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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were higher in the Midwest, but unchanged elsewhere when compared to previous week's values. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Retail demand was seasonally light with interest focused on other holiday items. Food service was fair to moderate with slightly better movement into fast food and some delis. Supplies of all sizes were usually more than sufficient to handle trade needs. Floor stocks were adequate to close balanced. Planned processing schedules for this week were mostly part time with many plants down in observance of the holiday. In the parts structure, movement was mostly light to fair following the weekend. Breast items were adequate to fully sufficient and often slow to clear. Dark meat was readily available, and wings were sufficient and moving. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy weights.

**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 19-NOV-2007 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Boston/New England	TFEWR		:	70.56	12
Chicago	63.00-66.00	65.22	31 :	65.37	50
Ohio Cities	TFEWR		:	63.12	16
Denver	84.50	84.50	14 :	83.25	16
Detroit	66.00-67.00	68.63	8 :	68.40	39
Los Angeles	85.00	83.34	65 :	80.90	114
New York	67.00-70.00	68.35	20 :	70.02	48
Philadelphia	65.50-68.00	67.25	12 :	67.26	23
Pittsburgh	66.00-69.00	67.64	11 :	72.10	56
St. Louis	64.75-66.00	65.06	19 :	66.86	29
San Francisco	85.50	85.11	32 :	87.32	52
Composite Weighted Average					
Loads	11/19/07	Change Last Wk	11/12/07		11/20/06
455	73.13	1.60	71.53		66.26

**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	70.00-80.00	74.92	33
Central	58.00-71.00	66.11	53
Western	69.00-75.00	73.27	36
<b>Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent</b>			
Mississippi	76.00-79.00	76.17	90

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broiler/fryers for this week's trading is 77.75 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

### MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG

LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	WTD. AVG.	WTD. AVG.
1,047	63.00-80.00	77.14		
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed FINAL weighted average price on ice-packed parts:				
LINE RUN TENDERS		167.00	1,373	
BREASTS - B/S		137.00	5,635	
BREASTS - WHOLE		82.00	1,397	
THIGH MEAT - B/S		112.00	1,090	
LEG QUARTERS		42.50	8,946	
WINGS		111.00	2,634	

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 fair entering the week as most dealers look to other holiday meat items and were content in limiting orders to most immediate needs. Offerings of all sizes were at least sufficient for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was seasonally light to fair. The market tone was generally steady. In the parts complex, breast items and tenders were fully adequate and slow to clear. Dark meat cuts at least adequate and wings were in good balance and clearing satisfactorily.

**SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Pre-holiday demand was light to fair as industry prepared for Thanksgiving Day, and orders were limited to regular commitments. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to satisfy light trade needs. Schedules for this week are mostly part time with many plants down one or two days for the holiday. In the parts structure, movement was mostly fair for early week trading with supplies of all items at least adequate or available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Final majority prices were unchanged. Trading for this week's deliveries reported at generally unchanged prices on regular negotiations, however new negotiations were at mainly higher prices. Offerings, when compared to immediate needs, were overall ample. Buying activity was seasonal. Retailer demand was lighter, and not expected to improve until after the holiday. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was up 2.79 to 70.42; with the volume reported down 3 percent to 31 loads.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Final majority prices into major markets increased; Ohio cities TFEWR. Trade sentiment mostly steady. Offers limited on light buyer interest. Retail and food service movement was slow to moderate, best into delicatessens and some fast food promotions. Floor stocks in close balance with reduced incoming commitments to help maintain levels. Weights desirable to heavy. Parts trade was light as turkey and other holiday proteins remain primary trade focus. Parts offerings were fully sufficient. The market tone was barely steady on breast cuts and drumsticks; steady on dark meat and wings.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair for early week holiday business. Offerings, although not that available, were adequate for current trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were trending heavy, but mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices remained unchanged at 69 to 83 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, overall, supplies were in fair balance with wings reported as sufficient and in slightly better position. Tenders were adequate to fully adequate. The balance of parts were usually adequate 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	64-85
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operation.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying interest was light and generally unaggressive entering the Thanksgiving holiday week as most dealers shifted their focus to other traditional meat items. Offerings of bone-in breast and tenders were fully adequate to readily available and slow to clear; boneless skinless breast were at least adequate to available. Most dark meat cuts were at least adequate Wings were clearing satisfactorily. Movement through retail and distributive channels was seasonally light to fair. The market tone was barely steady to weak for breast items and tenders; other items were generally steady.

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

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S		125-130	122.77	390,185
TENDERLOINS		105-110	111.90	85,320
BREAST - WITH RIBS		70-71	73.54	67,280
BREAST - LINE RUN		70	70.07	71,880
LEGS		59-60	63.13	78,200
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)		41-42	43.27	208,453
DRUMSTICKS		52-53	59.92	44,320
THIGHS		51-52	57.01	45,880
B/S THIGHS		113-114	112.74	32,760
WINGS (WHOLE)		110-111	112.29	128,256
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)		10-12	11.16	23,360
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)		35-40	39.47	6,400
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)		70-75	74.56	14,640

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	1,665	102.00-177.00	104-119	112.51
TENDERLOINS	408	92.00-211.00	-	112.28
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,331	36.00-41.00	38-39	38.20
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,343	36.00-46.00	38-41	39.39
WINGS (WHOLE)	737	80.00-135.00	-	99.51
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (In thousands)**

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	11/19	11/15	11/15	11/12	11/08
Alabama	4,302	4,039	5.67	4,036	5.54
Arkansas	5,333	5,358	5.31	5,294	5.43
Delmarva	2,300	2,205	5.91	2,289	5.93
KY-LA-TN	2,406	2,403	5.13	2,386	5.12
Mississippi	3,097	2,851	5.43	2,613	5.55
North Carolina	2,958	2,845	7.08	2,835	6.95
Texas	2,501	2,529	5.32	2,582	5.39
Total	22,897	22,230	5.66	22,035	5.66
Mon	22,897 (A)			22,035 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 19-Nov 2007 is estimated to be 34,256,000 up 3.60 percent from a week ago and up 6.9 percent from a year ago. (last week 33,066,000 last year 32,048,000)

**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	669	105.00-152.00	-	116.24
TENDERLOINS	196	96.00-134.00	-	103.87
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	497	36.00-42.00	38-39	38.31
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	470	38.00-45.00	40-42	40.95
WINGS (WHOLE)	295	100.00-115.00	106-109	108.14
WINGS (CUT)	100	115.00-124.00	-	120.85
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-

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Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for Nov 19, 2007 -- F.O.B. Dock

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
44.50 - 50.00	47.01	46.80

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 19-NOV-2007 TO 23-NOV-2007, CENTS PER POUND

	Price per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	107.00 - 136.00	110.00 - 121.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	66.00 - 94.00	71.00 - 82.00
LEGS	39.00 - 64.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	35.00 - 47.00	41.00 - 43.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	38.00 - 48.00	43.00 - 45.00
DRUMSTICKS	48.00 - 65.00	-
THIGHS	48.00 - 63.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	94.00 - 114.00	106.00 - 110.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 25.00	-
LIVERS	32.00 - 47.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 65.00	-

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

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	90.25-106.25
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	93.75-110.75
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	
<b>DELIVERED TO RETAILERS</b>	
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	15.75	15.00-16.00	598,000	214,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.75	15.69		
15-20%				
RANGE	16.00-21.00	11.00-16.00	3,187,800	2,187,800
WTD AVERAGE	17.41	13.77		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

\* 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.

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

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	16.00	61,200	-
WTD AVERAGE		16.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	16.00-20.00	11.00-15.00	2,920,800	1,941,600
WTD AVERAGE	17.28	11.37		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	14.00	40,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		14.00		

\* 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**

Sales 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. Sales of finished product was fair to moderate. The undertone was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
 FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 19-NOV-07

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-12.25		9.41
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**

Pricing was generally unchanged compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced due to the holiday week. Dressed sales were fair to good. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 19-NOV-07

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-12.25		9.08

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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