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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were unchanged in the West, but slightly lower in the East, and sharply lower in the Midwest when compared to a week earlier. Trade sentiment was unsettled to barely steady at current price levels. Retail and food service demand was light to occasionally moderate. Any additional movement was reported as slow and sluggish even at competitive levels. Supplies and offerings of all sizes were adequate to ample. In the parts structure, movement was light and unaggressive with trading usually confined to regular buyers. Wings were sufficient and usually moving at most locations, but had increased in availability. Breast items were in a better position, but were still available and often discounted to stimulate additional movement. Dark meat items were fully adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, but mostly desirable.

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 25-SEPT-2006 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
(Including branded product)				
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	57.00-60.00	35.00-71.00	58.73	26
New York	63.00-66.00			
Los Angeles	78.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	69.00-72.00	48.00-77.00	70.18	88

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 70.50 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.
968	63.00-72.00	70.00
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice-packed parts:		
	WTD. AVG.	VOLUME
LINE RUN TENDERS	160.50	1,060
BREASTS - B/S	136.00	5,345
BREASTS - WHOLE	83.00	1,234
THIGH MEAT - B/S	86.50	935
LEG QUARTERS	33.00	8,215
WINGS	102.50	2,609

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

SOUTHERN BROILER Trade sentiment was weak to barely steady as values trend lower in the East and Midwest. Demand into all channels was light with trading slow in developing. Supplies of all sizes were fully adequate and more than sufficient for immediate trade needs. In the parts structure, interest was no better than fair. Wings were sufficient and usually in the best position. However, other items were adequate to plentiful with limited movement, even when competitively priced. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weight.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers increased slightly and was noted as no better than fair entering the weekend. Offerings were at least adequate to available and discounted in some instances. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair. The market tone was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, breast items and tenders were readily available and slow to clear. Wings were adequate to at least adequate. Dark meat cuts were fully sufficient for current needs.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices were unchanged throughout the region. The market tone was mixed. Trading reported on regular commitments at unchanged prices and new negotiations lower prices. Offerings were adequate to ample. Offers of sharp discounts reported as common but had yet to clear out excess product. Buying activity was moderate. Retailer demand was moderate overall with best interest to cover features. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend clearances.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority delivered prices into the Chicago area for next week moved lower. The whole broiler/fryer market tone ended the week barely steady to mostly weak. Offerings were more limited over prior trade period, but remained sufficient and discounted. Trade inquiry was slightly improved as last minute buyers look to secure weekend needs. Fill-in trade into Ohio noted at 39 cents and into Detroit at 35 cents delivered on 3 up wogs. Demand going into the weekend was slightly improved, but no better than moderate. Fast food operations continued to attract best call; restaurants and bars close to major markets where sporting events were occurring were seeing an increased weekend draw. Floor stocks adequate to plentiful; weights desirable to heavy. Parts supplies were showing some balance at weeks' end with leg quarters in longest position. The market tone on wings was mostly steady with a somewhat weak undertone; breast cuts were steady to weak and dark meat lines barely steady to weak.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was no better than fair entering the weekend. Offerings were fully adequate to ample for both immediate and early next week delivery. Live supplies were moderate; weights varied in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices are 1 cent lower at 64 to 76 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly weak and unsettled. In the parts complex, offerings were more than adequate for the light and unaggressive buying interests. Boneless/skinless breasts were coming into a better balance. Wings were in uneven 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
RANGE		60-83
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		(A)
NO. OF BOXES		(A)
CUMULATIVE	09/18/06 - 09/22/06	(A)
	09/19/05 - 09/23/05	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	09/18/06 - 09/22/06	(A)
	09/19/05 - 09/23/05	(A)

(A) NOT REPORTED TO AVOID DISCLOSING INDIVIDUAL OPERATIONS

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS				WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	TOO FEW TO REPORT				719	86.00-179.00	-	99.96	3,513	107.21
TENDERLOINS	208	95.00-174.00	-	106.88	248	90.00-172.00	-	103.13	955	110.07
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT				129	72.00-81.00	75-78	77.60	536	79.69
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				345	60.68
LEGS	155	31.00-40.00	32-33	32.94	220	30.00-40.00	31-32	32.00	915	33.78
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	590	20.00-30.00	24-25	24.58	561	20.00-27.00	24-25	24.55	2,894	25.01
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	773	22.00-31.00	27-28	27.57	794	22.00-31.00	27-28	27.37	4,100	27.69
WINGS (WHOLE)	260	98.00-104.00	-	100.15	280	95.00-104.00	97-100	98.87	1,465	100.37
WINGS (CUT)	450	115.00-126.00	119-122	119.82	250	118.00-126.00	119-121	120.36	1,545	120.80
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				370	34.36
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				332	29.35
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				415	77.86

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
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RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
36.00 - 46.50	40.13	35.50 - 44.00	39.44	42.46

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 interest improved slightly but still noted as light to fair at best entering the weekend. Offerings of breast items and tenders were fully adequate to readily available and competitively priced in some instances. Dark meat cuts were more than sufficient for current needs with light movement. Wings were at least adequate. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair. The market tone was about steady to steady for wings; barely steady to weak for breast items, tenders, leg quarters and drums.

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	WEEKLY	
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	125	124.09	687,680	120-125	105.53	696,540	121.29	3,693,717		
TENDERLOINS	120	129.74	253,360	115-120	120.91	117,600	125.68	1,146,432		
BREAST - WITH RIBS	78-79	85.43	88,160	77-78	90.60	54,520	90.62	355,480		
BREAST - LINE RUN	78	77.88	72,000	77	76.67	81,000	79.59	391,320		
LEGS	42-43	41.49	180,120	41-42	39.96	160,880	40.79	973,940		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	29-30	31.26	260,560	29-30	30.91	260,440	31.92	1,346,320		
DRUMSTICKS	33-34	37.21	133,440	33-34	41.25	79,880	38.47	556,610		
THIGHS	32-33	41.75	61,440	32-33	42.73	60,080	41.79	298,680		
B/S THIGHS	87-88	87.51	58,400	87-88	87.30	37,600	89.69	497,620		
WINGS (WHOLE)	105-106	109.15	179,400	105-106	111.45	138,080	106.62	1,070,100		
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.60	23,360	10-12	11.36	19,400	11.43	107,320		
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	28.68	23,160	30-35	29.77	14,360	28.92	82,480		
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	53.73	14,360	50-55	53.41	20,360	53.19	106,960		

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, RI, & PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * 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	
	09/22	09/21	09/20	09/19	09/20	09/19	09/15	09/13	09/15	09/13
Alabama	4,437	4,195	4,032	4,136	5.47	5.46	4,614	5.43		
Arkansas	4,600	5,409	5,327	5,359	5.37	5.43	5,923	5.35		
Delmarva	2,259	2,282	2,236	2,559	5.76	5.76	2,432	5.74		
KY-LA-TN	2,763	2,350	2,299	2,196	5.16	5.31	2,415	5.19		
Mississippi	2,970	2,896	2,773	2,881	6.01	5.87	3,485	5.78		
North Carolina	2,652	2,653	2,655	2,626	6.81	6.78	2,650	6.86		
Texas	2,556	2,556	2,523	2,546	5.39	5.35	2,512	5.23		
Total	22,237	22,341	21,845	22,053	5.66	5.67	24,031	5.61		
Mon-Fri	111,350(A)						111,927(A)			
Saturday	319(included in total for date shown)						2,298			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 22-Sep-06 and 23-Sep-06 is estimated to be 33,269,000 head down 7.74 percent from a week ago and down -2.39 percent from a year ago. (Last week 36,061,000, last year 34,082,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 23-Sep-06 is estimated to be 165,280,000 head down 0.74 percent from a week ago, and down 0.07 percent from a year ago. (Last week 166,512,000, last year 165,401,000)

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

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	91-100
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-108
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	65-74
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DLVRD TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	91-103
	DRY PACK	110-114
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	100
	DRY PACK	111-118
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	88-102
	DRY PACK	102-109
DUCKS		185-190

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection,

Week ending 16-Sep-06

	(A) 4.25 lbs & down	(B) 4.26- 6.26 lbs	(C) 6.26- 7.75 lbs	(D) 7.76 lbs & up	Total
	Thousands				
(Preliminary)					
Head	39,683	91,524	24,754	10,551	166,512
Avg Live Wgt	3.90	5.39	7.04	8.15	5.45
% of total /1	24%	55%	15%	6%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	42,845	78,603	22,313	10,842	154,603
Avg Live Wgt	3.80	5.45	6.94	8.03	5.39
% of total /1	28%	51%	14%	7%	100%
Year Ago 2/	43,552	90,402	29,083	6,167	169,204
Avg Live Wgt	3.81	5.33	6.97	8.20	5.28
% of total /1	26%	53%	17%	4%	100%

To date/2006 1,722,979 2,939,836 845,412 458,496 5,966,723
 To date/2005 1,769,463 2,894,276 968,115 323,130 5,954,984

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

Weight Class Description:

(A) This size product is normally marketed bone-in into fast food and food service sectors and may include Cornish hens.

(B) This size product is normally marketed into the retail grocery sector in tray pack or bagged forms.

(C) This size product is normally marketed either into the retail grocery sector in tray pack and IQF form or is further processed and marketed into various sectors. (D) This size product is normally marketed deboned or as roasters or roasting chicken.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION W/E 16-Sep-06

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	THOUSANDS				
(Preliminary)					
Head	166,512	970	1,542	2,512	546
Avg Wt	5.45	3.36	8.14	6.29	6.73
Last week	154,603	876	1,242	2,118	535
Same wk yr ago	169,204	1,331	1,551	2,882	453
Avg Wt	5.33	3.15	8.24	5.89	6.89
To-date/2006	5,966,723	40,564	54,789	95,353	18,625
To-date/2005	5,954,984	54,793	52,488	107,281	18,323

(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 168.5 million head, or 4.8 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 12	164.0	164.2	100%	5.24
19	162.6	164.3	99%	5.27
26	168.5	163.6	103%	5.30
September 2	170.3	162.6	105%	5.18
9	156.5	162.0	97%	5.39
16	168.5	163.7	103%	5.45
Year to date	6039.1	6061.0	100%	
September 23		164.6		
30		164.5		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**Under Federal Inspection**

W/E	09/23/06	09/16/06	% CHG	09/24/05	% CHG
Broilers	165,280	166,512*	-0.74	165,401*	-0.07
Cattle	655	661	-01	641*	+02
Hogs	2,133	2,123	0	2,096*	+02

*ACTUAL

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 18-SEP-2006

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 MOSTLY	151-155	157-161

MIDWEST MOSTLY	132-142	133-143
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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)	60.00-67.50	65.00-66.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	66.00-87.50	72.00-76.00

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

12 OZ.	62.64 - 85.05
14 OZ.	69.12 - 96.39
16 OZ.	74.88 - 106.73

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 unchanged. Trade sentiment mostly steady. Demand was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were balanced. Schedules full time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.50-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.45-2.40, gizzards at \$1.20-1.40, wings at \$.65-.70, livers at \$.95-1.70, and feet at \$.65-1.00.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 18-SEP-2006

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	129-146	130-148

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - September 19, 2006

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

Prices paid per pound, except as noted.

	RANGE
Pekin Ducks	3.00 - 3.25ea.
Chukars	- 4.75ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.20 - .30
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.20 - .30
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.45 - .60
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.39 - .50
Guinea Fowl	- 1.30ea.
Banty Roosters	1.50 - 2.00ea.
Banty Hens	.50 - 1.00ea.
Silkie	- 5.25ea.
Pigeons	1.00 - 1.50ea.
White Pigeons	2.85 - 3.00ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.10 - 1.20
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	.80 - 1.00
Bunnies	2.00 - 5.00ea.
Guinea Pigs	4.00 - 5.50ea.
Goats	35.00 - 40.00ea.
Doves	3.00 - 3.50ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.10 - .15

Total Coops Sold 370

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading on heavy canners was too few to report; unchanged on the lights when compared to the previous week. Offerings were at least adequate to available with most available supplies of heavy canners being used internally. Demand was no better than fair for the mostly light and unaggressive buyer interest. Processing schedules were mostly normal. The undertone was no better than steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
18-28 MAJORITY 23-24	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
20-29 MAJORITY 24.5-25	TOO FEW SALES 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 HENS Prices were generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to moderate, best into rendering operations. Offerings were at least adequate to fully adequate. Processing schedules were mostly normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	5-12	9-10

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS Disposal costs were TFEWR. Demand was light for spent leghorns. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Salvage values were expected to remain constant.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS Prices were unchanged. Demand was mostly light to instances fairly good with offerings fully adequate. Processing schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	5.5-11	6-8

WEST COAST LIGHT Plant schedules moderate. Offerings adequate.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 25-SEP-06

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were reduced. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Too few sales to report prices. Demand was light to fair and generally unaggressive for the fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules for next week were noted as mostly normal. Sales of finished product was fair at best. The undertone was steady at best.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

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