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Majority prices were mostly unchanged when compared to previous week's values. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was generally slow to fair with limited feature activity. Food service was fair to moderate, best for fast food promotions, holiday festivities, and at shopping locations. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. Processing schedules for this week were mostly full time and back to normal following the holiday. In the parts structure, movement was light to fair for early week trading, and market conditions were being assessed. Wings were sufficient to at times tight and moving satisfactorily. Breast items were at least adequate with tenders slow to clear. Dark meat cuts were available, but closer balanced for thighs and thigh meat. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable 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 26-NOV-2007 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Boston/New England	TFEWR		:	71.08	13
Chicago	63.00-66.00	66.25	31 :	64.88	62
Ohio Cities	TFEWR		:	64.75	14
Denver	84.50	84.50	13 :	84.87	15
Detroit	66.00-67.00	68.63	8 :	69.20	38
Los Angeles	85.00	83.04	56 :	78.13	138
New York	67.00-70.00	68.38	24 :	68.41	43
Philadelphia	66.50-68.00	67.27	11 :	66.80	22
Pittsburgh	66.00-69.00	67.73	11 :	72.64	60
St. Louis	65.50-66.75	65.80	19 :	66.30	27
San Francisco	85.50	84.78	29 :	82.87	63

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	11/26/07	Change Last Wk	11/19/07	11/27/06
495	72.13	-1.00	73.13	66.31

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	70.00-72.00	70.77	34
Central	58.00-71.00	65.88	63
Western	67.00-75.00	75.43	44
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent			
Mississippi	75.00-78.00	75.94	80

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broiler/fryers for this week's trading is 77.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG

LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
952	63.00-79.75		76.80
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed FINAL weighted average price on ice-packed parts:			
LINE RUN TENDERS	163.50		1,148
BREASTS - B/S	132.50		4,840
BREASTS - WHOLE	79.50		1,185
THIGH MEAT - B/S	112.50		986
LEG QUARTERS	42.00		7,569
WINGS	109.50		2,272

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 and unaggressive as dealers assess market conditions following the holiday weekend. Offerings of all sizes were generally sufficient for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was seasonally light to fair at best. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, breast items and tenders were fully adequate to readily available and slow to clear. Most dark meat cuts at least adequate with the exception of thighs which were clearing satisfactorily.

SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Post-holiday demand was light to fair with most taking a wait and see attitude and refilling needs. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. Processing schedules for this week were mostly full time and back to normal. In the parts structure, movement was light to fair for early week trading. Wings were sufficient and moving satisfactorily, breast items were at least adequate, and dark meat was readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged. Trading for this week's deliveries reported at generally unchanged prices; overall. Offerings were adequate. Buying activity increased as anticipated. Retailer demand had improved where features planned later in the week elsewhere moderate at best. Dealers reported mainly desirable carryovers. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was down .32 70.10; with the volume reported unchanged at 31 loads.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices into major markets unchanged to higher; Ohio cities TFEWR. Trade sentiment steady. Offerings light. Retail and food service movement was quiet overall, slow to moderate. Floor stocks were in a full range; weights desirable to heavy. Parts trade was light on limited trade. Parts supplies were adequate with wings in tightest position. The market tone on all items was steady overall.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally light to fair with activity generally noted as about average following the holiday. Seller offerings were usually sufficient for immediate trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but 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, breast items and tenders ranged at least adequate to available. Wings were clearing satisfactorily and dark meat cuts were fully adequate to available.

*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 remained light and unaggressive as dealers assess market conditions following the extended holiday weekend. Offerings of bone-in breast and tenders were readily available and slow to clear; boneless skinless breasts and most dark meat cuts were at least adequate to fully adequate. Thighs, wings and boneless skinless thighs were clearing satisfactorily. Movement through retail and distributive channels was seasonally light. The market tone was barely steady to weak for breast items and tenders. The balance of 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		125-130	122.83	591,992
TENDERLOINS		105-110	107.32	97,600
BREAST - WITH RIBS		68-69	71.26	91,560
BREAST - LINE RUN		68	68.74	63,000
LEGS		59-60	58.02	146,400
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)		41-42	41.08	190,800
DRUMSTICKS		52-53	53.74	60,239
THIGHS		51-52	58.27	43,152
B/S THIGHS		113-114	113.25	60,000
WINGS (WHOLE)		110-111	113.58	152,818
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)		10-12	11.29	24,120
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)		35-40	37.42	10,160
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)		70-75	74.95	22,400

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.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE 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	870	106.00-175.00	106-119	120.87
TENDERLOINS	368	90.00-209.00	-	109.09
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,770	37.00-39.50	39	38.92
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,215	38.00-46.00	38-41	40.53
WINGS (WHOLE)	885	83.00-126.00	105-114	105.22
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
THIGHS	1,131	44.00-48.00	44	44.14

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER/FRYERS (In Thousands)

	Estimate	Actual	Avg Wts	Actual	Avg Wts
	11/26	11/22	11/22	11/19	11/15
Alabama	4,358	(A)	(A)	4,135	5.67
Arkansas	4,919	(A)	(A)	5,159	5.31
Delmarva	2,063	Holiday	Holiday	2,295	5.91
KY-LA-TN	2,459	(A)	(A)	2,383	5.13
Mississippi	3,140	(A)	(A)	3,054	5.43
North Carolina	2,954	(A)	(A)	2,839	7.08
Texas	2,488	Holiday	Holiday	2,326	5.32
Total	22,381	1,809	4.67	22,191	5.66
Mon	22,381	(B)		22,191	(B)

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 26-Nov 2007 is estimated to be 33,484,000 up 0.55 percent from a week ago, and up 2.4 percent from a year ago. (last week 33,300,000 last year 32,707,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER 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	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	644	105.00-181.00	-	119.57
TENDERLOINS	178	90.00-173.00	-	113.35
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	507	36.00-42.00	38-39	38.17
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	630	38.00-45.00	40-41	40.60
WINGS (WHOLE)	345	97.00-115.00	-	105.64
WINGS (CUT)	105	115.00-124.00	-	121.00
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR NOV 26, 2007 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
46.00 - 50.50	47.73	46.05

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 26-NOV-2007 TO 30-NOV-2007, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	107.00 - 130.00	110.00 - 121.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	51.00 - 93.00	70.00 - 81.00
LEGS	57.00 - 64.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	35.00 - 47.00	41.00 - 43.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	39.00 - 48.00	43.00 - 45.00
DRUMSTICKS	45.00 - 65.00	-
THIGHS	50.00 - 63.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	95.00 - 115.00	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	90-106
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	93.5-110.5

FROZEN HENS 5# & UP

FROZEN DUCKS

FROZEN SQUABS

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
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 126
	DRY PACK 110
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 140
	DRY PACK 108
	ICE PACK 109
HENS OVER 5#	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/mncs/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	662,000	210,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.75	15.69		
15-20%				
RANGE	16.00-21.00	11.00-16.00	3,025,800	1,969,800
WTD AVERAGE	18.00	13.66		
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.

NOV 23, 2007

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

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	16.00	102,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		16.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	15.50-17.00	11.00-15.00	1,818,400	1,329,600
WTD AVERAGE	16.07	11.67		
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. Sales of finished product was mostly 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 26-NOV-07

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-12.25		9.38
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 was generally unchanged compared to the past week. Demand was light for at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were as desired. Finished sales were moderate with shipping channels active. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 26-NOV-07

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-12.5		9.17

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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