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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were irregular, trending one cent lower in the West, one cent higher in the Midwest, and unchanged in the East when compared to Monday's values. Trade sentiment was mostly steady to about steady. Retail and food service demand entering the weekend was mostly light to moderate. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to available for trade needs. Floor stocks were mixed. In the parts structure, demand was generally fair. Breast items were adequate to fully sufficient and in a slightly better position. Wings were readily available, and dark meat was more than sufficient, but closer on thigh meat. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, but mostly desirable.

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 15-OCT-2007 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	61.00-64.00	50.00-83.00	63.13	24
New York	66.00-69.00			
Los Angeles	87.00			

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	75.00-79.00	49.00-86.50	78.30	88
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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 80.00 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
935	75.00-81.25	78.82

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	178.00	1,190
BREASTS - B/S	148.50	4,957
BREASTS - WHOLE	90.50	1,102
THIGH MEAT - B/S	111.50	1,005
LEG QUARTERS	45.00	7,626
WINGS	119.00	2,416

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

SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYER Trade sentiment was mixed, but mostly steady. Demand entering the weekend was light to instances moderate, best for fast food promotions and where weekend needs increased. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, demand was mostly fair. Wings were fully adequate with light interest. Breast items and dark meat cuts were at least adequate to available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was usually only fair going into the weekend, as most buyers were purchasing on a as needed basis. Offerings of all sizes were adequate, but not as available as early week. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair, best where limited and reduced feature activity was in progress. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, thigh meat was well cleared, wings were available, and the balance of items were usually adequate for current needs.

WESTERN REGION Whole fryer trade sentiment was about steady with additional offers adequate for the light buyer needs. Demand into retail and distributive channels was fair to instances good with slightly improved fill in interest going into the weekend. Many buyers were purchasing for immediate needs only keeping floor stocks mostly balanced; sizes were desirable. Parts supplies were adequate to available. The market tone was steady to barely steady on all parts.

MIDWEST REGION Preliminary majorities were up 1 cent in Chicago and too few to report elsewhere. The market tone on whole broiler/fryers remained mostly steady. Offerings were mostly light. Retail and food service activity covered the full range of light to mostly moderate. Floor stocks were mixed; weights desirable to heavy. Parts trade was on an as needed basis with current commitments covering most needs. Parts offerings were light today. Parts trade sentiment was steady to about steady on all parts except for wings which were mixed.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to at times moderate entering the weekend. Offerings were usually sufficient for current trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but noted as mostly desirable. Processing schedules were mostly moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices remained unchanged at 68 to 82 cents. Trade sentiment ranged about steady to steady. In the parts complex, breast items and tenders were fully adequate and moving into a slightly better position. Wings and most dark meat cuts were at least 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	55-84
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	10/08/07 - 10/12/07 (A)
	10/09/06 - 10/13/06 (A)
NO. OF BOXES	10/08/07 - 10/12/07 (A)
	10/09/06 - 10/13/06 (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 11, 2007	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	Oct 12, 2007 WEEKLY (000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	646	105.00-188.00	-	123.36	575	107.00-188.00	-	121.23	2,421	122.30
TENDERLOINS	166	100.00-175.00	-	109.20	139	100.00-145.00	-	108.96	652	106.65
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				340	74.94
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				180	53.36
LEGS	211	48.00-61.00	52-53	52.16	TOO FEW TO REPORT				538	53.03
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	550	35.00-43.00	38-40	39.15	595	37.00-42.00	39-40	39.39	2,240	39.41
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	909	39.00-46.00	41-42	41.15	1,082	39.00-46.00	41-42	41.12	3,709	41.17
WINGS (WHOLE)	295	90.00-125.00	105-108	108.64	241	90.00-124.00	105-109	104.95	1,081	106.19
WINGS (CUT)	TOO FEW TO REPORT				109	110.00-126.00	-	118.22	399	120.89
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				259	45.43
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				106	43.45
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				387	98.26

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR Oct 11, 2007 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
42.50 - 50.50	45.69

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR Oct 12, 2007 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
44.50 - 49.50	46.95	46.43

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 was only fair going into the weekend. Supplies of breast items and tenders were fully sufficient for current needs, but in a slightly better position than early week. Wings and most dark meats cuts were at least adequate to fully adequate for requirements. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to instances moderate. The market tone was barely steady on most items.

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

Oct 11, 2007	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	WEEKLY WTD AVG	WEEKLY VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	130	133.48	418,760	130	124.57	477,522	128.13	2,381,951
TENDERLOINS	120	122.02	103,920	120	123.84	79,920	122.73	551,210
BREAST - WITH RIBS	73-74	79.39	85,680	73-74	83.62	80,280	81.82	321,560
BREAST - LINE RUN	72	73.39	97,200	72	73.44	81,000	73.05	488,440
LEGS	59-60	65.83	55,600	59-60	67.13	89,720	64.37	431,680
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	43-44	45.12	139,320	43-44	45.35	230,600	45.40	998,720
DRUMSTICKS	58-59	65.49	46,000	58-59	64.16	68,277	64.30	384,953
THIGHS	49-50	57.11	84,640	49-50	58.83	61,120	58.41	357,500
B/S THIGHS	110-111	113.78	54,920	110-111	111.70	54,440	113.51	289,140
WINGS (WHOLE)	112-113	117.58	138,640	112-113	118.71	146,840	118.13	669,740
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.93	17,640	10-12	11.75	21,240	11.73	90,640
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	36.22	8,080	35-40	38.67	10,680	37.02	40,040
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	70.23	16,560	70-75	72.23	22,560	72.74	91,370

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 (1,000)		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WTS		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WTS	
	10/12	10/11	10/10	10/09	10/10	10/09	10/05	10/05	10/03	10/03
Alabama	4,124	4,269	4,083	4,112	5.65	5.65	4,764	5.61		
Arkansas	4,996	5,415	5,464	5,321	5.43	5.50	5,163	5.51		
Delmarva	2,202	2,214	2,191	2,200	5.91	5.92	2,265	5.82		
KY-LA-TN	2,556	2,479	2,434	2,453	5.15	5.20	2,468	5.07		
Mississippi	3,086	3,190	2,662	2,624	5.83	5.61	3,577	5.65		
North Carolina	2,985	2,730	2,892	2,867	7.02	7.00	2,898	6.98		
Texas	2,527	2,524	2,524	2,491	5.27	5.39	2,517	5.22		
Total	22,476	22,821	22,250	22,068	5.72	5.74	23,652	5.68		
Mon-Fri	112,405(A)						113,972(A)			
Saturday	487(included in total for date shown)						1,608			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 12-Oct-07 and 13-Oct-07 is estimated to be 33,627,000 head down 5.25 percent from a week ago and up 0.15 percent from a year ago. (Last week 35,492,000, last year 33,576,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 13-Oct-07 is estimated to be 167,043,000 head down 2.46 percent from a week ago, and up 3.29 percent from a year ago. (Last week 171,257,000, last year 161,719,000) Actual data incorporated when available.

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

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	94-100
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	110
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	140
	DRY PACK	108
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	109
	DRY PACK	105
DUCKS		199-204

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED

W/E 06-OCT -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	42,786	82,472	29,464	16,535	171,257
Avg Live Wgt	3.84	5.39	7.01	8.60	5.59
% of total /1	25%	48%	17%	10%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	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%
Year Ago 2/	42,025	87,962	23,259	16,480	169,726
Avg Live Wgt	3.83	5.47	7.03	8.18	5.57
% of total /1	25%	51%	14%	10%	100%
To date/2007	1,727,407	3,241,211	1,046,243	443,033	6,457,894
To date/2006	1,854,668	3,196,982	906,427	508,870	6,466,947

/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 Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
W/E 06-OCT-2007	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	171,257	1,205	1,598	2,803	490
Avg Wt	5.59	3.36	8.13	6.08	6.79
Last week	173,849	1,050	1,546	2,596	472
Same wk yr ago	169,726	952	1,672	2,624	457
Avg Wt	5.57	3.31	7.90	6.23	6.29
To-date/2007	6,457,894	44,155	58,239	102,394	20,026
To-date/2006	6,466,947	43,743	59,346	103,089	20,059

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 167.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 173.3 million head, or 5.9 million more than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

Week Ending	Million Head Slaughtered	Million Head Available	Pct	Avg Wt
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
Oct 6	173.3	167.4	104%	5.59
Year to date	6536.1	6605.6	99%	
Oct 13		167.0		
20		166.7		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

W/E	-----Thousands-----				
	10/13/07	10/06/07	%CHG	10/14/06	%CHG
Broilers	167,043	171,257 *	-2.46	161,719*	+3.29
Cattle	639	672	-05	621*	+03
Hogs	2,348	2,321	+01	2,161 *	+09

*Actual

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

For delivery the week of OCT 08, 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)	71.00-77.25	73.00-77.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	71.00-84.00	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 remained

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 08-OCT-2007

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

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION -

DATE OF AUCTION: OCT 09, 2007

PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.50 - .80
Doves	4.00 - 6.00 ea.
Pekin Ducks	- 1.50 ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.20 - .35
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.40 - .50
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.60 - .70
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.50 - .60
Guinea Fowl	6.00 - 8.00 ea.
Banty Roosters	2.00 - 2.25 ea.
Banty Hens	1.00 - 1.75 ea.
Silkie	3.00 - 3.25 ea.
Pigeons	2.10 - 2.25 ea.
White Pigeons	3.00 - 3.10 ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.60 - 1.70
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	1.20 - 1.30
Bunnies	.50 - 1.25
Guinea Pigs	.25 - 1.00 ea.
Goats	40.00 - 50.00 ea.
Kid Goats	25.00 - 30.00 ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.50 - .80

Total Coops Sold 336

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading for heavy canners were too few to report; generally unchanged on lights when compared to a week earlier. Supplies of both light and heavy canners were more than 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 27-28

**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 unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was moderate to 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.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	3-12	5-8

SOUTH CENTRAL Costs required for disposal of leghorn fowl were limited and of insufficient volume to report prices. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were light. Salvage values were expected to remain steady.

RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT

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

	RANGE	MAJORITY
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 15-OCT-07

SOUTH CENTRAL Trading levels were TFEWR. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	RANGE MAJORITY
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 mostly 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.

	RANGE MAJORITY
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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