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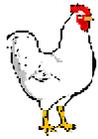
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were unchanged in the West, lower in the East, unchanged to lower in the Midwest. Trade sentiment was steady to weak. Demand into retail and food service was light to fair, instances moderate into sports bars and for active retail ads. Offerings of all sizes were readily available; floor stocks were in balance. In the parts structure, trading was slow to fair with orders usually restricted to regular commitments. Supplies of all items were at least adequate with discounts noted to increase movement, but with limited success. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy, 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 10-OCT-2005.

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Boston/New England	TFEWR		:	66.11	41
Chicago	61.00-64.00	64.72	39 :	64.65	80
Ohio Cities	TFEWR		:	66.30	19
Denver	81.50	81.30	15 :	81.47	16
Detroit	62.00-64.00	64.18	11 :	68.06	56
Los Angeles	82.00	80.75	60 :	73.10	140
New York	64.00-67.00	65.79	24 :	66.13	56
Philadelphia	63.50-65.00	64.36	11 :	64.02	22
Pittsburgh	63.00-66.00	64.91	11 :	69.62	61
St. Louis	63.75-64.00	63.35	20 :	64.39	33
San Francisco	82.50	81.72	34 :	82.85	58

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	10/10/05	Change/Last Wk	10/03/05	10/11/04
582	69.58	.10	69.48	69.72

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

REGIONS	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads
Eastern	67.00-70.00	68.65	34
Central	51.00-71.00	66.67	76
Western	56.00-72.00	70.49	34
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent			
Mississippi	74.00-76.00	74.61	92

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 74.75 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
1,114	61.00-76.62	73.55

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

	WTD AVG	VOLUME
LINE RUN TENDERS	169.00	1,443
BREASTS - B/S	144.00	6,473
BREASTS - WHOLE	85.00	1,518
THIGH MEAT - B/S	141.00	1,119
LEG QUARTERS	48.50	8,564
WINGS	92.00	3,131

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was slow and unaggressive as dealers cautiously assess market conditions. Offerings of all sizes were readily available and competitively priced. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light. The market tone was weak. In the parts complex, breast items and tenderloins were readily available and slow to clear. Dark meat cuts were fully adequate to instances ample. Wings were fully adequate.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was mixed, but overall no better than steady. Demand following the weekend was light to fair with limited trading. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was limited to fair with all items at least adequate or available, and often discounted when slow to clear. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged from last week levels. The market tone was about steady. Trading reported for this week delivery at generally unchanged prices on regular commitments, however new negotiations were at mixed levels with heavy WOGs at unchanged to lower prices and lightweights unchanged to higher prices. Offerings were fully adequate for the moderate buyer interest. Retail demand was fair to fairly good. Dealers reported moderate weekend carryovers. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 62.62, up 2.18; and the volume reported was up 4 percent at 26 loads. The market tone was about steady to weak on parts.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Prices on final majorities were unchanged to lower from last Monday's final; Ohio cities TFEWR. The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was about steady to weak. Trade interest on additional offerings was very light. Demand into retail and food service was easing from the moderate weekend clearance. Spotty retail features and sports bars provided the best call. Floor stocks generally in balance as buyers work hand to mouth. Weights desirable to heavy. Movement on parts was light for the fully sufficient offerings. The market tone was cautiously steady to weak on all parts.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was slow. Seller offerings were readily available for both immediate and late week delivery. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged 65 to 77 cents. Trade sentiment was weak and unsettled. In the parts complex, supplies were at least adequate across the board. Wings and occasionally drums were noted as in best balance.

*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	
	10/11/2005	10/10/2005
RANGE	55-83	58-80
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)	(A)

(A)Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity slow and unaggressive as dealers were content to limit orders to regular commitments as they attempted to assess market conditions. Offerings of bone-in breasts and tenderloins were readily available and competitively priced in most instances; boneless skinless breasts were fully sufficient. Drums, thighs and boneless skinless thighs were fully adequate to ample. Retail and distributive movement was limited. The market tone was barely steady to weak.

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

Oct 10, 2005	CURRENT	WTD	VOLUME
ITEM	NEGOTIATED TRADING	AVG	/LBS
BREAST - B/S	125	122.91	505,300
TENDERLOINS	120	130.00	131,200
BREAST - WITH RIBS	74-75	86.01	44,960
BREAST - LINE RUN	74	73.40	45,160
LEGS	63-64	63.17	271,480
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	47-48	47.49	379,226
DRUMSTICKS	48-49	52.47	100,040
THIGHS	60-61	64.43	74,720
B/S THIGHS	132-133	127.91	100,600
WINGS (WHOLE)	85-86	86.89	210,480
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.53	10,680
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	49.80	12,703
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	75.09	13,320

INCL: NY CITY METRO, N. NJ, MA, CT, RI, AND PA (NE OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG 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	1,363	105.00-147.00	105-119	114.58
TENDERLOINS	283	97.00-175.00	-	114.45
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,131	42.00-47.00	42-44	43.57
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,371	44.00-48.00	44-45	44.95
WINGS (WHOLE)	568	65.00-99.00	82-87	78.68
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS	1,171	38.00-52.00	50-52	51.83

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	(1,000)	(1,000)		(1,000)	
	10/11	10/07	10/07	10/04	09/30
Alabama	4,078	4,340	5.13	4,021	5.04
Arkansas	5,078	5,212	5.29	5,192	5.32
Delmarva	2,284	2,459	5.62	2,313	5.58
KY-LA-TN	2,238	2,947	4.81	2,296	4.67
Mississippi	3,047	3,964	5.69	3,088	5.77
North Carolina	2,524	2,851	6.52	2,489	6.51
Texas	2,511	2,331	5.21	2,501	5.17
Total	21,760	24,104	5.44	21,900	5.41
Mon-Tue	43,732(A)			43,234(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 11-Oct 2005 is estimated to be 32,555,000 down 0.94 percent from a week ago, and up 2.4 percent from a year ago. (last week 32,863,000 last year 31,787,000)

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	627	100.00-168.00	-	110.04
TENDERLOINS	173	110.00-140.00	122-125	118.06
BREAST - LINE RUN	130	74.00-83.00	78-81	79.42
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	73	55.00-73.00	59	60.26
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	599	40.00-48.00	44-45	44.57
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	982	44.00-49.00	46-47	46.13
WINGS (WHOLE)	305	80.00-89.00	82-84	83.90
WINGS (CUT)	280	95.00-102.00	97-99	98.96
DRUMSTICKS	62	42.00-73.00	-	43.77
THIGHS	53	52.00-73.00	-	54.04
B/S THIGHS	102	120.00-145.00	-	124.78

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR OCTOBER 11, 2005 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
47.50 - 53.50	50.79

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 PARTS 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-OCT-2005.

	Price (Cents) Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	106.00 - 134.00	119.00 - 131.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	63.00 - 95.00	75.00 - 79.00
LEGS	63.00 - 69.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	41.00 - 55.00	46.00 - 48.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	45.00 - 57.00	47.00 - 49.00
DRUMSTICKS	44.00 - 59.00	-
THIGHS	45.00 - 59.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	67.00 - 96.00	84.00 - 89.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 17.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 50.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 70.00	-

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

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	92.25-104.25
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	90.75-106.75
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#	65-73
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

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

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.

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

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	19.50	20.00-21.00	556,000	156,000
WTD AVERAGE	19.50	20.50		
15-20%				
RANGE	16.00-21.00	13.50-23.00	1,569,000	728,000
WTD AVERAGE	19.00	16.32		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	14.00	80,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		14.00		

* 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.

OCTOBER 07, 2005

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

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	22.00	40,800	-
WTD AVERAGE		22.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	16.00-27.00	14.00-22.00	2,264,000	816,000
WTD AVERAGE	19.80	17.15		
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 HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was generally about fair for the adequate to at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Sales of finished product were adequate to least adequate for current needs. The undertone was steady to about steady.

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

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9.75-16	12-14	13.21
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

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

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9.25-16.25	11.75-14	12.83

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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