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Majority prices were unchanged in the West, but higher elsewhere when compared to previous week. Trade sentiment was irregular, ranging steady in the West, at least steady in the Midwest, but no better than steady in the East. Retail demand following the weekend was light to instances moderate for ads. Food service was fair to good, best for fast food and catering businesses. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was moderate to good. Gizzards were readily available and slow to clear, and wings were close balanced to tight and moving well. The remaining parts were in good supply to tight with boneless leg items in the shortest position. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly 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 18-DEC-2006 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

AREAS	MAJORITY	COMPOSITE		LOADS	
		WTD AVG	LOADS		WTD AVG
Boston/New England	TFEWR	:		63.80	16
Chicago	61.00-64.00	63.26	35 :	64.85	60
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	:		61.98	23
Denver	75.50	75.50	13 :	76.46	14
Detroit	63.00-68.00	64.56	9 :	66.13	41
Los Angeles	76.00	74.87	65 :	70.28	153
New York	63.00-66.00	64.82	22 :	60.43	59
Philadelphia	62.50-64.00	63.55	11 :	63.15	24
Pittsburgh	62.00-65.00	64.00	11 :	67.59	55
St. Louis	63.00-63.25	62.62	20 :	60.68	39
San Francisco	76.50	76.16	32 :	75.75	68

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	12/18/06	Change Last Wk	12/11/06	12/19/05
552	66.39	.26	66.13	63.76

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	67.00-68.00	67.65	35
Central	64.00-69.00	66.57	63
Western	70.00-74.00	71.51	33
Mississippi	Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent		
	68.00-70.00	69.27	92

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 69.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG

LOADS	RANGE	FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,128	61.00-71.00	68.76
The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:		
	WTD AVG	VOLUME
LINE RUN TENDERS	155.00	1,384
BREASTS - B/S	128.50	5,777
BREASTS - WHOLE	80.50	1,385
THIGH MEAT - B/S	91.00	1,103
LEG QUARTERS	32.00	8,717
WINGS	101.00	2,717

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers ranged light to fair entering the week. Offerings of all sizes were at least sufficient for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair. The market tone was no better than steady. In the parts complex, most items were adequate and clearing satisfactorily with the exception of gizzards which were available.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was mixed, but at least steady. Retail demand following the weekend was light to moderate, best where featured. Food service was seasonally fair to good, best for fast food outlets where holiday shopping was active, and caterers for holiday festivities. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to well cleared, particularly wogs. In the parts structure, interest was fair to good. Wings were tight and continued to move strong, and the remaining items were in good balance to short and often held with confidence. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged. The market tone was fully steady. Trading reported on regular commitments at unchanged prices and new negotiations at unchanged to higher prices. Offerings were at least adequate. Buying activity was moderate to good. Retailer demand was fairly good overall best where features planned. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. Trade sentiments were steady to firm on parts. Trading reported on parts at 34- 40.5 on leg quarters, leg meat 90-95, wings 102-106, bone on breast 73-90, and boneless breast 102-106. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was up 1.47 to 70.28 with the volume reported down 7 percent to 25 loads.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices continued to increase over last Monday's final prices; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady to firm. Offers were limited for light to moderate trade inquiry. Retail demand was light to moderate. Food service trade activity was light to good, mostly fairly good with fast food and catering providing best clearance. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate; weights desirable. Parts trade inquiry was most active on wings, small boneless/skinless breast and boneless dark meat. Supplies of all parts were limited and held with confidence. The market tone was fully steady to firm on parts.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally light to fair. Seller offerings were fully adequate. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate and included some downtime. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 64 to 74 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. In the parts complex, wings were in short supply. Other cuts were generally noted as adequate to 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	60-75
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying interest was moderate to moderately good entering the week. Offerings of most items were adequate to closely cleared. Gizzards were available and slow to clear. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone was barely steady for gizzards; fully steady to firm for wings, drums and thighs. The balance of items were steady to fully steady.

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	130-135	120.10	692,706
TENDERLOINS	115	108.54	194,100
BREAST - WITH RIBS	70-71	80.65	58,400
BREAST - LINE RUN	70	73.44	77,400
LEGS	45-46	43.45	203,660
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	32-33	32.83	314,040
DRUMSTICKS	33-34	34.73	90,240
THIGHS	37-38	42.36	44,120
B/S THIGHS	98-99	94.36	128,560
WINGS (WHOLE)	99-100	101.23	260,280
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.28	19,040
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	36.38	11,320
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	50.62	25,640

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST 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	1,321	98.00-198.00	116-122	121.30
TENDERLOINS	363	102.00-179.00	-	119.10
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QRTRS (BULK)	1,473	27.00-30.00	28-30	29.31
LEG QRTRS (4/10)	1,779	29.00-40.00	30-32	31.96
WINGS (WHOLE)	877	88.00-115.00	97-102	101.96
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS	1,367	29.00-38.00	35	35.32

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	12/18	12/14	12/14	12/11	12/07
Alabama	4,068	3,786	5.36	3,914	5.47
Arkansas	5,312	4,942	5.02	4,958	5.33
Delmarva	1,981	2,296	5.68	2,261	5.75
KY-LA-TN	2,353	2,350	4.97	2,295	5.09
Mississippi	2,932	2,953	5.57	2,885	5.68
North Carolina	2,701	2,723	6.76	2,677	6.75
Texas	2,501	2,530	5.21	2,534	5.90
Total	21,848	21,580	5.46	21,524	5.66
Mon	21,848(A)			21,524(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 18-Dec 2006 is estimated to be 32,687,000 up 1.20 percent from a week ago. and up 2.7 percent from a year ago. (last week 32,299,000 last year 31,823,000)

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	695	114.00-182.00	-	125.17
TENDERLOINS	233	109.00-177.00	110-115	113.24
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	173	40.00-48.00	-	42.22
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	638	26.00-32.00	27-28	27.30
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	804	29.00-34.00	30-32	30.62
WINGS (WHOLE)	325	90.00-101.00	95-97	96.74
WINGS (CUT)	335	110.00-119.00	115-117	114.90
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 DEC 18, 2006 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
43.50 - 47.50	44.58	44.40

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 18-DEC-TO 22-DEC-2006

	Price (Cents) Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	108.00 - 130.00	115.00 - 124.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	66.00 - 93.00	66.00 - 79.00
LEGS	42.00 - 49.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	26.00 - 35.00	32.00 - 33.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	32.00 - 38.00	34.00 - 35.00
DRUMSTICKS	25.00 - 40.00	-
THIGHS	35.00 - 46.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	84.00 - 111.00	100.00 - 105.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 23.00	-
LIVERS	32.00 - 40.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 65.00	-

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

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	81.75-99.75
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	85.25-102.25

FROZEN HENS 5# & UP

FROZEN DUCKS

FROZEN SQUABS

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

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

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 93-105
	DRY PACK 110-114
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 98
	DRY PACK 111-118
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 86-100
	DRY PACK 100-107
DUCKS	190-195

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 15, 2006				
CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED				
(Cents per Pound)				
FAT	PRICES		VOLUME	
CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	16.00-17.00	402,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		16.65		
15-20%				
RANGE	15.00-21.00	12.00-16.50	2,156,000	1,276,000
WTD AVERAGE	16.73	14.00		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	14.00	160,000	-
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 15, 2006				
CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED				
(Cents per Pound)				
FAT	PRICES		VOLUME	
CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	18.00	-	216,000	216,000
WTD AVERAGE	18.00			
15-20%				
RANGE	14.00-15.75	11.00-16.00	1,093,200	216,000
WTD AVERAGE	14.88	12.53		
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 Prices were generally unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was seasonally fair to moderate for the at least adequate to fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were noted as mostly normal. Sales of finished product moderate. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *			
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 18-DEC-06			
	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	2-7		4.51
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 slow for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fairly good. Schedules were reduced. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *			
PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 18-DEC-06			
	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	2-7.75		4.93

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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