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Majority prices were unchanged in the West, but higher in the East and Midwest when compared to prior week. Trade sentiment was mixed, but at least steady. Demand covered the full range, but had the best movement for retail ads and fast food specials. Supplies of all sizes were generally adequate to well cleared for trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was fair to occasionally good. Wings were close balanced to tight and moving well. Breast items were in good balance with boneless skinless in the shortest position; dark meat was sufficient, at times close for thighs, thigh meat, and drums. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were irregular.

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 10-JAN-2005 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Boston/New Eng	72.00-75.00	72.89	19	72.46	39
Chicago	63.00-66.00	66.95	41	67.84	77
Ohio Cities	TFEWR			69.43	26
Denver	78.50	78.38	15	77.99	17
Detroit	65.00-68.00	68.42	12	70.03	54
Los Angeles	79.00	77.85	60	74.31	136
New York	69.00-72.00	71.08	25	70.93	62
Philadelphia	69.50-71.00	70.55	11	68.33	23
Pittsburgh	69.00-72.00	70.91	11	71.58	50
St. Louis	66.25-66.50	65.88	21	66.23	36
San Francisco	79.50	79.69	34	81.37	58

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	01/10/05	Change/Last Wk	01/03/05	01/12/04
578	72.01	2.03	69.98	67.70

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	69.00-71.00	70.37	32
Central	62.00-73.00	69.68	73
Western	63.00-74.00	73.67	38
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent			
Mississippi	70.00-73.00	71.54	87

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
1,125	66.00-75.25	72.30

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	160.50	1,426
BREASTS - B/S	143.00	5,912
BREASTS - WHOLE	74.50	1,470
THIGH MEAT - B/S	77.00	1,128
LEG QUARTERS	31.00	7,585
WINGS	113.00	3,040

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair to mostly moderate entering the week. Offerings of all sizes were in good balance to well cleared with 3 pound sizes in the better balance. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair. The market tone was steady to at least steady. In the parts complex, wings were in close balance to short. Breast items were clearing satisfactorily. Thighs, boneless thighs and drums were well cleared. Leg and leg quarters were adequate.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was mixed, but at least steady. Retail and food service demand was fair to moderate, fairly good where ads and fast food promotions were active. Supplies of all sizes were sufficient to well cleared for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement mostly at least moderate aided by retail and further processing needs. Wings were tight and continued to move well, and dark meat was sufficient to close. Breast items were adequate with fronts and boneless skinless in the closest balances. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged from last weeks' levels. The market tone was fully steady. Reported trading for this week deliveries were at generally unchanged prices on regular commitments and mainly higher on new negotiations. Offerings were adequate at best on small sized product for current needs and were confidently held, heavy product was fully adequate overall. Retailer demand was moderate at best. Dealers reported light carryovers where weather conditions hampered deliveries; elsewhere, moderate weekend carryovers were reported. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was up 3.18 to 64.59 with the volume reported at 29 up 7 percent from last week. The market tone was fully steady to firm on leg meat, thigh meat, breast and wings; balance of parts generally steady. Trading reported for this week's delivery: leg quarters 29.5- 32 bulk and 4/10s mainly 32, boneless leg meat 74-77, boneless thigh meat low 80s, breast bone-in 77-86 and boneless 127-130, wings 121-124. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 64.59 up 3.18 with the volume reported at 29 loads up 7 percent from last week.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices increased 2 to 3 cents from last Monday's final; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole fryer market tone was steady to fully steady. Offers light to moderate for like trade needs. Demand into all sectors ranged from slow to fairly good, best into retail features and fast food. Floor stocks were long to in balance; weights mixed. Parts trade was light to moderate; wings and boneless/skinless breast was seeing heavy trade interest on light offerings; dark meat moderate call on similar offerings, balance of items adequate. Trade sentiment was firm on wings, fully steady to firm on breast items, steady to fully steady on balance.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was moderate in early week business. Offerings were adequate to well cleared with 3 pounders in the best position. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 71 to 85 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, supplies were well cleared and firm on wings and b/s breast, other white meat items were also clearing. Leg quarters were steady, thigh meat was tight to short, other bone in dark meat was full steady and clearing.

*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	67-90
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	74.81
NO. OF BOXES	7,938

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity ranged fair to instances good entering the week. Offerings of breast items were in good balance and clearing satisfactorily. Wings were short of full needs. Thighs, boneless thighs and drums were in close balance. Leg and leg quarters were adequate. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was firm on wings; fully steady to firm on drums, thighs and boneless thighs. Breast items were at least steady to fully 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	130.30	447,410
TENDERLOINS	110	110.55	91,040
BREAST - WITH RIBS	68-69	77.01	70,200
BREAST - LINE RUN	68	70.09	111,760
LEGS	42-43	38.85	290,760
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	28-29	28.08	364,231
DRUMSTICKS	24-25	29.83	141,630
THIGHS	29-30	41.50	71,000
B/S THIGHS	86-87	84.85	55,120
WINGS (WHOLE)	113-114	120.55	171,400
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.85	20,120
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	31.04	14,880
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	64.75	26,200

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	3,447	121.00-199.00	122-124	124.58
TENDERLOINS	382	104.00-176.00	107-110	108.62
BREAST - WITH RIBS	199	68.00-83.00	-	71.29
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,646	23.00-29.00	23-26	24.92
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,131	27.00-30.00	27-28	27.84
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS	963	28.00-31.00	28-29	28.22

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE (1,000)	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS
	01/10	01/06	01/06	01/03	12/30
ALA	4,085	3,826	5.17	4,011	5.04
ARK	5,567	5,422	4.98	4,871	4.99
DELMARVA	2,198	2,273	5.57	2,252	5.64
KY-LA-TN	2,171	2,163	5.08	2,166	4.92
MISS	3,106	3,069	5.74	3,037	5.50
NC	2,581	2,536	6.51	2,348	6.48
TEXAS	2,452	2,468	5.12	2,471	5.03
TOTAL	22,160	21,757	5.39	21,156	5.31
MON	22,160(A)			21,156(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 10-Jan 2005 is estimated to be 33,154 ,000 up 4.43 percent from a week ago and up 6.09 percent from a year ago. (Last week 31,747,000 last year 31,252,000)

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	476	120.00-150.00	122-126	125.74
TENDERLOINS	263	105.00-170.00	117-122	119.62
BREAST - LINE RUN	110	72.00-80.00	72-75	73.82
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	63	33.00-49.00	33-34	35.67
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	510	25.00-29.00	26-27	26.49
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,120	26.00-32.00	28-29	29.09
WINGS (WHOLE)	270	112.00-120.00	116-117	116.37
WINGS (CUT)	805	127.00-138.00	132-134	132.94
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 JAN 10, 2005 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
41.50 - 47.00	44.58	44.22

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 10-14-JAN-2005

CENTS PER POUND	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	119.00 - 134.00	124.00 - 134.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	64.00 - 91.00	68.00 - 78.00
LEGS	38.00 - 44.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	27.00 - 39.00	27.00 - 30.00
DRUMSTICKS	20.00 - 37.00	-
THIGHS	27.00 - 34.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	105.00 - 124.00	115.00 - 119.00
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	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.

Due to changes in the manufacturing processes, the 15% or less chicken category is no longer produced in significant, tradeable quantities. Effective January 7, 2005, this category will be dropped from the Eastern and Central Region Mechanically Separated Chicken Reports.

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CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	18.50	18.75-22.00	556,000	156,000
WTD AVERAGE	18.50	21.03		
15-20%				
RANGE	15.00-22.00	14.00-20.00	3,143,000	1,843,000
WTD AVERAGE	18.44	16.82		
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

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.

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CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — 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	13.75-17.75	11.500-18.00	2,932,400	1,730,400
WTD AVERAGE	16.05	14.09		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	14.00	81,600	-
WTD AVERAGE		14.00		

* 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 HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for the adequate to at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules were noted as normal to instances heavy. Sales of finished product were sufficient and clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 10-JAN-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.25-15.25	11-13	11.69
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 10-JAN-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7.5-15	10-11	10.97

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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