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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices were trending lower in the East, but unchanged elsewhere when compared to Monday's values. Trade sentiment was mostly about steady to barely steady. Demand into all channels was moderate at best, but slightly better where first of the month business and fast food promotional activity increased. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate to available for trade needs. Floor stocks were balanced to long. In the parts structure, demand was generally light to fair, but best where weekend needs increased. Supplies were more manageable on some items, but availability was overall at least sufficient to readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy weights.

**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 08-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	42.00-83.50	61.21	24
New York	66.00-69.00			
Los Angeles	88.00			
<b>Southeast Area FOB</b>				
<b>Dock Equivalent</b>				
Mississippi	77.00-80.00	45.00-85.00	79.82	91

**SOUTHERN REGION** Trade sentiment was steady at best. Demand entering the weekend was slow to fair, but improved where first of the month business, retail ads, and fast food promotions were active. Supplies of all sizes were more manageable, but still readily available for trade needs. In the parts structure, demand was mostly fair at best for end of the week trading. Supplies of all items were as not as plentiful as before, but availability was at least adequate to available with mixed interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

**GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is **80.50** cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

### **PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT**

LOADS	RANGE	WTD AVG
932	73.34 – 82.00	79.96

GA f.o.b. dock confirmed PRELIMINARY WTD AVG price on ice-packed parts:

ITEM	(CENTS PER POUND)	(000) POUNDS
LINE RUN TENDERS	182.50	1,237
BREASTS - B/S	155.00	5,106
BREASTS - WHOLE	94.50	1,164
THIGH MEAT - B/S	110.00	1,039
LEG QUARTERS	45.50	7,916
WINGS	124.50	2,463

This information is supplied by the GA Dept of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

**NORTHEAST REGION** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light to mostly fair with most dealers seeing some improvements for first of the month business. Offerings of all sizes were more than sufficient for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair. Fast food interest was fair to moderate, best where feature activity was noted. The market tone was about steady to barely steady. In the parts complex, breast items, tenders were in somewhat better balance and noted as at least adequate to fully adequate. Wings were readily available and slow to clear. Dark meat cuts were at least sufficient for current needs.

**MIDWEST REGION** Preliminary majority delivered prices for next week were unchanged into the Chicago market. The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was about steady. Offerings limited for the light trade activity. Fill-in on mixed wogs noted at 45 cents. Retail demand was in a full range, mostly light to moderate and below expectations. Food service movement was light to good; best into fast food dark meat promotions and delicatessen eight-piece cut-up specials. Floor stocks were in balance overall and weights desirable to occasionally heavy. Parts offerings were fully adequate for the light buyer inquiry. Parts trade sentiment was steady to weak.

**DELMARVA** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds increased somewhat entering the weekend and was generally noted as fair to moderate. Seller offerings were at least adequate to available for immediate trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were reported as mostly moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 68 to 82 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady. In the parts complex, offerings were at least adequate to readily available.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FORM DELMARVA

**WESTERN REGION** Preliminary majority prices were unchanged. The trade sentiment on whole birds was barely steady on regular commitments and barely steady to weak on spot. Offerings were adequate for needs. Retail and distributive demand was mostly fair, instances good with improved interest for first of the month business. Floor stocks were closely balanced; sizes desirable to heavy. Supplies of breasts were ample and adequate to available on the remainder of parts. The market tone was barely steady to weak on breast cuts, barely steady on dark meat items, and weak on wings.

### **BRANDED U.S. GRADE A**

RANGE	55-84
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	(A)
	10/01/07-10/05/07
	10/02/06-10/06/06
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
	10/01/07-10/05/07
	10/02/06-10/06/06
	(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.

Oct 04, 2007					Oct 05, 2007					
ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	WEEKLY (000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	591	104.00-189.00	-	127.23	585	104.00-189.00	-	125.46	2,831	124.50
TENDERLOINS	158	94.00-175.00	-	111.74		TOO FEW TO REPORT			896	110.71
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT			120	73.00-102.00	76-78	74.75	442	79.19
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			291	55.74
LEGS	148	47.00-64.00	53-54	52.85		TOO FEW TO REPORT			607	53.60
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	550	36.00-44.00	39-40	39.93	550	35.00-43.00	39-40	39.48	2,740	39.52
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	833	38.00-46.00	41-42	41.36	804	39.00-48.00	41-42	41.48	3,785	41.61
WINGS (WHOLE)	275	92.00-126.00	-	109.96	310	92.00-128.00	108-112	109.23	1,402	106.23
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			105	112.00-130.00	-	124.00	531	125.49
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			315	51.36
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			72	47.79
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			472	100.49

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR Oct 04, 2007 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE 44.00 - 50.50  
TODAY'S AVERAGE 47.40

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR Oct 05, 2007 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE 43.50 - 50.50  
TODAY'S AVERAGE 47.78  
5-DAY AVERAGE 47.59

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 increased slightly lightly under normal weekend demand but was still noted as light to no better than fair. Supplies of boneless skinless breast and tenders were in somewhat better balance and were more than sufficient for current needs. Bone-in breast and wings were fully adequate to available. Dark meat cuts were at least sufficient. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair. The market tone was barely steady to weak for wings and bone-in breast; no better than steady for the balance of items.

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

Oct 04, 2007				Oct 05, 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	130	135.45	711,940	130	139.93	394,519	137.50	2,614,548
TENDERLOINS	120	128.31	123,560	120	132.47	89,120	130.08	559,450
BREAST - WITH RIBS	73-74	82.89	117,360	73-74	83.91	66,000	87.35	442,080
BREAST - LINE RUN	73	73.64	99,000	72	73.09	99,000	76.57	493,200
LEGS	59-60	64.68	79,280	59-60	64.95	81,800	63.58	494,880
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	43-44	45.31	240,360	43-44	45.19	244,773	45.34	1,080,248
DRUMSTICKS	58-59	65.86	89,160	58-59	64.17	122,334	64.64	458,879
THIGHS	49-50	55.43	80,203	49-50	58.14	79,160	57.08	391,664
B/S THIGHS	110-111	113.91	49,160	110-111	113.61	53,760	113.10	310,360
WINGS (WHOLE)	119-120	127.29	117,160	118-119	121.84	130,505	126.58	653,431
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.27	21,720	10-12	11.40	17,800	11.40	120,880
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	36.34	9,680	35-40	36.60	6,040	36.52	34,920
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	75.17	17,640	70-75	73.69	33,960	74.48	116,120

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	
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)
Alabama	4,421	4,201	4,146	4,141	5.61	5.58	4,427	5.55		
Arkansas	4,989	5,414	5,336	5,421	5.51	5.50	4,935	5.38		
Delmarva	2,255	2,300	2,245	2,215	5.82	5.81	2,251	5.82		
KY-LA-TN	2,447	2,478	2,409	2,476	5.07	5.17	2,310	5.10		
Mississippi	3,568	3,118	2,974	3,146	5.65	5.61	3,803	5.58		
North Carolina	2,801	2,920	2,806	2,852	6.98	6.98	3,263	7.00		
Texas	2,529	2,522	2,483	2,519	5.22	5.42	2,607	5.29		
Total	23,010	22,953	22,399	22,770	5.68	5.71	23,596	5.65		
Mon-Fri	114,495(A)						114,607(A)			
Saturday	781(included in total for date shown)						2,050			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 05-Oct-07 and 06-Oct-07 is estimated to be 34,426,000 head down 2.77 percent from a week ago and down -8.86 percent from a year ago. (Last week 35,408,000, last year 37,771,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 06-Oct-07 is estimated to be 170,230,000 head down 2.08 percent from a week ago, and up 0.30 percent from a year ago. (Last week 173,849,000, last year 169,726,000) 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 29-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	45,905	85,073	28,064	14,807	173,849
Avg Live Wgt	3.78	5.35	6.95	8.09	5.43
% of total /1	26%	49%	16%	9%	100%

Comparisons

Last week	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%
Year Ago 2/	44,316	84,262	19,133	17,037	164,748
Avg Live Wgt	3.78	5.49	6.97	8.14	5.49
% of total /1	27%	51%	12%	10%	100%

To date/2007 1,684,621 3,158,739 1,016,779 426,498 6,286,637  
 To date/2006 1,812,643 3,109,020 883,168 492,390 6,297,221

/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**

(PRELIMINARY) Young Light Heavy Total  
 W/E 29-SEP-2007 Chickens Hens Hens Hens Ducks

	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	173,849	1,050	1,546	2,596	472
Avg Wt	5.43	3.50	8.04	6.20	6.78
Last week	170,377	1,102	1,548	2,650	515
Same wk yr ago	164,748	1,173	1,501	2,674	488
Avg Wt	5.49	3.41	8.16	6.08	6.65
To-date/2007	6,286,637	42,950	56,641	99,591	19,536
To-date/2006	6,297,221	42,791	57,674	100,465	19,602

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 168.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 176.0 million head, or 7.9 million more than estimated available.

**ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

Week Ending	Million Head Slaughtered	Million Head Available	Pct	Avg Wt
Aug 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
29	176.0	168.1	105%	5.43
Year to date	6362.8	6438.2	99%	
Oct 6		167.4		
13		167.0		

**BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**

Under Federal inspection

	-----Thousands-----				
W/E	10/06/07	09/29/07	%CHG	10/07/06	%CHG
Broilers	170,230	173,849*	-2.08	169,726*	+0.30
Cattle	672	650	+03	635*	+06
Hogs	2,321	2,238	+04	2,149*	+08

\*Actual

**EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

For delivery the week of OCT 01, 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	159-163	163-167
MOSTLY		
MIDWEST	136-146	138-148
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)	71.00-79.25	72.00-79.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	71.00-86.00	78.00-84.00

**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 were unchanged.

The trade sentiment was steady. Demand was 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 01-OCT-2007

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

**GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION -**

DATE OF AUCTION: OCT 02, 2007

PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

\*\*AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY\*\*

	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.85 - .90
Pullets 4-6 LBS	- 1.50 ea.
Pekin Ducks	.50 - 1.00 ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.25 - .40
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.30 - .50
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.35 - .50
Crossbred Roasters 4-6 LBS	.60 - .70
Crossbred Roasters 7-11 LBS	.50 - .60
Guinea Fowl	10.00 - 11.00 ea.
Banty Roasters	1.50 - 2.00 ea.
Banty Hens	.50 - 1.00 ea.
Leghorn Hens	- 1.00 ea.
Leghorn Roasters	- 2.00 ea.
Silkie	1.75 - 2.00 ea.
Geese 9-14 LBS	- .30
Pigeons	2.25 - 2.50 ea.
White Pigeons	3.00 - 3.10 ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.25 - 1.35
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	1.20 - 1.40
Bunnies	.50 - 2.00 ea.
Guinea Pigs	.75 - 8.00 ea.
Goats	40.00 - 50.00 ea.
Kid Goats	25.00 - 35.00 ea.
Doves	6.00 - 8.00 ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.85 - .90

Total Coops Sold 432

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Trading for heavy canners were too few to report; generally unchanged on lights when compared to the previous week. Supplies of both light and heavy canners were at least sufficient for current needs with most available supplies of heavy canners being used internally. Demand was seasonally fair. Processing schedules were normal to instances heavy. The undertone was mostly steady.

Cents per pound, current negotiations, without freight cost

**LIGHT CANNER HENS  
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)**  
23-30 MAJORITY 26-27

**HEAVY CANNER HENS  
(WITHOUT NECKS)**  
TOO FEW TO REPORT

Cents per pound, current negotiation, freight cost included

**LIGHT CANNER HENS  
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)**  
24-32.5 MAJORITY 29-31

**HEAVY CANNER HENS  
(WITHOUT NECKS)**  
TOO FEW 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** Prices were generally unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was at least moderate for the adequate to fully adequate offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules were normal to instances heavy. Trade sentiment was steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	3-12	5-8

**SOUTH CENTRAL** Trading was TFEWR. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings of light fowl. Dressed sales were slow. Schedules were reduced. Salvage values were expected to remain constant.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST		TOO FEW TO REPORT

**NORTH CENTRAL** Prices unchanged. Offerings were limited with demand moderate to fairly good. Trade sentiment steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	0-9	0-4.5

**HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\***  
PRELIMINARY PRICE,CENTS PER LB. GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 08-OCT-07

**SOUTH CENTRAL** Trading was light and TFEWR. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings from primary receivers. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were moderate. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	<b>RANGE MAJORITY</b>
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY** Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was generally fair for the at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules for next week were normal to instances heavy. Sales of finished product was fair. The undertone was steady.

	<b>RANGE MAJORITY</b>
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT
AT FARM PRODUCES LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT

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