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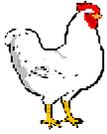
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were unchanged in the West, but one cent lower in the East and Midwest when compared to a week earlier. Trade sentiment was usually reported as steady to weak. Demand improved going into the weekend, but only slightly as overall movement into retail and food service was light to at best moderate. Offerings of all sizes were available. In the parts structure, trading was slow with orders usually limited to immediate weekend needs. Wings, although in a better position, were at least sufficient; balance of items were generally fully adequate to available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; at desirable to heavy, mostly desirable weights. Trucks remain short of needs.

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 17-OCT-2005 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

AREAS	(Including branded product) MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	60.00-63.00	46.00-75.00	62.78	27
New York	63.00-66.00			
Los Angeles	82.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	73.00-76.00	55.00-78.00	74.63	88

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 74.50 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.
954	70.80-76.38	74.47

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	167.00	1,281
BREASTS - B/S	141.00	6,178
BREASTS - WHOLE	83.00	1,360
THIGH MEAT - B/S	139.50	1,019
LEG QUARTERS	48.00	7,804
WINGS	90.00	3,015

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

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority delivered prices for next week into the Chicago area were lower from Monday's majority. The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was steady to barely steady. Offerings were moderate, occasionally heavy. Retail and food service demand remained quiet, slow to fair. Floor stocks were adequate to ample; weights mixed. Parts offerings were fully available, discounted and slow to clear as trade buying was on an as needed basis. The market tone was about steady to weak on all parts.

SOUTHERN BROILER Trade sentiment was steady to weak with values trending lower in the East and Midwest, but unchanged in the West when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to fair with trading usually limited to immediate needs and where trucks can be found to make deliveries. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was limited with offerings adequate to available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices were unchanged. The market tone was about steady with limited trading reported for next week's deliveries. Offerings remained adequate to ample, with whole body product over 3.5 pounds in the longest position. Buying activity was light. Retail demand was moderate overall. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak on parts.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers increased slightly, but noted as no better fair entering the weekend as dealers kept floor stocks in close balance with anticipated needs. Offerings of all sizes were readily available and competitively priced. Retail and distributive movement was light. The market tone was about steady to barely steady. In the parts complex, breast items were fully adequate to ample and competitively priced. Dark meat items were available. Wings were at least sufficient.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds increased entering the weekend; however, most buyers looked to keep floor stocks tight and usually held new bookings in close balance with anticipated needs. Seller offerings were fully adequate to ample. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderate, instances moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 64 to 76 cents. Trade sentiment was no better than about steady. In the parts complex, breast items were fully adequate to ample and often competitively priced. Other items were at least fully adequate.

*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	59-83
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	(A)
	10/10/05-10/14/05
	10/11/04-10/15/04
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
	10/10/05-10/14/05
	10/11/04-10/15/04
	(A)

(A) Not released to avoid disclosing individual operations

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

OCT 14

ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS				(000)	WTD AVG
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG		
BREAST - B/S	737	100.00-168.00	-	113.18	3,516	98.00-165.00	-	106.15	5,512	108.34
TENDERLOINS	269	106.00-178.00	-	117.23	213	106.00-188.00	110-115	115.21	868	117.29
BREAST - LINE RUN	125	74.00-87.00	77-80	78.76	87	70.00-87.00	74-78	75.57	449	78.60
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				235	54.91
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				273	59.46
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	599	40.00-48.00	43-44	43.66	675	39.00-47.00	42-44	43.32	2,472	44.01
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,072	43.00-49.00	46	46.09	1,286	41.00-48.00	45-46	45.82	4,321	46.12
WINGS (WHOLE)	310	77.00-89.00	78-80	81.65	300	79.00-85.00	-	81.30	1,210	82.48
WINGS (CUT)	280	95.00-102.00	96-98	98.61	260	95.00-102.00	96-98	99.21	1,145	98.81
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				102	40.00-72.00	-	44.90	305	45.54
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				68	50.00-73.00	-	52.29	212	54.15
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				92	115.00-145.00	-	123.21	349	126.98

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
 TRADING FOR OCT 13, 2005 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

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RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
45.00 - 52.50	48.88	44.00 - 51.00	47.41	49.43

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 light to fair at best with nothing above normal weekend interest noted. Offerings of breast items and tenderloins were available and discounted to stimulate additional interest. Drums were fully sufficient for current needs; other dark meat cuts were fully adequate to ample. Wings were at least sufficient. Retail and distributive movement was no better than fair. The market tone remained barely steady to weak.

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

OCT 13

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD	CURRENT NEG			WTD	OCT 14 WEEKLY
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		
BREAST - B/S	120	121.06	638,980	115-120	120.71	698,520	121.97	3,144,100	
TENDERLOINS	115	122.80	236,060	110-115	129.74	145,180	127.28	874,596	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	70-71	82.23	60,440	69-70	84.32	65,680	83.56	301,080	
BREAST - LINE RUN	70	67.75	72,000	69	67.89	81,000	69.83	369,160	
LEGS	60-61	64.04	205,880	60-61	64.12	169,800	63.56	1,154,040	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	44-45	48.05	202,880	44-45	47.25	228,920	47.33	1,370,699	
DRUMSTICKS	46-47	49.28	148,740	46-47	48.71	125,040	51.31	527,320	
THIGHS	57-58	65.33	40,800	56-57	64.45	54,680	65.07	279,740	
B/S THIGHS	125-126	124.50	110,200	125-126	127.92	92,320	127.00	442,480	
WINGS (WHOLE)	84-85	88.37	226,200	84-85	88.81	166,480	87.33	990,440	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.81	29,080	10-12	11.55	22,640	11.56	107,160	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	51.08	22,880	50-55	48.81	15,830	50.43	93,039	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	74.97	13,280	70-75	71.15	21,280	73.86	85,760	

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

** 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)
	10/14	10/13	10/12	10/11	10/12	10/11	10/07	10/05		
Alabama	4,334	4,114	4,034	4,015	5.40	5.40	4,340	5.31		
Arkansas	5,110	5,402	5,127	5,088	5.39	5.51	5,212	5.28		
Delmarva	2,258	2,302	2,250	2,305	5.41	5.73	2,459	5.82		
KY-LA-TN	2,297	2,302	2,239	2,221	5.11	5.16	2,947	5.05		
Mississippi	3,377	3,024	2,991	2,753	5.79	4.98	3,964	5.72		
North Carolina	3,007	2,532	2,454	2,491	6.57	6.54	2,851	6.56		
Texas	2,540	2,523	2,528	2,534	5.31	5.38	2,331	5.38		
Total	22,923	22,199	21,623	21,622	5.54	5.62	24,104	5.54		
Mon-Fri	110,599(A)						110,933(A)			
Saturday	1,369(included in total for date shown)						2,060			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 14-Oct-05 and 15-Oct-05 is estimated to be 34,295,000 head down 5.18 percent from a week ago and down -1.10 percent from a year ago. (Last week 36,170,000, last year 34,675,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 15-Oct-05 is estimated to be 164,923,000 head down 0.97 percent from a week ago, and up 2.13 percent from a year ago. (Last week 166,544,000, last year 161,485,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS			RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK		97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK		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

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 01-Oct-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	28,034	15,448	56,672
Avg Weight	3.87	4.67	6.27
% of total /1	28%	15%	57%
Comparisons			
Last week	24,505	21,549	56,510
Avg Weight	3.78	4.67	6.45
% of total /1	24%	21%	55%
Same week, yr ago /2	21,323	20,623	51,158
Avg Weight	3.69	4.67	6.60
% of total /1	23%	22%	55%

To date/2005 1,063,890 870,414 1,926,941
To date/2004 1,021,132 836,134 1,786,834

/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 08-Oct-2005	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	166,544	1,250	1,445	2,695	518
Avg Wt	5.42	3.39	7.88	5.80	6.78
Last week	162,749	1,250	1,132	2,382	528
Same wk yr ago	161,676	1,270	1,512	2,782	492
Avg Wt	5.40	3.37	8.07	5.92	6.65
To-date/2005	6,449,678	58,522	56,594	115,116	19,844
To-date/2004	6,268,698	54,574	54,002	108,576	18,685

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 164.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 168.6 million head, or 4.3 million more than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
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
October 1	164.7	165.1	100%	5.35
8	168.6	164.3	103%	5.42
Year to date	6527.9	6591.8	99%	
October 15		161.8		
22		160.7		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection

W/E	10/15/05	10/08/05	% CHG	10/16/04	% CHG
Broilers	164,923	166,544*	-0.97	161,485*	+2.13
Cattle	611	625	-02	633*	-03
Hogs	2,122	2,078	+02	2,157*	-02

*ACTUAL

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 10-OCT-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)	71.00-88.50	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 remained unchanged. The trade sentiment steady. Demand was fairly good to good. Supplies were adequate for current needs. Weights were desirable. Schedules were 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 10-OCT-2005

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

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - DATE OF AUCTION: 10-11-05

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

Prices paid per pound, except as noted.	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.05 - 1.10
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.00 - 1.05
Pekin Ducks	3.50 - 4.00ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.20 - .30
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.25 - .35
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.40 - .45
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.50 - .60
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.40 - .50
Guinea Fowl	1.00 - 1.10ea.
Banty Roosters	2.00 - 2.25ea.
Banty Hens	1.00 - 1.25ea.
Leghorn Roosters	.05 - .10ea.
Silkies	3.00 - 3.25ea.
Geese 9-14 LBS	.40 - .50
Pigeons	1.00 - 1.05ea.
White Pigeons	2.00 - 2.05ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	.60 - .70
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	.65 - .90
Bunnies	3.00 - 6.00ea.
Guinea Pigs	.45 - 2.00ea.
Goats	39.00 - 40.00ea.
Kid Goats	32.00 - 35.00ea.
Doves	3.25ea.
Chukars	2.75 - 3.00ea.

Total Coops Sold 410

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading was too few to report for heavy canners; unchanged on lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand was about fair for light canners; fair to no better than moderate for heavy canners with most available supplies being used internally. Offerings were more than sufficient 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) 20-29 MAJORITY 24.5-25.5	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS) TOO FEW TO REPORT
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CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) 21-31 MAJORITY 26-27	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS) TOO FEW TO REPORT
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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 fair to moderate for the adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	5-13	9-10

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Pricing levels on spent fowl were to few to report. Demand was fair for adequate supplies. Schedules were set by a slow call for dressed hens. Costs were expected to remain constant.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate with demand light to moderate. Trade sentiment steady. Processing schedules were full-time for next week.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	5-11	6-9

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

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 17-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 normal. Sales of finished product were fully sufficient for current needs. The undertone was steady to about 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 levels were too few to report. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings from primary users. 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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