199, leg quarter 99, wing 6.5# IQF 799, deli-tenders 499, party wings 399-499, fried 8pc dinner 649;

IDAHO– boneless breast 299, 4# IQF 796, 3# IQF tenders 596, thigh 99, drum 99, deli- 12 pc dinner 899.

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was good for the available offerings. Supplier were good balance to well cleared. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable. Processing schedules were moderate with very limited processing for Friday or Saturday. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher at 68 to 82 cents. Trade sentiment was at least fully steady. In the parts complex, wings remain tight and well cleared. Breast items were at least steady and mostly clearing, thighs and thigh meat were very close balance other items were balanced.

*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	62-86
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	70.97
NO. OF BOXES	7,697
CUMULATIVE	12/27/04-12/31/04 69.85
	12/29/03-01/02/04 66.30
NO. OF BOXES	12/27/04-12/31/04 28,670
	12/29/03-01/02/04 31,565

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

ITEM	POUNDS			WTD AVG	POUNDS		WEEKLY WTD AVG
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY		(000)		
BREAST - B/S	585	122.00-150.00	122-125	128.58	2,190		128.42
TENDERLOINS	228	105.00-170.00	115-120	129.96	949		129.13
BREAST - LINE RUN	88	70.00-75.00	70-72	72.11	349		72.13
FRONT HALVES	30	57.00-65.00	-	59.67	175		59.43
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				192		36.50
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	530	23.00-29.00	26-27	26.21	2,060		26.35
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,250	25.00-32.00	27-28	28.01	4,640		28.64
WINGS (WHOLE)	296	97.00-111.00	101-102	101.54	1,181		101.00
WINGS (CUT)	325	126.00-131.00	126-128	126.91	1,296		125.15
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				272		51.16
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				112		50.57
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				320		79.06

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR DECEMBER 30, 2004— F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
40.00 - 47.00	42.94	42.93

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.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS - Trucklot buying activity was fair to moderate as dealers attempted to keep floor stocks in close balance entering the holiday weekend. Offerings of breast items were fully sufficient for trade needs. Wings were in good balance and well cleared. Dark meat cuts were at least adequate. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was fully steady to firm on wings, thighs and boneless thighs. Other items were steady to about steady.

ICE PACKED B/F PARTS, DLVRD TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER LB.

December 30	CURRENT NEG	WTD		December 31	WEEKLY	WEEKLY
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	ITEM	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	135	132.76	591,600	BREAST - B/S	128.37	2,550,130
TENDERLOINS	110	112.82	115,800	TENDERLOINS	114.73	424,000
BREAST - WITH RIBS	68-69	77.28	104,840	BREAST - WITH RIBS	77.49	484,480
BREAST - LINE RUN	68	69.32	132,600	BREAST - LINE RUN	68.82	555,800
LEGS	42-43	39.11	251,880	LEGS	40.22	968,880
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	28-29	28.58	344,546	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	30.02	1,658,891
DRUMSTICKS	23-24	33.26	141,640	DRUMSTICKS	32.85	481,180
THIGHS	27-28	40.92	90,560	THIGHS	39.84	246,820
B/S THIGHS	82-83	78.11	66,936	B/S THIGHS	75.57	306,016
WINGS (WHOLE)	106-107	116.77	146,400	WINGS (WHOLE)	114.05	436,880
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.84	36,840	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	11.81	142,080
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	31.29	16,720	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	29.58	69,210
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	64.60	24,520	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	64.61	89,760

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPE, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WT		ACTUAL		AVG WTS	
	(1,000)	12/30	(1,000)	12/29	12/28	12/29	(1,000)	12/28	12/29	12/22
Alabama	(A) 3,857		4,003	4,026	5.11	5.27	(A)	5.19		
Arkansas	(A) 4,524		5,275	5,391	5.00	5.09	(A)	4.91		
Delmarva	(A) 2,257		2,156	2,237	5.72	5.67	(A)	5.65		
KY-LA-TN	(A) 2,011		2,141	2,131	5.16	5.28	(A)	5.12		
Mississippi	(A) 2,038		3,113	3,065	5.47	5.76	Holiday	5.38		
North Carolina	(A) 2,444		2,480	2,430	6.56	6.64	Holiday	6.51		
Texas	(A) 2,459		2,458	2,489	5.10	5.22	(A)	5.25		
Total	10,479	19,590	21,626	21,769	5.37	5.48	1,498	5.34		
Mon-Fri	95,369	(B)					82,049	(B)		

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 31-Dec-04 and 01-Jan-05 is estimated to be 15,678,000 head up from holiday a week ago and down -60.22 percent from a year ago. (Last week 2,248,000, last year 39,408,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 01-Jan-05 is estimated to be 136,756,000 head up 9.30 percent from a week ago, and up 1.44 percent from a year ago. (Last week 125,118,000, last year 134,816,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & up	99-107
HENS UNDER 5 LBS	-
HENS OVER 5 LBS	63-71
DUCKS	-
RABBITS WHOLE	-
CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	103-108
	ICE PACK	103-105
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK	111
	ICE PACK	108-111
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	89-93
	DRY PACK	89-95
DUCKS		175-192

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 18-Dec-04 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning
Food service
4.20 Lbs. & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs. 5.26 Lbs. & Up

-----THOUSANDS-----

Head	25,138	23,083	45,646
Avg Weight	3.56	4.73	6.37
% of total /1	27%	25%	49%

Comparisons

Last week	28,244	18,354	47,661
Avg Weight	3.62	4.64	6.37
% of total /1	30%	19%	51%

Same week, yr ago /2	14,351	12,189	25,303
Avg Weight	3.64	4.60	6.19
% of total /1	28%	24%	49%

To date/2004	1,297,857	1,053,675	2,301,671
To date/2003	1,161,224	1,203,793	2,203,568

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION (Preliminary)

W/E 25-Dec-04	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	125,118	1,102	1,175	2,277	405
Avg Wt	5.27	3.45	7.75	5.67	6.68
Last week	159,224	1,499	1,462	2,961	540
Same wk yr ago	113,075	918	808	1,726	374
Avg Wt	5.22	3.39	8.24	5.66	6.83
To-date/2004	7,954,897	69,513	69,222	138,735	24,064
To-date/2003	7,805,484	71,716	70,992	142,708	21,078

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 152.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 126.6 million head, or 25.5 million less than estimated available.

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - DECEMBER 28, 2004

PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.40 - 1.50	Leghorn Hens	.25 - .50 ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.35 - 1.40	Geese 9-14	.75 - .80
Red Fowl 4-5	.20 - .30	Pigeons	2.50 - 2.75 ea.
Rabbits 5-6	.40 - .60	Rabbits 4-6	1.50 - 1.70
Crossbred Fowl 5-9	.50 - .80	Rabbits 6-9	1.10 - 1.20
Crossbred Roosters 4-6	1.00 - 2.00	Bunnies	2.50 - 6.00 ea.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11	.80 - .90	Guinea Pigs	.01 - .03 ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.50 - 1.60ea.	Goats	35.00 - 40.00ea.
Banty Roosters	4.50 - 5.00ea.		
Banty Hens	3.00 - 3.10ea.	Total Coops Sold	320

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 27-DECEMBER-2004

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND MOSTLY	143-145	149-151
MIDWEST MOSTLY	127-131	128-133

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	63.00-71.50	67.00-71.50
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	65.00-86.50	68.00-75.00

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-71.28
14 OZ.	66.96-77.92
16 OZ.	73.44-86.67

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices remained unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was good to very good due to the upcoming holiday. Supplies were adequate to tight. Schedules were part-time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18 oz. boneless breast at \$4.25-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.35-1.45, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$0.30-0.50, livers at \$0.75-1.70, and feet at \$0.80-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 27-DECEMBER-2004

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	116-134	118-139
MOSTLY		

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
November	20 158.0	154.1	103%	5.28
	27 119.1	153.1	78%	5.27
December	4 164.6	155.3	106%	5.41
	11 161.8	155.8	104%	5.21
	18 161.2	154.3	104%	5.22
	25 126.6	152.1	83%	5.27
Year to date	8051.6	8194.0	98%	
January	1 152.6			
	8 154.9			

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

W/E	-----THOUSANDS-----				
	01/01/05	12/25/04	% CHG	01/03/04	% CHG
Broilers	136,756	125,118*	9.30	134,816*	1.44
Cattle	538	497	+08	440*	+22
Hogs	1,806	1,714	+05	1,797*	+01

Under Federal Inspection

* ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading was too few to report on heavy canners; unchanged on lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand was ranged fair to good for both light and heavy canners with most supplies of heavies being used internally. Offerings were about adequate to adequate and clearing. Processing schedules were normal to less than normal. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS **HEAVY CANNER HENS**
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) **(WITHOUT NECKS)**

28-32 MAJORITY 28-30 TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS **HEAVY CANNER HENS**
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) **(WITHOUT NECKS)**

29-34 MAJORITY 30-34 TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HENS Prices were generally unchanged when compared to a week ago. Demand was fair to moderate with offerings of spent hens fully sufficient for current trade needs. Processing schedules were less than normal. Opinions on removal costs were steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	4-9	6-9

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS Values were too few to report. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were less than normal. Cost required for disposal were expected to be steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS Prices ranged unchanged. Demand was moderate with offerings at least adequate. Schedules were slightly less than normal for this week and full-time for next week. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-5	

WEST COAST LIGHT Plant schedules moderate. Offerings adequate.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 03-JAN-05

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was mostly moderate for the generally adequate offerings. Processing schedules for next week were noted as normal. Sales of finished product were sufficient. The undertone was at least steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were too few sales to report. Demand was moderate for generally adequate offerings of spent hens. However, processing schedules were less than normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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