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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices for next week are trending higher in all areas. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Retail and food service demand entering the weekend was in a full range. Offerings were mixed, ranging in good balance to well cleared; floor stocks were balanced to tight. Processing schedules in the South that were affected by Hurricane Katrina were slowly resuming normal schedules. In the parts structure, trading was moderate to good. Breast items were adequate to available, and wings were tight and moving seasonally well. Dark meat was balanced to tight with drums slightly more available. In production areas, live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were mixed.

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 12-SEP-2005 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

AREAS	(Including branded product)	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers					
Chicago		68.00-71.00	60.00-79.00	70.61	29
New York		71.00-74.00			
Los Angeles		82.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent					
Mississippi		75.00-77.00	61.00-82.00	75.46	72

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 75.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
977	71.39-76.65	75.15
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:		
	WTD. AVG.	VOLUME
ITEM	(CENTS PER POUND)	(000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	176.00	1,111
BREASTS - B/S	157.00	6,143
BREASTS - WHOLE	88.00	1,388
THIGH MEAT - B/S	124.00	984
LEG QUARTERS	48.50	7,764
WINGS	92.00	2,961

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into Chicago were 1 cent higher when compared to Tuesday's majority. The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was steady to fully steady. Offerings varied, but were mostly sufficient for the current buyer interest. Retail and food service movement light to instances good. Floor stocks were balanced to tight on mixed weights. Supplies of breast items were adequate to available with wings and dark meat cuts tight. The market tone was fully steady to firm on wings and leg meat items, steady on whole breasts, and steady to instances barely steady on boneless/skinless breasts.

SOUTHERN BROILER Trade sentiment was at least steady to firm. Demand entering the weekend was fair to fairly good, best weekend needs increased and for active retail ads and fast food. Supplies were close balanced to short with many plants resuming normal schedules following last week's hurricane. In the parts structure, trading was moderate to active. Wings were tight and clearing seasonally well, and the remaining items were no more than adequate to short and moving. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The preliminary majority prices were 1 cent higher. The market tone was firm. Trading reported for next weeks' delivery at mainly higher prices. Offerings were generally adequate for trade needs. Buyers' interest was only fair. Retailer demand was light to moderate, best for parts. Dealers anticipated light to moderate weekend carryovers. Wings, boneless breast, thigh meat and leg quarters were firm with balance of parts steady to fully steady.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was moderately good to good entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes were in good balance to short with Southern plants slowly returning to normal operating schedules. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was firm. In the parts complex, drums and breast items were adequate; balance of items remained in good balance to short.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was moderately good entering the weekend. Seller offerings were in good balance to short of immediate needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to light. Processor schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher at 73 to 84 cents. Trade sentiment remained firm. In the parts complex, breast items and drums were adequate to at least adequate; balance of items were in good balance to well cleared.

*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	65-88
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	(A)
	09/05/05-09/09/05
	09/06/04-09/10/04
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
	09/05/05-09/09/05
	09/06/04-09/10/04
	(A)

(A) Not released to avoid disclosing individual operations

SEP 08

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

SEP 09

ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS				(000)	WTD AVG
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG		
BREAST - B/S	632	138.00-150.00	141-145	143.70	710	141.00-155.00	142-148	146.32	2,516	144.93
TENDERLOINS	178	145.00-198.00	147-149	150.30	228	144.00-208.00	147-149	149.75	716	147.79
BREAST - LINE RUN	90	84.00-95.00	86-88	87.70	129	85.00-92.00	88-89	87.89	367	87.49
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				220	61.43
LEGS	68	60.00-71.00	61-63	62.47	TOO FEW TO REPORT				238	63.00
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	591	43.00-47.00	45-46	45.68	596	44.00-48.00	46	45.99	2,489	45.47
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,042	45.00-48.00	46-48	47.06	1,260	46.00-49.00	47-48	47.58	4,344	47.20
WINGS (WHOLE)	296	88.00-95.00	89-91	90.79	287	88.00-94.00	90-91	90.15	1,189	90.29
WINGS (CUT)	300	107.00-110.00	-	108.97	325	105.00-112.00	109-110	107.25	1,186	107.33
DRUMSTICKS	83	52.00-72.00	53-55	55.04	68	54.00-72.00	-	57.88	302	57.50
THIGHS	43	55.00-71.00	-	59.26	TOO FEW TO REPORT				142	60.39
B/S THIGHS	85	125.00-134.00	-	128.82	TOO FEW TO REPORT				265	128.79

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
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RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
50.50 - 57.50	54.57	51.50 - 56.50	54.16	53.37

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 increased under normal weekend demand and remained moderate to good. Offerings of breast items were generally adequate; other items were in good balance to well cleared as most plants affected by the hurricane slowly resume normal operations. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone ranged steady to firm. ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

SEP 08

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD	CURRENT NEG			WTD	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS					
BREAST - B/S	155	141.34	585,240	155	146.15	735,200	141.33	2,616,740				
TENDERLOINS	150	143.08	95,200	150	144.58	203,200	141.56	644,224				
BREAST - WITH RIBS	84-85	91.40	66,960	84-85	94.21	66,920	91.02	282,720				
BREAST - LINE RUN	84	88.00	72,000	84	87.27	91,920	86.74	322,760				
LEGS	64-65	62.85	193,360	64-65	64.85	187,520	63.68	840,560				
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	48-49	46.80	336,280	48-49	46.64	372,621	46.10	1,519,589				
DRUMSTICKS	54-55	58.30	144,160	54-55	60.00	166,080	58.95	604,810				
THIGHS	59-60	63.91	55,080	60-61	65.47	44,200	62.36	265,650				
B/S THIGHS	131-132	122.61	104,040	133-134	127.41	153,920	121.69	472,020				
WINGS (WHOLE)	93-94	96.21	135,080	95-96	98.93	115,060	94.07	663,760				
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.28	17,240	10-12	11.93	20,720	11.82	76,160				
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	38.21	10,920	45-50	45.56	12,120	42.64	43,940				
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	65-70	65.11	12,920	65-70	68.46	13,880	65.96	55,520				

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

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WT		ACTUAL		AVG WTS	
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)
Alabama	4,592	4,095	4,055	3,999	5.37	5.35	5,238	5.08		
Arkansas	5,611	5,407	5,382	5,323	5.36	5.42	6,110	5.16		
Delmarva	2,294	2,336	2,316	2,249	5.57	5.60	2,770	5.42		
KY-LA-TN	2,599	2,314	2,263	2,234	5.11	5.19	2,597	4.77		
Mississippi	5,868	3,087	2,665	2,753	5.80	4.98	Storm	Storm		
North Carolina	3,353	2,532	2,438	2,453	6.59	6.47	3,149	6.32		
Texas	2,522	2,496	2,547	2,522	5.23	5.27	2,592	5.13		
Total	26,839	22,267	21,666	21,244	5.53	5.53	22,456	5.28		
Mon-Fri	96,360(A)						99,518(A)			
Saturday	4,793(included in total for date shown)						3,646			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 09-Sep-05 and 10-Sep-05 is estimated to be 40,154,000 head up 19.16 percent from a week ago and down 0.04 percent from a year ago. (Last week 33,697,000, last year 40,171,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 10-Sep-05 is estimated to be 149,650,000 head down 10.63 percent from a week ago, and up 0.05 percent from a year ago. (Last week 167,447,000, last year 149,574,000)

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

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-107
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	65-73
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	ICE PACK	DRY PACK	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS			105-107
ROASTERS 4# & UP			108-112
HENS OVER 5#			111-112
DUCKS			93-95
			95-105
			180-192

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 27-Aug-05 (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	26,387	23,274	52,273
Avg Weight	3.69	4.73	6.25
% of total /1	26%	23%	51%

Comparisons

Last week	29,241	21,047	52,547
Avg Weight	3.75	4.79	6.22
% of total /1	28%	20%	51%

Same week, yr ago /2	26,593	17,949	52,920
Avg Weight	3.80	4.70	6.26
% of total /1	27%	18%	54%

To date/2005	944,275	763,630	1,663,671
To date/2004	904,829	735,645	1,544,592

/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 03-Sep-2005 **YOUNG CHICKENS** **LIGHT HENS** **HEAVY HENS** **TOTAL HENS** **DUCKS**

	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	150,807	1,369	1,338	2,707	504
Avg Wt	5.20	3.24	8.21	5.70	6.38
Last week	167,447	1,458	1,481	2,939	517
Same wk yr ago	167,764	1,464	1,571	3,035	467
Avg Wt	5.16	3.35	8.08	5.80	6.61
To-date/2005	5,635,068	52,427	49,895	102,322	17,368
To-date/2004	5,479,282	47,691	46,694	94,385	16,319

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 163.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 152.6 million head, or 11.1 million less than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
July	30 170.9	167.1	102%	5.19
August	6 171.9	167.4	103%	5.28
	13 170.7	167.6	102%	5.18
	20 169.8	166.8	102%	5.23
	27 169.5	165.7	102%	5.24
September	3 152.6	163.7	93%	5.20
Year to date	5703.4	5768.8	99%	
September	10 17	163.1		
		164.8		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection

W/E	09/10/05	09/03/05	% CHG	09/11/04	% CHG
Broilers	149,650	167,447*	-10.63	149,574*	+0.05
Cattle	577	636	-09	541*	+07
Hogs	1,827	2,006	-09	1,871*	-02

*ACTUAL

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 05-SEP-2005

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	143-145	149-153
MOSTLY		
MIDWEST	130-137	131-138
MOSTLY		

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)	65.00-73.50	70.00-73.50
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	71.00-86.50	72.00-76.50

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

12 OZ.	63.36-72.90
14 OZ.	69.84-81.00
16 OZ.	74.88-89.10

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 were unchanged to higher

for whole birds. The trade sentiment steady. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies adequate. Weights were desirable. Schedules full time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$3.50-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.45-1.95, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$0.50-0.65, livers at \$0.95-1.70, and feet at \$1.00-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 05-SEP-2005

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	129-146	131-148

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - DATE OF AUCTION: 09-06-05

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

Prices paid per pound, except as noted.	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.60 - 1.70
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.60 - 1.70
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.45 - .52
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.90 - 1.00
Crossbred Fowl 5-6 LBS	.70 - .75
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	1.10 - 1.20
Banty Roosters	3.00 - 4.00ea.
Banty Hens	2.00 - 4.00ea.
Silkie	4.00 - 4.75ea.
Geese 9-14 LBS	.40 - .50
Pigeons	2.50 - 3.25ea.
White Pigeons	4.00 - 4.75ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	.70 - .80
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	.70 - .85
Bunnies	1.00 - 3.00ea.
Guinea Pigs	.02 - .25ea.
Goats	35.00 - 40.00ea.
Kid Goats	27.00 - 30.00ea.
Doves	3.00 - 3.25ea.

Total Coops Sold 438

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading was too few to report for heavy canners; mostly unchanged on lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly light for light canners; heavy canners were mostly fair to moderate with most available supplies being used internally. Offerings were adequate for current trade needs. Processing schedules were less than normal due to the holiday and the ongoing affects of hurricane Katrina. The undertone was steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
19-28 MAJORITY 24.5-25.5	TOO FEW TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
21-29 MAJORITY 26-27	TOO FEW 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 HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly fair for the adequate to at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were less than normal due to holiday schedules and the ongoing affects of hurricane Katrina. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	5-13	9-11

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Salvage values were too few to report. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished product movement was fair. Costs of disposal were expected to remain about steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST		TOO FEW TO REPORT

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Removal costs ranged unchanged. Offerings were adequate to instances fully adequate with demand light to moderate. Trade sentiment mostly steady. Schedules varied for next week.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	6-11	8-10

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plant schedules light to moderate. Offerings adequate.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR
SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 12-SEP-05

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was fair to moderate for the about adequate to adequate offerings. Processing schedules for next week were noted as mostly normal. Sales of finished product were generally sufficient for current needs. The undertone was steady to 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 LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for adequate supplies of spent hens. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING		TOO FEW TO REPORT

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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