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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Preliminary majority prices were one cent lower in the West, but unchanged in the East and Midwest when compared to a week earlier. Trade sentiment was generally steady at the current levels. Demand was good where features were in progress, other wise only fair. Supplies were in fair balance, but still at least sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, demand was good where features were active, else where no better than fair for late week trading. Supplies of wings were irregular, but full adequate; thighs and b/s thigh meat were tight, most other items were adequate or available with limited interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable 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 29-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	53.00-82.00	64.42	25
New York	67.00-70.00			
Los Angeles	86.00			

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	73.00-77.00	54.00-82.00	76.66	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 79.00 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
920	75.00-82.00	78.54

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	174.00	1,149
BREASTS - B/S	142.00	5,108
BREASTS - WHOLE	84.50	1,164
THIGH MEAT - B/S	109.50	1,041
LEG QUARTERS	43.50	7,894
WINGS	113.00	2,465

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

**SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYER** Trade sentiment was weak in the West, but mostly steady elsewhere. Demand was light to fair; although slightly better where ads and fast food activity was in progress. Supplies were in fair balance, but still fully sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, demand was fair for late week trading. Overall, wing were sufficient, breast items were adequate to available, and thigh meat was tight, but other dark meat items were at least sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers increased slightly entering the weekend and was noted as mostly fair. Offerings of all sizes were at least sufficient for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was fair. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breast and tenders were mostly adequate clearing satisfactorily; bone-in breast were fully sufficient for current needs. Wings were noted as irregular and ranged adequate to available. Thighs and boneless skinless thighs were in good balance to well cleared.

**WESTERN REGION** Preliminary majority prices were 1 cent lower. Buying activity was light with early trading reported at lower prices. Offerings were generally adequate to ample. Some improvement expected for first of the month. Retailer demand was moderate. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances. The market tone was generally steady on parts.

**MIDWEST REGION** Preliminary majorities were unchanged in Chicago and too few to report elsewhere in the Midwest. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady. Offers were light with limited buyer inquiry. Retail and food service demand remained slow to moderate at best. Floor stocks were in close balance to fully adequate; weights mostly desirable. Parts offerings were light to moderate and hard to get much interest past immediate needs. The market tone on parts was mostly steady.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to fair entering the weekend. Offerings were fully sufficient to handle present trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights varied, but were reported as mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices remained unchanged at 69 to 83 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. In the parts complex, wings were mixed and ranged sufficient to fully sufficient. Breast cuts were reported as adequate to available. Most dark meat items were at least sufficient.

\*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	68-85
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	10/22/07 - 10/26/07 (A)
	10/23/06 - 10/27/06 (A)
NO. OF BOXES	10/22/07 - 10/26/07 (A)
	10/23/06 - 10/27/06 (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 25, 2007					Oct 26, 2007						
ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	WEEKLY (000)	WTD AVG	
BREAST - B/S	559	110.00-178.00	-	123.47	609	110.00-189.00	-	127.34	3,025	124.71	
TENDERLOINS	151	100.00-165.00	-	114.67	141	100.00-178.00	-	111.32	720	110.53	
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				402	76.64	
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				248	55.46	
LEGS	155	49.00-65.00	52-54	54.42	TOO FEW TO REPORT				668	51.26	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	453	36.00-43.00	-	39.30	442	39.00-44.00	-	40.24	2,464	39.58	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,275	39.00-45.00	-	40.20	835	38.00-45.00	-	41.18	4,775	40.75	
WINGS (WHOLE)	295	91.00-120.00	100-105	104.69	300	91.00-118.00	100-105	104.30	1,505	103.93	
WINGS (CUT)	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				480	115.66	
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				331	52.89	
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				140	51.77	
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				465	102.42	
WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR Oct 25, 2007 -- F.O.B. DOCK.					WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR Oct 26, 2007 -- F.O.B. DOCK.						
RANGE		TODAY'S AVERAGE			RANGE		TODAY'S AVERAGE			5-DAY AVERAGE	
45.50 - 51.00		48.01			46.00 - 51.50		47.56			47.61	

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 and was noted as fair to instances moderate entering the weekend. Supplies of boneless skinless breast and tenders were generally sufficient and clearing satisfactorily; bone-in breast were at least adequate to fully adequate for current needs. Drums were available and slow clear while thighs and boneless skinless thighs were well cleared. Wings were irregular and ranged adequate to readily available. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone was barely steady to weak for drums and wings; thighs and boneless skinless thighs were fully steady to instances firm.

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

Oct 25, 2007				Oct 26, 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	127.95	670,248	130	128.68	343,369	128.40	2,347,978
TENDERLOINS	120	121.01	99,920	120	125.25	93,720	122.46	584,773
BREAST - WITH RIBS	73-74	79.16	178,800	73-74	84.85	59,120	80.50	456,280
BREAST - LINE RUN	72	72.91	77,400	72	73.09	99,000	73.07	484,200
LEGS	59-60	64.10	105,460	59-60	64.83	84,800	64.03	479,940
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	43-44	44.65	183,200	43-44	45.19	162,200	44.74	838,240
DRUMSTICKS	57-58	60.19	93,000	56-57	65.06	31,760	63.89	296,640
THIGHS	49-50	59.81	67,270	50-51	59.06	77,789	60.31	353,480
B/S THIGHS	111-112	114.02	58,840	112-113	112.68	55,280	113.22	275,360
WINGS (WHOLE)	111-112	114.70	110,160	110-111	116.59	120,360	112.51	574,080
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.06	28,640	10-12	11.49	24,800	11.04	134,120
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	36.06	9,400	35-40	36.28	9,360	36.45	41,000
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	65-70	67.45	8,800	65-70	65.54	16,920	64.24	94,760

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	4,024	4,209	4,078	4,080	5.62	5.64	4,099	5.55		
Arkansas	4,828	5,373	5,183	5,347	5.50	5.50	5,172	5.37		
Delmarva	2,170	2,249	2,247	2,264	5.81	5.93	2,274	5.93		
KY-LA-TN	2,406	2,443	2,459	2,414	5.11	5.13	2,642	5.18		
Mississippi	3,560	3,056	3,042	2,941	5.80	5.61	3,212	5.68		
North Carolina	2,819	2,937	2,937	2,816	7.06	7.13	3,279	7.07		
Texas	2,517	2,514	2,538	2,409	5.43	5.40	2,256	5.35		
Total	22,324	22,781	22,484	22,271	5.75	5.76	22,934	5.69		
Mon-Fri	113,156	(A)					112,948	(A)		
Saturday	804	(included in total for date shown)					802			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 26-Oct-07 and 27-Oct-07 is estimated to be 33,399,000 head down 2.95 percent from a week ago and up 1.81 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 34,415,000, last year 32,806,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 27-Oct-07 is estimated to be 168,138,000 head down 0.89 percent from a week ago, and up 2.37 percent from a year ago. (Last week 169,642,000, last year 164,244,000)

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#	67-78
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

### SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
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 20-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	38,040	80,484	32,036	19,082	169,642
Avg Live Wgt	3.82	5.39	6.94	8.17	5.65
% of total /1	22%	47%	19%	12%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	46,637	75,536	27,891	17,022	167,086
Avg Live Wgt	3.77	5.47	6.94	8.26	5.52
% of total /1	28%	45%	17%	10%	100%
Year Ago 2/	40,896	86,979	18,971	18,749	165,595
Avg Live Wgt	3.72	5.39	6.97	8.16	5.47
% of total /1	25%	53%	11%	11%	100%
To date/2007	1,812,084	3,397,231	1,106,170	479,137	6,794,622
To date/2006	1,935,944	3,364,963	946,939	546,415	6,794,261

/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 20-OCT-2007	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	169,642	1,187	1,602	2,789	484
Avg Wt	5.65	3.24	8.52	6.27	6.79
Last week	167,086	1,032	1,609	2,641	475
Same wk yr ago	165,595	1,068	1,532	2,600	497
Avg Wt	5.47	3.27	8.16	6.15	6.73
To-date/2007	6,794,622	46,374	61,450	107,824	20,985
To-date/2006	6,794,261	45,819	62,416	108,235	21,039

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 166.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 171.7 million head, or 5.0 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 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
13	169.1	167.0	101%	5.52
20	171.7	166.7	103%	5.65
Year to date	6876.9	6939.3	99%	
Oct 27		166.3		
Nov 3		166.2		

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

W/E	-----Thousands-----				
	10/27/07	10/20/07	%CHG	10/28/06	%CHG
Broilers	168,138	169,642 *	-0.89	164,244 *	+2.37
Cattle	670	674	-01	649*	+03
Hogs	2,324	2,345	-01	2,182 *	+07

\*Actual

**EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

For delivery the week of OCT 22, 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)	70.00-77.50	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 moderate to 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 22-OCT-2007

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

**GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION -**

DATE OF AUCTION: OCT 23, 2007

PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

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

	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.05 - 1.25
Pullets 4-6 LBS	- 1.10 ea.
Pekin Ducks	2.50 - 3.00
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.30 - .50
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.45 - .60
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.40 - .60
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.90 - 1.20
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.80 - .90
Guinea Fowl	6.00 - 9.00 ea.
Banty Roosters	2.75 - 4.50 ea.
Banty Hens	1.00 - 1.50 ea.
Silkie	1.50 - 3.75 ea.
Geese 9-14 LBS	- .40
Pigeons	3.30 - 3.75 ea.
White Pigeons	3.75 - 4.10 ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.50 - 1.70
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	1.20 - 1.40
Bunnies	1.00 - 3.00 ea.
Guinea Pigs	.25 - 5.00 ea.
Goats	40.00 - 50.00 ea.
Doves	- 3.50 ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.85 - 1.10

**Total Coops Sold 400**

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

Cents per pound, current negotiations, without freight cost

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b> 23-30 MAJORITY 27-28	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)</b> TOO FEW TO REPORT
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Cents per pound, current negotiation, freight cost included

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b> 24-32.5 MAJORITY 29-31	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)</b> TOO FEW TO REPORT
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**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 at least moderate for the generally adequate offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

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

**SOUTH CENTRAL** Trading was TFEWR. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were light. Disposal costs were expected to remain steady.

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

**NORTH CENTRAL** Prices were slightly higher. Offerings were adequate with demand moderate to fairly good. Trade sentiment about steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	0-11	0-4.5

**HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\***  
PRELIMINARY PRICE,CENTS PER LB. GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 29-OCT-07

**SOUTH CENTRAL** Trading levels were light and TFEWR. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair and improving. Trade sentiment was at least 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 seasonally fair to moderate for the adequate to 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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