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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices in the major terminal markets were unchanged in the West, but lower in other regions when compared to a week earlier. Trade sentiment was still barely steady in the West, but weak in other market areas. Retail and distributive demand was slow, but about normal into fast food channels. Retail chicken feature activity on white meat and IQF was generally more than the previous week, but dark meat, whole product and most deli items were all lower. Supplies were reported in a better position in late week, but all sizes were usually available and slow to clear in late week trading. Floor stocks were balanced to long. In the parts structure, trading was light with most buyers purchasing on a as need basis. B/S breast items although slightly improved were still available. Dark meat and wings were irregular, but usually available for full trade needs. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy weights.

Preliminary Report Prices negotiated for truck lot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 01-OCT-2007 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	60.00-63.00	37.00-84.00	62.65	26
New York	68.00-71.00			
Los Angeles	88.00			

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	78.00-82.00	48.00-87.00	80.04	89
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broiler/fryers for this week's trading is 81.00 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
924	75.00-82.00	80.30

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	189.50	1,040
BREASTS - B/S	165.50	4,546
BREASTS - WHOLE	100.00	1,041
THIGH MEAT - B/S	113.00	955
LEG QUARTERS	46.00	5,731
WINGS	127.50	2,070

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

SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYER Trade sentiment was weak. Demand for late week business was slow to fair with trading usually confined to regular commitments. Supplies of all sizes were fully adequate to ample and discounted to help clear additional product. In the parts structure, demand was slow for late week trading. Breast items were reported as in a better position but were still fully adequate to plentiful and heavily discounted. IQF party wings were well cleared to short, other wings were at least sufficient, and dark meat was readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy weights.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers remained light and unaggressive entering the weekend with most dealers' cautious and kept floor stocks in close balance with immediate needs. Offerings of all sizes were readily available and competitively priced to stimulate additional buyer interest. Retail and distributive movement was light. Fast food interest was fair to moderate. The market tone was weak. In the parts complex, breast items and tenders were fully adequate to ample. Wings and most dark meat cuts were at least adequate to available for current needs.

WESTERN REGION Preliminary majority prices were unchanged. The market tone was barely steady overall. Light early trading reported and at unchanged to lower prices. Offerings were adequate to ample. Retailer demand was moderate best to cover ads. Dealers anticipated moderate to heavier than desired carryovers.

MIDWEST REGION Preliminary majority prices into the Chicago market area for next week's trade were lower. Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment was mostly weak. Offerings were fully sufficient at sharply discounted price level; fill-in trade noted on whole fryers at 49 1/2 cents. The call was generally moderate into retail and food service; instances fairly good for some anticipating increased first of month business. Floor stocks well cleared to at times more than desired. Weights desirable to mixed. Parts trade was light to moderate with sharply discounted items receiving best call. Offerings of all parts were fully available with small wings ample. The trade sentiment was barely steady to mostly weak on breast cuts and small wings; barely steady to weak on the balance of parts.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light and unaggressive entering the weekend. Seller offerings were readily available and often discounted in an effort to stimulate buyer interest. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were one cent lower at 70 to 84 cents. The market tone remained weak and unsettled. In the parts complex, wings were at least sufficient. Boneless/skinless breast items were ample and discounted for the lackluster demand. Dark meat cuts were fully sufficient to available for trade needs.

***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	60-87
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	09/24/07 - 09/28/07 (A)
	09/25/06 - 09/29/06 (A)
NO. OF BOXES	09/24/07 - 09/28/07 (A)
	09/25/06 - 09/29/06 (A)

(A) NOT REPORTED TO AVOID DISCLOSING INDIVIDUAL OPERATIONS.

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER 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.

Sep 27, 2007					Sep 28, 2007				
ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	(000) WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S		TOO FEW TO REPORT			489	110.00-185.00	-	126.57	2,988 127.01
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			877 119.19
BREAST - LINE RUN	134	80.00-107.00	-	85.94		TOO FEW TO REPORT			496 86.82
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			245 63.51
LEGS	193	49.00-62.00	52-54	52.44		TOO FEW TO REPORT			714 53.98
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	535	36.00-46.00	39-40	39.94	525	38.00-43.00	39-40	39.77	2,575 40.17
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	699	38.00-48.00	42-43	42.19	1,048	40.00-46.00	42-43	42.66	4,005 42.92
WINGS (WHOLE)	295	95.00-126.00	-	118.25	295	94.00-125.00	105-109	109.12	1,455 113.62
WINGS (CUT)	140	122.00-141.00	-	131.68		TOO FEW TO REPORT			590 133.69
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			230 50.68
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			130 53.83
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			380 101.96

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR Sep 27, 2007 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

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RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
47.00 - 58.00	51.97

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
43.25 - 59.50	48.72	52.20

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 continued light and selective as most dealers were cautious and limited orders to most immediate needs. Supplies of breast items and tenders were ample and heavily discounted where product was in excess. Dark meat cuts were fully adequate to available and wings were at least adequate to instances fully adequate for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light. The market tone remained weak for breast items and tenders. Drums and thighs were barely steady to weak; other items were no better than steady to barely steady.

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

Sep 27, 2007				Sep 28, 2007				
ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	WEEKLY WTD AVG	WEEKLY VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	135	137.68	602,289	130-135	138.36	450,160	136.65	2,578,464
TENDERLOINS	125	135.89	136,360	120-125	132.23	109,800	137.21	610,840
BREAST - WITH RIBS	83-84	93.44	103,720	81-82	91.63	98,800	95.47	536,600
BREAST - LINE RUN	83	84.75	95,400	81	82.70	90,000	86.86	446,400
LEGS	59-60	65.29	75,400	59-60	64.66	99,800	64.75	445,240
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	43-44	46.00	224,840	43-44	46.50	165,160	46.18	906,520
DRUMSTICKS	61-62	60.36	84,602	60-61	64.31	143,321	63.21	466,923
THIGHS	52-53	60.79	96,240	51-52	59.48	75,560	60.77	365,200
B/S THIGHS	110-111	114.11	68,000	110-111	117.94	97,240	115.62	345,840
WINGS (WHOLE)	128-129	132.96	118,440	128-129	133.47	132,400	131.94	620,120
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	10.83	17,320	10-12	11.63	22,400	11.11	96,080
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	38.59	7,080	35-40	35.47	10,400	37.35	43,440
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	75.15	20,040	70-75	75.80	18,560	75.37	87,360

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, RI, AND PA (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.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL		AVG WTS	
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)
Alabama	09/28 4,712	09/27 4,100	09/26 4,157	09/25 4,196	09/26 5.55	09/25 5.50	09/21 5,016	09/19 5.50		
Arkansas	4,946	5,435	5,385	5,427	5.38	5.40	4,939	5.35		
Delmarva	2,181	2,265	2,306	2,252	5.82	5.88	2,424	5.99		
KY-LA-TN	2,315	2,443	2,467	2,477	5.10	5.21	2,447	5.12		
Mississippi	3,887	3,152	3,100	3,052	5.58	5.61	3,093	5.72		
North Carolina	3,346	2,933	2,880	2,828	7.00	6.87	3,129	6.92		
Texas	2,526	2,519	2,546	2,524	5.29	5.42	2,566	5.39		
Total	23,913	22,847	22,841	22,756	5.65	5.66	23,614	5.67		
Mon-Fri	115,062 (A)						113,934 (A)			
Saturday	1,975 (included in total for date shown)						1,635			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 28-Sep-07 and 29-Sep-07 is estimated to be 35,777,000 head up 0.97 percent from a week ago and up 6.42 percent from a year ago. (Last week 35,435,000, last year 33,619,000) Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 29-Sep-07 is estimated to be 172,358,000 head up 1.16 percent from a week ago, and up 4.62 percent from a year ago. (Last week 170,377,000, last year 164,748,000) Actual data incorporated when available.

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

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	92-102
ROASTERS 4# & UP	109-118
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	70-79
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

BROILER/FRYER 2# & OVER	ICE PACK	126
	DRY PACK	130
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	145
	DRY PACK	125
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	109
	DRY PACK	124
DUCKS		199-204

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED

W/E 22-Sep-07 Under Federal Inspection (Preliminary)

	-----Thousands-----				
	A	B	C	D	Total
	4.25 lbs & down	4.26 - 6.25 lbs	6.26 - 7.75 lbs	7.76 lbs & up	
Head	36,676	89,522	31,019	13,160	170,377
Avg Live Wgt	3.90	5.37	7.06	8.24	5.58
% of total /1	22%	52%	18%	8%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	41,231	84,820	32,484	9,791	168,326
Avg Live Wgt	3.84	5.35	7.08	8.20	5.48
% of total /1	25%	50%	19%	6%	100%
Year Ago 2/	45,348	84,922	18,623	16,857	165,750
Avg Live Wgt	3.90	5.43	7.01	8.08	5.49
% of total /1	27%	51%	11%	10%	100%
To date/2007	1,638,716	3,073,666	988,715	411,691	6,112,788
To date/2006	1,768,327	3,024,758	864,035	475,353	6,132,473

/1May 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

(PRELIMINARY) YOUNG LIGHT HEAVY TOTAL

W/E 22-SEP-2007	CHICKENS	HENS	HENS	HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
Head	170,377	1,102	1,548	2,650	515
Avg Wt	5.58	3.36	8.23	6.20	6.90
Last week	168,326	947	1,551	2,498	465
Same wk yr ago	165,750	1,054	1,384	2,438	489
Avg Wt	5.49	3.36	8.11	6.06	6.45
To-date/2007	6,112,788	41,900	55,095	96,995	19,064
To-date/2006	6,132,473	41,618	56,173	97,791	19,114

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 169.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 172.4 million head, or 3.3 million more than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/

FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

MILLION HEAD					
WEEK ENDING	SLTRD	AVAIL	PCT	AVG WT	
Aug 18	167.7	169.5	99%	5.40	
25	168.8	168.9	100%	5.30	
Sept 1	173.6	165.9	105%	5.37	
8	151.3	164.8	92%	5.39	
15	170.4	168.4	101%	5.48	
22	172.4	169.1	102%	5.58	
Year to date	6186.8	6270.1	99%		
Sept 29		168.1			
Oct 6		167.4			

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal inspection

W/E	-----Thousands-----				
	09/29/07	09/22/07	%CHG	09/30/06	%CHG
Broilers	172,358	170,377 *	+1.16	164,748 *	+4.62
Cattle	654	645	+01	636*	+03
Hogs	2,223	2,242	-01	2,140 *	+04

*Actual

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

For delivery the week of SEP 24, 2007

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	159-163	163-167
MIDWEST MOSTLY	136-146	138-148

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)	71.00-82.25	75.00-81.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	71.00-86.00	78.00-86.00

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, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices remained unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady. Demand was fair to fairly good. Supplies were adequate. 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 \$.60-.70, livers at \$.95-1.70, and feet at \$.55-.90.

PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 24-SEP-2007

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	122-146	130-148

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION -

DATE OF AUCTION: SEP 25, 2007

PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.15 - 1.20
Pullets 4-6 LBS	- 1.38 ea.
Pekin Ducks	- 2.00 ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.20 - .30
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.25 - .40
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.50 - .60
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	1.00 - 1.20
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.70 - .90
Guinea Fowl	8.00 - 10.00 ea.
Banty Roosters	2.00 - 3.00 ea.
Banty Hens	1.25 - 1.75 ea.
Leghorn Roosters	- 4.00 ea.
Silkie	1.50 - 2.00 ea.
Pigeons	2.00 - 2.20 ea.
White Pigeons	3.90 - 4.10 ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.30 - 1.40
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	1.20 - 1.38
Bunnies	2.00 - 4.00 ea.
Guinea Pigs	2.00 - 6.50 ea.
Goats	45.00 - 55.00 ea.
Kid Goats	25.00 - 35.00 ea.
Doves	- 5.00 ea.
Chukars	2.00 - 3.00 ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.10 - 1.20

Total Coops Sold 352

