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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices in the major terminal markets were all lower when compared to previous week. Trade sentiment was mostly about steady to weak. Retail demand was slow to moderate, best for active ads. Food service was in a full range, best for holiday gatherings and into shopping areas. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to satisfy trade needs. Floor stocks were adequate to ample. In the parts structure, movement was mostly fair at best, and orders usually limited to regular commitments. Dark meat was adequate to close balanced, and breast items were sufficient to readily available. Wings were mixed, but obtainable, and moving satisfactorily. In production areas, live supplies were moderate to heavy at desirable to heavy, 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 03-DEC-2007 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Boston/New England	TFEWR		:	66.59	17
Chicago	62.00-64.00	64.93	31 :	62.70	59
Ohio Cities	TFEWR		:	60.90	17
Denver	83.50	83.50	13 :	83.96	14
Detroit	64.00-66.00	67.40	10 :	64.33	59
Los Angeles	84.00	82.38	56 :	78.02	134
New York	65.00-68.00	66.55	20 :	68.37	53
Philadelphia	64.50-66.00	65.32	11 :	64.66	22
Pittsburgh	64.00-67.00	65.54	13 :	70.59	58
St. Louis	63.00-64.25	63.35	19 :	64.24	28
San Francisco	84.50	83.89	31 :	80.48	82

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	12/03/07	Change Last Wk	11/26/07	12/04/06
543	70.36	-1.77	72.13	65.83

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	65.00-68.00	66.58	34
Central	54.00-67.00	61.16	74
Western	67.00-73.00	71.20	42
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent			
Mississippi	74.00-77.00	75.04	90

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broiler/fryers for this week's trading is 77.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG

LOADS	RANGE	FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,110	61.00-80.00	76.43
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed FINAL weighted average price on ice-packed parts:		
	WTD. AVG.	VOLUME
LINE RUN TENDERS	160.00	1,403
BREASTS - B/S	132.50	5,825
BREASTS - WHOLE	77.50	1,437
THIGH MEAT - B/S	113.50	1,155
LEG QUARTERS	42.00	9,186
WINGS	109.00	2,727

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 developments entering the week. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate to readily available for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair at best. The market tone was barely steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were fully adequate; boneless skinless breast and tenders were more than sufficient. Most dark meat cuts at least adequate to fully adequate with the exception of thighs which were well cleared.

SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was no better than steady to weak. Retail demand was light to moderate, best for active first of the month activity and retail ads. Food service was fair to moderate, best into fast food outlets and where holiday shopping began. Supplies of all sizes were usually more than sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair. Wings were sufficient and moving satisfactorily, and breast items were adequate to readily available. Dark meat was mostly sufficient with drums slow to clear. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were 1 cent lower throughout the region. Reported trading for this weeks' deliveries were at generally lower prices. Offerings were adequate to ample with discounts often offered to help stimulate buyer's interest in excess product. Buying activity increased. Retailer demand moderate to good where features in progress and planned for later in the week. Dealers reported moderate overall weekend carryovers. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was down 2.38 to 67.72, with the volume reported up 3 percent to 32 loads.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were lower into major markets; Ohio cities TFEWR. Trade sentiment on whole birds was steady to weak. Offerings moderate. Retail demand was slow to moderate, while food service was slow to good. Floor stocks in a full range; weights desirable to heavy. Parts trade was light to active on sufficient supplies. Best trade activity centered on boneless/skinless breast and boneless dark meat. The market tone was steady to firm on boneless dark meat, steady to barely steady on breast cuts and steady on balance.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to moderate entering the week. Offerings were at least adequate to available for current trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but noted as mostly desirable. Processing schedules ranged moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were one cent lower at 67 to 81 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, wings were reported as generally adequate and moving satisfactorily. Breast items were adequate to available and dark meat cuts were more than 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	61-85
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operation.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying interest was generally no better than fair as most dealers assess market conditions entering the week and saw no need to extend floor stocks beyond regular commitments. Offerings of bone-in breast were fully adequate; boneless skinless breasts and most dark meat cuts were more than sufficient for current needs. Wings were about adequate to adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to instances moderate. The market tone was barely steady for bone-in breast and drumsticks; generally steady for the balance of items.

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	122.16	413,700
TENDERLOINS		105-110	102.34	93,960
BREAST - WITH RIBS		65-66	75.98	63,400
BREAST - LINE RUN		65	66.65	86,400
LEGS		59-60	63.30	91,080
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)		41-42	43.16	139,160
DRUMSTICKS		50-51	63.98	38,840
THIGHS		51-52	60.35	59,800
B/S THIGHS		113-114	109.47	57,320
WINGS (WHOLE)		110-111	110.06	183,040
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)		10-12	10.83	22,320
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)		35-40	38.99	2,960
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)		65-70	67.20	11,640

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	1,219	102.00-171.00	107-119	119.23
TENDERLOINS	604	90.00-202.00	90-95	100.70
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,525	39.00	-	39.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,014	38.00-46.00	38-41	40.44
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (In thousands)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	12/03	11/29	11/29	11/26	11/22
Alabama	4,363	4,225	5.47	4,093	(A)
Arkansas	5,241	5,278	5.41	4,815	(A)
Delmarva	2,296	2,350	5.85	2,084	Holiday
KY-LA-TN	2,427	2,491	5.18	2,436	(A)
Mississippi	3,164	3,125	5.70	3,158	(A)
North Carolina	2,931	2,906	7.03	2,849	(A)
Texas	2,506	2,609	5.24	2,568	Holiday
Total	22,928	22,984	5.67	22,003	4.67
Mon	22,928	(B)		22,003	(B)

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 03-Dec 2007 is estimated to be 34,303,000 up 3.89 percent from a week ago and up 4.8 percent from a year ago.

(last week 33,018,000 last year 32,737,000)

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	547	107.00-187.00	-	120.32
TENDERLOINS	146	95.00-170.00	-	100.55
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	298	52.00-67.00	53-54	57.74
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	481	34.00-41.00	37-38	37.72
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	884	38.00-45.00	40-41	40.11
WINGS (WHOLE)	295	100.00-115.00	104-108	107.12
WINGS (CUT)	105	115.00-125.00	-	121.67
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
41.00 - 47.50	43.86	45.11

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 03-DEC-2007 TO 07-DEC-2007, CENTS PER POUND

	Price per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	107.00 - 130.00	110.00 - 120.00
TENDERLOINS	93.00 - 117.00	104.00 - 106.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	49.00 - 84.00	67.00 - 72.00
LEGS	54.00 - 64.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	38.50 - 50.00	41.00 - 43.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	41.00 - 48.00	43.00 - 45.00
DRUMSTICKS	50.00 - 66.00	-
THIGHS	50.00 - 64.00	-
B/S THIGHS	98.00 - 117.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	100.00 - 115.00	106.00 - 110.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 25.00	-
LIVERS	32.00 - 47.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 50.00	-

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

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	89.75-105.75
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	93.25-110.25
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

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/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.

NOV 30, 2007

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	458,000	218,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.75	15.33		
15-20%				
RANGE	16.00-21.00	11.00-16.00	3,034,000	1,892,000
WTD AVERAGE	17.92	13.34		
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 30, 2007

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

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	16.50-18.00	16.00	405,600	324,000
WTD AVERAGE	17.75	16.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	17.50-22.00	11.00-15.00	2,032,800	870,000
WTD AVERAGE	19.44	11.84		
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 at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were normal. Sales of finished product was 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 03-DEC-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

Trading levels were generally unchanged compared to the past week. Demand was light for adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were seasonally active in shipping channels. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 03-DEC-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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