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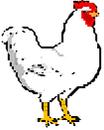
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices in the major terminal markets trended slightly lower in the East and Midwest, but unchanged in the West when compared to a week earlier. Late week movement did improve; but overall, retail and food service movement was generally light with limited buying interest. In some locations fast food outlets were scheduling some specials in the month of October. Whole product was at in balance to ample for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was slow to fair and usually limited to immediate inquiry. Drums, wings and tenders were reported as at least adequate to readily available. Other items were irregular, but usually fully sufficient for trade interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights. Availability of trucks was short and often very difficult to obtain especially in the South.

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-OCT-2005 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
(Including branded product)				
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	62.00-65.00	45.00-75.50	64.37	26
New York	66.00-69.00			
Los Angeles	82.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	74.00-76.00	55.00-79.00	74.90	89

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 75.00 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.
962	71.35-76.87	74.87
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	173.50	1,311
BREASTS - B/S	149.00	6,193
BREASTS - WHOLE	86.00	1,378
THIGH MEAT - B/S	141.50	984
LEG QUARTERS	49.00	7,764
WINGS	95.50	2,936

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

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices into the Chicago area for next week's deliveries moved lower from Monday's final. Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment continued barely steady to weak. Moderate to heavy offerings of additional whole birds were noted and priced competitively. Trade interest was hesitant and cautious as consumer buying remains disappointing. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate, best into catering for fall festivals. Floor stocks were adequate to long; weights desirable. The parts complex was noted as quiet on trade for the fully available and attractively priced offerings of parts. The market tone was steady to occasionally weak on leg quarters; boneless dark meat remained steady with the balance of items barely steady to weak.

SOUTHERN BROILER Trade sentiment was weak. Demand was light to fair with movement reported as moderate. However, offerings generally remain available. Supplies of all sizes were at least sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was only fair. Supplies of white meat items were at least adequate to ample. Dark meat items were slightly more available with drums in the longest position. However, orders from fast food locations was keeping some plants well cleared on inventories. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices were unchanged. Trade sentiments were barely steady to weak. Trading reported for next weeks' deliveries at generally unchanged prices for regular commitments, and unchanged to lower for new negotiations. Offerings of whole body product less than 3.5 pounds in fair balance, however heavier weights were ample for current trade needs. Retailer demand was fair to fairly good. Dealers anticipated satisfactory week-end clearances. Trade sentiments were barely steady to weak on parts, with white meat items in the weakest position.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers increased slightly and noted as light to about moderate entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate to available with slight discounting noted where product was in excess. Retail and distributive movement was mostly light. The market tone was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, breast items, wings and tenders were readily available and competitively priced. Dark meat cuts were fully adequate.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds continued to increase, but remained only about moderate, which was generally disappointing entering the first-of-the month weekend. Seller offerings were readily available despite a more optimistic buyer who remained cautious. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable to light. Processing schedules were moderately heavy and include spot operations on Saturday. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 67 to 79 cents. Trade sentiment was weak. In the parts complex, supplies were fully sufficient.

*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	67-88
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	(A)
	09/26/05-09/30/05
	09/27/04-10/01/04
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
	09/26/05-09/30/05
	09/27/04-10/01/04
	(A)

(A) Not released to avoid disclosing individual operations

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS				(000)	WTD AVG
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG		
BREAST - B/S	697	102.00-169.00	-	114.82	757	105.00-172.00	-	116.64	3,641	116.80
TENDERLOINS	203	136.00-188.00	138-140	140.32	233	104.00-154.00	133-137	130.55	1,045	139.01
BREAST - LINE RUN	140	77.00-87.00	79-83	81.07	130	77.00-88.00	79-83	81.46	553	83.29
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				295	57.15
LEGS	73	59.00-73.00	-	62.18	TOO FEW TO REPORT				349	61.74
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	599	44.00-48.00	45-46	45.66	279	42.00-48.00	45	44.99	5,878	45.79
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,141	45.00-49.00	47-48	47.26	1,021	45.00-49.00	47-48	47.33	5,212	47.41
WINGS (WHOLE)	320	85.00-95.00	88-90	89.81	295	84.00-95.00	87-90	89.29	1,526	91.54
WINGS (CUT)	290	100.00-109.00	104-106	104.48	265	100.00-107.00	-	102.38	1,455	107.66
DRUMSTICKS	58	57.00-82.00	-	75.38	63	50.00-73.00	-	53.89	297	58.67
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				189	57.52
B/S THIGHS	45	127.00-145.00	-	137.67	75	132.00-145.00	-	137.27	385	134.90

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
 TRADING FOR SEP 29, 2005 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

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RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
49.00 - 53.00	50.72	47.50 - 52.50	50.00	51.30

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 slightly under normal weekend demand but still noted as light to fair at best and generally unaggressive. Offerings of breast items and tenderloins were readily available and competitively priced. Dark meat cuts remained adequate to available with drums in the longest position. Wings were fully adequate to instances ample. Retail and distributive movement was light. The market tone was barely steady to weak on breast items, wings and tenderloins. Dark meat items were about steady to barely steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD	CURRENT NEG			WTD	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS				
BREAST - B/S	125	123.52	715,040	125	123.17	727,620	124.64	3,182,980			
TENDERLOINS	130-135	141.97	167,500	130	139.08	150,440	141.94	815,386			
BREAST - WITH RIBS	78-79	87.49	60,760	78-79	81.27	110,280	86.61	373,280			
BREAST - LINE RUN	78	78.16	85,360	78	76.10	90,000	79.11	391,360			
LEGS	63-64	63.10	160,880	63-64	64.99	175,440	64.12	952,260			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	47-48	48.27	243,440	47-48	48.70	279,440	48.30	1,271,200			
DRUMSTICKS	53-54	59.33	83,880	51-52	57.08	124,400	57.89	500,200			
THIGHS	61-62	68.92	40,560	61-62	67.51	49,320	65.76	238,980			
B/S THIGHS	135-136	130.83	40,000	135-136	129.39	121,160	127.65	399,880			
WINGS (WHOLE)	92-93	94.89	248,340	90-91	93.07	139,416	96.74	966,896			
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.28	21,480	10-12	11.73	20,240	11.60	103,520			
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	54.06	12,584	50-55	46.75	19,204	49.86	71,555			
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	74.64	14,680	70-75	73.60	20,400	74.55	78,800			

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	4,468	4,148	4,007	4,072	5.25	5.37	4,285	5.34		
Arkansas	5,290	5,183	4,767	5,121	5.47	5.36	5,071	5.18		
Delmarva	2,437	2,279	2,297	2,291	5.74	5.77	2,260	5.61		
KY-LA-TN	2,738	2,324	2,236	2,176	5.09	5.15	2,535	5.12		
Mississippi	3,571	3,100	3,101	2,753	5.71	4.98	4,120	5.68		
North Carolina	2,585	2,498	2,454	2,429	6.54	6.43	2,995	6.50		
Texas	2,420	2,145	2,523	2,277	5.09	5.22	1,276	5.06		
Total	23,509	21,677	21,385	21,450	5.53	5.56	22,542	5.45		
Mon-Fri	110,765(A)						109,398(A)			
Saturday	1,977 (included in total for date shown)						2,349			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 30-Sep-05 and 01-Oct-05 is estimated to be 35,172,000 head up 3.98 percent from a week ago and down -2.00 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 33,827,000, last year 35,888,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 01-Oct-05 is estimated to be 162,903,000 head down 1.51 percent from a week ago, and up 0.52 percent from a year ago. (Last week 165,401,000, last year 162,066,000)

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#			93-95
DUCKS			95-105
			180-192

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 17-Sep-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-----

	4.20 Lbs. & down	4.21-5.25 Lbs.	5.26 Lbs. & Up
Head	23,452	23,816	55,827
Avg Weight	3.75	4.65	6.28
% of total /1	23%	23%	54%

Comparisons

Last week	20,648	26,949	55,206
Avg Weight	3.66	4.64	6.31
% of total /1	20%	26%	54%

Same week, yr ago /2	22,560	18,434	47,825
Avg Weight	3.77	4.67	6.28
% of total /1	25%	21%	54%

To date/2005	1,011,351	833,417	1,813,759
To date/2004	975,225	794,638	1,682,446

/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 24-Sep-2005	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	165,401	1,229	1,529	2,758	475
Avg Wt	5.30	3.37	7.84	5.85	6.73
Last week	169,204	1,331	1,551	2,882	453
Same wk yr ago	161,724	1,523	1,316	2,839	489
Avg Wt	5.39	3.31	8.12	5.54	6.75
To-date/2005	6,120,385	56,022	54,017	110,039	18,798
To-date/2004	5,944,956	51,888	50,917	102,805	17,706

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 165.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 167.4 million head, or 1.7 million more than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT	
August	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
	10	152.5	163.1	94%	5.28
	17	171.3	164.8	104%	5.33
	24	167.4	165.7	101%	5.30
Year to date	6194.6	6262.4	99%		
October	1	165.1			
	8	164.3			

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection

-----THOUSANDS-----

W/E	10/01/05	09/24/05	% CHG	10/02/04	% CHG
Broilers	162,903	165,401*	-1.51	162,066*	+0.52
Cattle	606	639	-05	635	-05
Hogs	2,078	2,098	-01	2,056	+01

*ACTUAL

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 26-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	149-153	154-158
MOSTLY		

MIDWEST	132-140	133-141
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)	65.00-79.50	76.00-78.50
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	71.00-87.75	78.00-82.00

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. The trade sentiment was steady. Demand was fairly good to good. Supplies were in balance to adequate. Weights were in the desirable range. 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 26-SEP-2005

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	126-146	128-148

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - DATE OF AUCTION: 09-27-05

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

Prices paid per pound, except as noted.	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.30 - 1.40
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.30 - 1.40
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.20 - .30
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.35 - .50
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.45 - .55
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.75 - .80
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.60 - .80
Guinea Fowl	1.00 - 1.10
Banty Roosters	2.75 - 3.00ea.
Banty Hens	1.75 - 2.00ea.
Leghorn Hens	.30 - .40ea.
Silkie	2.25 - 2.50ea.
Pigeons	3.00 - 3.10ea.
White Pigeons	3.75 - 4.00ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	.80 - 1.00ea.
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	.85 - 1.05ea.
Bunnies	1.00 - 5.00ea.
Guinea Pigs	.25 - 1.50ea.
Goats	35.00 - 40.00ea.
Kid Goats	25.00 - 30.00ea.
Chukars	2.75 - 3.00ea.
Pullets 4-6 LBS	.50 - .70

Total Coops Sold 352

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading was too few to report for heavy canners; generally unchanged on lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to no better than fair for light canners; fair to no better than moderate for heavy canners with most available supplies being used internally. Offerings were at least adequate for current trade needs. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was steady to about steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
19-29 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)
21-31 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 generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to moderate for the mostly adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	5-13	9-11

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Transactions were too few to report. Demand was moderate. Offerings were at least adequate. Schedules were reduced. Costs of disposal were expected to remain constant.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Offerings were seasonally moderate for the fair demand. Trade sentiment steady. Schedules full-time for next week.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	4.5-11	8-10

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plant schedules generally moderate. Offerings adequate.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

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

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was generally fair for the adequate to at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules for next week were noted as mostly normal. Sales of finished product were at least adequate for current needs. The undertone was 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 light for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Sales were fair. Schedules were reduced. 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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