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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Final majority prices were one cent lower in the West, unchanged in the East, and irregular in the Midwest when compared to previous week. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak in the West, but steady elsewhere. Retail demand was light to moderate, best for ads, with some optimism for upcoming first of the month business. Food service was also light to moderate, best into fast food outlets. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. Floor stocks were in full range. In the parts structure, demand was mostly fair following the weekend. Wings were mixed, but readily available. Thighs and boneless skinless thighs were in good balance to well cleared, and the remaining items were at least adequate or available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, but mostly desirable.

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 29-OCT-2007 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Boston/New England	TFEWR		:	69.04	17
Chicago	61.00-64.00	64.87	30 :	61.39	56
Ohio Cities	TFEWR		:	60.51	18
Denver	85.50	85.50	13 :	85.70	15
Detroit	63.00-67.00	67.25	8 :	66.51	47
Los Angeles	86.00	83.94	62 :	76.84	140
New York	67.00-70.00	68.57	21 :	68.88	54
Philadelphia	66.50-68.00	67.55	11 :	66.23	24
Pittsburgh	66.00-69.00	68.27	11 :	71.96	57
St. Louis	63.25-64.50	63.61	19 :	64.27	31
San Francisco	86.50	85.77	30 :	81.27	83

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	10/29/07	Change Last Wk	10/22/07	10/30/06
542	70.75	-.46	71.21	65.57

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delivered to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities:

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
Eastern	68.00-70.00	68.82	34
Central	52.00-69.00	61.15	68
Western	60.00-72.00	68.04	47
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent			
Mississippi	73.00-77.00	76.66	88

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.

MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	VOLUME
1,102	61.00-82.00		78.05
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed FINAL weighted average price on ice-packed parts:			
LINE RUN TENDERS		172.00	1,423
BREASTS - B/S		141.50	5,875
BREASTS - WHOLE		85.00	1,462
THIGH MEAT - B/S		110.00	1,170
LEG QUARTERS		43.50	9,286
WINGS		113.50	2,742

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

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light to mostly fair entering the week. Offerings of all sizes were generally sufficient for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breast and tenders were sufficient; bone-in breasts, wings and drums were at least adequate to available. Other items were adequate to fully adequate for trade needs.

SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail and food service demand was seasonally light to fair, at times moderate for active ads and fast food promotions. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, demand was fair following the weekend. Wings were mixed, but obtainable. Dark meat was at least adequate, and breast items were readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were 1 cent lower throughout the region. Reported trading, although mixed, were generally lower. Offerings were adequate to ample. Discounts helped to stimulate additional buying activity. Retailer demand improved where features planned for first-of-the-month interest; elsewhere only fair. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was down 1.11 to 60.91, with the volume reported at 35 loads down 8 percent.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Major market's final majority prices were unchanged to higher; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady. Offers were light on moderate trade inquiry. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate overall; increased volume expected by midweek for first of month. Floor stocks were in full range; weights desirable. Parts offerings were more limited from prior week and inquiry was light to fairly good. The market tone was steady on parts.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was slow to fair for early week business. Offerings, although not that available, were usually adequate for current trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable to a tad heavy. Processing schedules were light. Less than trucklot asking prices remained unchanged at 69 to 83 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, wings were adequate to fully adequate. The balance of parts were generally sufficient for buyers requirements.

*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	69-88
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operation.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying interest was noted as mostly fair as dealers assess market developments entering the week. Supplies of boneless skinless breast and tenders were generally sufficient and clearing satisfactorily; bone-in breast and wings were at least adequate for current needs. Drums were available and slow clear while thighs and boneless skinless thighs were in good balance to well cleared. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone was barely steady for drums and wings; thighs and boneless skinless thighs were fully steady. Other items were generally steady.

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

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S		130	131.48	380,266
TENDERLOINS		120	123.82	118,820
BREAST - WITH RIBS	73-74		79.85	57,240
BREAST - LINE RUN		72	73.55	80,640
LEGS	59-60		64.04	80,960
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	43-44		45.07	145,080
DRUMSTICKS	56-57		66.96	27,240
THIGHS	50-51		59.86	58,086
B/S THIGHS	112-113		116.52	29,880
WINGS (WHOLE)	110-111		114.79	146,160
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12		12.02	7,600
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40		34.88	6,240
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	65-70		62.27	11,800

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.

ARKANSAS 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.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,771	102.00-176.00	115-118	118.48
TENDERLOINS	486	105.00-211.00	-	115.17
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,183	37.00-43.00	37-40	38.71
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,409	40.00-46.00	40-41	40.57
WINGS (WHOLE)	977	70.00-135.00	97-105	101.72
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
THIGHS	1,489	36.00-51.00	36-37	36.95

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (In thousands)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	10/29	10/25	10/25	10/22	10/18
Alabama	4,204	4,141	5.47	4,103	5.48
Arkansas	5,333	5,323	5.41	5,204	5.39
Delmarva	1,815	2,231	5.79	2,293	5.69
KY-LA-TN	2,435	2,426	5.09	2,428	5.08
Mississippi	3,094	3,103	5.69	3,076	5.66
North Carolina	2,930	2,883	7.02	2,851	7.04
Texas	2,499	2,530	5.30	2,299	5.24
Total	22,310	22,637	5.66	22,254	5.63
Mon	22,310 (A)			22,254 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 29-Oct 2007 is estimated to be 33,378,000 down 0.05 percent from a week ago and up 3.8 percent from a year ago.

(last week 33,394,000 last year 32,152,000)

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.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	549	113.00-192.00	-	127.73
TENDERLOINS	161	100.00-145.00	-	110.03
BREAST - LINE RUN	158	76.00-103.00	-	84.35
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	138	52.00-60.00	53-54	53.55
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	466	35.00-43.00	38-39	38.88
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	740	39.00-46.00	40-41	40.49
WINGS (WHOLE)	295	88.00-119.00	100-105	104.14
WINGS (CUT)	100	109.00-124.00	-	118.75
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
45.50 - 51.00	48.19	47.74

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 29-OCT-2007 TO 02-NOV-2007, CENTS PER POUND

	Price per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	112.00-138.00	115.00 -125.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	67.00 - 94.00	74.00 - 85.00
LEGS	57.00 - 64.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	39.50 - 47.00	41.00 - 43.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	42.00 - 47.00	44.00 - 45.00
DRUMSTICKS	49.00 - 65.00	-
THIGHS	47.00 - 61.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	85.00-111.00	106.00 -111.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 25.00	-
LIVERS	32.00 - 47.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	36.00 - 65.00	-

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

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	91.5-107.5
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	95-112
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	
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

On January 4, 2008 these reports will be combined into the new National Mechanically Separated Chicken report and will no longer be available as a separate report. Until then, the new National MSC report will run concurrently and may be viewed at:
<http://www.ams.usda.gov/poultry/mnsc/PDF%20Reports/MSC/msc.htm>.

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.

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CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED ---- PRICES ---- VOLUME ----
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	18.00	15.00-16.00	960,000	314,000
WTD AVERAGE	18.00	15.85		
15-20%				
RANGE	16.00-21.00	11.00-16.00	2,455,800	1,393,800
WTD AVERAGE	18.23	13.82		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	14.00	120,000	-
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.

OCT 26, 2007

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED ---- PRICES ---- VOLUME ----
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	15.50-16.00	102,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		15.80		
15-20%				
RANGE	16.00-20.00	11.00-15.00	2,737,200	1,210,800
WTD AVERAGE	16.96	12.08		
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 HENS

Prices were generally unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was seasonally fair to moderate for the adequate to at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were normal to instances heavy. Sales of finished product was fair. The undertone was steady.

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

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-12		9.29
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 HENS

Trading levels were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were as desired. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 29-OCT-07

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.25-12		8.94

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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