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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Terminal market majority pricing was unchanged from the past period. Demand at first receivers was spotty into retail outlets, moderate or better into fast food, and slow to fair into public eating establishments. Standing inventories at distributive centers were sufficient to cover post-weekend needs. Most processors took Monday as an extension of the holiday weekend starting the kill week today. Whole-body offerings from primary suppliers were available, but were not as burdensome as the past few weeks. In parts trading, boneless breast and tenders remains sluggish, as well as whole breast. Dark meat parts, especially legs and leg quarters, are available at last weeks pricing. Wings were held with confidence as annual rises in demand and price are anticipated to begin soon. In production areas, live supplies were adequate at usually desirable weights.

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 26-DEC-2005.

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Boston/New England	TFEWR		:	54.50	36
Chicago	52.00-55.00	56.11	37	57.75	68
Ohio Cities	TFEWR		:	56.45	19
Denver	77.50	77.50	10	78.18	11
Detroit	54.00-56.00	56.00	9	60.74	50
Los Angeles	78.00	75.77	47	67.68	142
New York	55.00-58.00	56.87	23	58.13	45
Philadelphia	54.50-56.00	55.17	12	55.20	23
Pittsburgh	54.00-57.00	55.67	12	62.27	58
St. Louis	54.75	54.19	20	57.24	32
San Francisco	78.50	77.37	27	78.25	57

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	12/26/05	Change/Last Wk	12/19/05	12/27/04
541	62.33	-1.43	63.76	68.12

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

REGIONS	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads
Eastern	58.00-60.00	59.60	34
Central	49.00-64.00	60.06	65
Western	56.00-64.00	62.82	34
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent			
Mississippi	68.00-71.00	69.83	81

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 70.75 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
1,038	52.00-72.00	69.45
The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:		
	WTD AVG	VOLUME
LINE RUN TENDERS	138.00	1,266
BREASTS - B/S	109.50	5,239
BREASTS - WHOLE	59.50	1,371
THIGH MEAT - B/S	94.00	946
LEG QUARTERS	29.50	7,503
WINGS	81.50	2,649

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying interest was no better than fair following the holiday weekend. Offerings were fully sufficient for current trade needs with heavier sizes in the longest position. Movement through retail and distributive channels was seasonally light to fair. The market tone was generally steady. In the parts complex, wings were well cleared. Breast items were readily available and dark meat cuts were at least adequate.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was light to fair. Food service was fair to moderate, best into fast food outlets. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to handle light trade needs. Processing schedules were lighter on Monday, but back to normal on Tuesday. In the parts structure, movement was mostly fair. Wings were short and clearing, thighs and thigh meat were in good balance to short, balance of items were irregular but usually available. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged. Reported trading on regular commitments at mainly unchanged prices; new negotiations were mixed. Offerings were fully adequate overall, but expected to move into closer balance. Buying activity had improved and was fairly good overall. Retailer demand was moderate to good where features planned later in the week. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 58.50 up 1.15 with the volume at 26 loads unchanged from last week.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices unchanged from last Monday's final; Ohio cities TFEWR. Trade sentiment on broiler/fryers was steady. Offerings light. Retail demand was slow. Food service movement was slow to fairly good, best into fast food. Floor stocks were in close balance with hand to mouth purchases; weights desirable. Parts supplies were fully sufficient for trade needs with wings in closest position. The market tone was steady to fully steady on wings, barely steady on breast cuts and bone-in dark meat cuts.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonal and generally no better than fair. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate, instances short on the lighter weight sizes. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 56 to 70 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. In the parts complex, wings were in good balance to well cleared. Other cuts ranged at least adequate to fully adequate and were generally more readily available on the breast items.

ACTUAL SLAUGHTER WEEK ENDING 12/24/2005 WAS 10,941,091 @ 5.83 LBS.

*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	54-72
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was no better than fair as dealers were selective as they assessed market conditions following the holiday weekend. Offerings of breast items were readily available and slow in clearing. Dark meat cuts were at least adequate to fully adequate. Wings were well cleared. Retail and distributive movement was mostly fair. The market tone was fully steady to firm for wings; barely steady to weak for breast items. The balance of items were steady at best.

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	100-105	99.91	568,680
TENDERLOINS	95-100	95.34	171,180
BREAST - WITH RIBS	51-52	60.36	46,020
BREAST - LINE RUN	51	52.00	90,000
LEGS	39-40	40.32	186,400
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	22-23	24.45	142,600
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	35.87	90,120
THIGHS	32-33	42.18	33,560
B/S THIGHS	95-96	92.16	100,960
WINGS (WHOLE)	80-81	81.04	216,240
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.44	15,800
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	50.59	14,186
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	75.06	13,240

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	1,254	85.00-112.00	-	100.77
TENDERLOINS	-	-	-	-
BREAST - WITH RIBS	TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-	-
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-	-
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	699	16.00-26.00	21-22	20.85
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,727	21.00-30.00	21	22.69
WINGS (WHOLE)	TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-	-
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-	-
THIGHS	1,480	21.00-23.00	22	22.00

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE (1,000)	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS 12/23	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS 12/20
Alabama	4,101	2,508	4.74	3,960	5.34
Arkansas	5,371	3,144	4.86	5,287	5.41
Delmarva	2,335	2,089	5.73	2,048	5.56
KY-LA-TN	2,279	1,827	4.87	1,935	4.67
Mississippi	3,039	2,618	5.29	2,731	5.66
North Carolina	2,579	2,090	6.90	2,530	6.66
Texas	2,466	2,435	5.22	1,998	5.12
Total	22,170	16,711	5.33	20,489	5.50
Mon-Tue	25,997(A)			41,646(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 27-Dec 2005 is estimated to be 33,169,000 up 7.88 percent from a week ago. and up 1.3 percent from a year ago. (last week 30,746,000 last year 32,737,000)

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	715	88.00-158.00	90-95	97.12
TENDERLOINS	208	75.00-140.00	80-85	82.88
BREAST - LINE RUN	138	55.00-64.00	56-59	57.57
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-	-
LEGS	206	30.00-51.00	31-32	31.78
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	590	18.00-25.00	20-22	21.20
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,065	20.00-34.00	24-25	23.72
WINGS (WHOLE)	295	74.00-80.00	75-78	76.41
WINGS (CUT)	145	78.00-98.00	93-95	94.55
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 DECEMBER 27, 2005 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
32.50 - 37.00	34.60

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 DEC -26 - DEC - 30-2005

	Price (Cents) Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	85.00 - 113.00	90.00 - 103.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	50.00 - 79.00	57.00 - 60.00
LEGS	37.00 - 41.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	18.00 - 32.00	24.00 - 26.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	25.00 - 34.00	26.00 - 28.00
DRUMSTICKS	24.00 - 39.00	-
THIGHS	29.00 - 29.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	68.00 - 98.00	81.00 - 84.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 23.00	-
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	83.25-100.25
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	86.75-102.75

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 89-105
	DRY PACK 114
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 100
	DRY PACK 118
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 88-102
	DRY PACK 109
DUCKS	185-190

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.

DECEMBER 23, 2005

FAT CONTENT	PRICES		VOLUME	
	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	17.75-18.00	400,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		17.85		
15-20%				
RANGE	11.00-20.00	14.00-17.00	2,204,000	1,404,000
WTD AVERAGE	17.90	15.50		
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.

DECEMBER 23, 2005

FAT CONTENT	PRICES		VOLUME	
	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	17.00	20.00	341,200	-
WTD AVERAGE	17.00	20.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	14.00-22.00	11.00-19.00	916,400	408,000
WTD AVERAGE	18.00	14.10		
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 fair to moderate for the mostly adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reduced due to the holiday. Sales of finished product were fair to fairly good. The undertone was steady to at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 26-DEC-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9.75-15.25	12-13	12.53
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 heavy hens. Finished sales had slowed and were fair at best. Schedules were reduced. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 26-DEC-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9-15.5	11-13	12.33

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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