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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher in the Midwest, but unchanged elsewhere when compared to previous week's values. Trade sentiment was steady. Demand covered the full range, best into fast food outlets and holiday related festivities; however, winter storms in parts of the Northeast restricted movement. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to closer balanced for trade needs. Floor stocks were balanced to short. In the parts structure, movement was mostly fair to moderate for early week business. Breast items were sufficient, but often well cleared for tenders. Wings were mixed, but available, and dark meat was adequate with boneless skinless cuts tight. 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 17-DEC-2007 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Boston/New England	TFEWR		:	67.56	18
Chicago	61.00-64.00	64.41	30 :	63.17	60
Ohio Cities	TFEWR		:	60.53	21
Denver	83.50	83.50	13 :	80.84	17
Detroit	64.00-65.00	66.63	8 :	64.72	54
Los Angeles	84.00	81.85	54 :	77.00	123
New York	65.00-68.00	66.60	20 :	67.49	43
Philadelphia	64.50-66.00	65.32	11 :	64.61	23
Pittsburgh	64.00-67.00	66.09	11 :	70.64	57
St. Louis	63.00-64.25	63.31	19 :	65.13	30
San Francisco	84.50	83.78	27 :	85.60	54
Composite Weighted Average					
Loads	12/17/07	Change Last Wk	12/10/07		12/18/06
500	70.52	.12	70.40		66.39

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	67.00-68.50	67.53	33
Central	55.00-69.00	63.48	73
Western	62.00-67.00	69.33	51
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent			
Mississippi	74.00-77.00	75.38	89

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broiler/fryers for this week's trading is 76.75 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
1,062	61.00-78.00		75.80
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed FINAL weighted average price on ice-packed parts:			
LINE RUN TENDERS		157.50	1,362
BREASTS - B/S		130.50	5,665
BREASTS - WHOLE		76.00	1,385
THIGH MEAT - B/S		114.50	1,103
LEG QUARTERS		42.00	8,936
WINGS		111.00	2,661

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 fair to instances moderate as dealers assess market developments after wintry weather hampered most of the Northeast. Offerings of all sizes were sufficient for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was seasonally fair. The market tone was fully steady. In the parts complex, breast items were adequate. Tenders were in good balance to well cleared. Thighs and thigh meat were clearing satisfactorily.

SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail demand was light to fair with limited features. Food service was fair to fairly good, best for fast food promotions and holiday related activities. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to well balanced for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was mostly fair to moderate for early week trading. Wings were mixed, but available. Breast items were adequate to available with tenders in the closest position. Dark meat was balanced with thigh meat well cleared. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged. Trading reported at unchanged to higher prices. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Offerings were close to fully adequate. Small sized whole body product in the closest position. Buyer's interest was only fair and not expected to improve until after the holidays. Retailer demand was moderate overall. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. The market tone was generally steady on parts. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was up 1.21 to 63.68, with the volume reported at 38 loads up 19 percent.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher in all locations; TFEWR into Ohio cities. Whole bird trade sentiment was steady; offerings limited. Retail movement was generally light to moderate, instances fairly good. Food service demand was fair to good with decent movement from holiday shopping and parties. Floor stocks balanced to instances short; weights were desirable to heavy. Parts supplies were tight on boneless skinless thigh meat, adequate to available on wings, and adequate on the balance. Market tone was steady to firm on boneless dark meat, steady on breast cuts, and steady to weak on wings.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to moderate entering the week. Offerings were generally sufficient to balanced for full trade requirements. 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 unchanged at 67 to 81 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, breast items were usually adequate with tenders in the best position. Wings were mixed and most dark meat items were 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	63-81
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operation.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying interest was mostly fair to moderate as wintry weather hampered most of the Northeast over the weekend. Offerings of breast items and most dark meat cuts were generally sufficient for current needs. Tenders were in good balance to well cleared. Wings were at least adequate. Movement through retail and distributive channels was seasonally fair. The market tone was steady for breast items; tenders, thighs and thigh meat were fully steady to instances firm.

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	118.00	377,380
TENDERLOINS		110	102.96	106,020
BREAST - WITH RIBS		65-66	75.05	80,480
BREAST - LINE RUN		65	66.50	79,200
LEGS		59-60	63.20	99,800
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)		41-42	41.91	170,400
DRUMSTICKS		48-49	58.24	42,480
THIGHS		53-54	58.38	69,200
B/S THIGHS		113-114	115.92	24,000
WINGS (WHOLE)		110-111	112.42	144,180
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)		10-12	11.12	18,840
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)		35-40	37.77	4,040
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)		60-65	60.68	19,160

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	1,308	103.00-170.00	105-119	117.73
TENDERLOINS	465	95.00-164.00	104-108	101.87
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,571	38.00-48.00	39-40	39.31
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,219	38.50-45.00	38.5-41	40.24
WINGS (WHOLE)	797	90.00-114.00	95-106	100.14
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
THIGHS	1,373	48.00-58.50	48	48.31

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER/FRYERS (In Thousands)

	Estimate	Actual	Avg Wts	Actual	Avg Wts
	12/17	12/13	12/13	12/10	12/06
Alabama	4,029	4,230	5.44	4,163	5.46
Arkansas	5,354	5,134	5.28	5,138	5.26
Delmarva	2,271	2,274	5.83	2,290	5.85
KY-LA-TN	2,424	2,441	5.02	2,439	5.10
Mississippi	3,120	3,117	5.64	3,155	5.66
North Carolina	2,905	2,811	7.03	2,783	7.05
Texas	2,550	2,626	5.19	2,602	5.19
Total	22,653	22,633	5.59	22,570	5.60
Mon	22,653 (A)			22,570(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 17-Dec 2007 is estimated to be 33,891,000 up 0.06 percent from a week ago. and up 3.0 percent from a year ago.

(last week 33,869,000 last year 32,889,000)

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	602	109.00-189.00	-	124.93
TENDERLOINS	296	97.00-175.00	-	108.21
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	268	52.00-65.00	54-55	58.25
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	612	37.00-42.00	37-38	38.54
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	677	38.00-45.00	39-41	39.96
WINGS (WHOLE)	295	100.00-115.00	-	107.46
WINGS (CUT)	105	115.00-123.00	-	120.33
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 DEC 17, 2007 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
45.50 - 50.50	47.66	46.96

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 17-DEC-2007 TO 21-DEC-2007, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	109.00 - 130.00	110.00 - 119.00
TENDERLOINS	95.00 - 119.00	105.00 - 14.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	51.00 - 87.00	67.00 - 72.00
LEGS	51.00 - 64.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	38.00 - 50.00	41.00 - 43.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	41.00 - 48.00	43.00 - 45.00
DRUMSTICKS	45.00 - 57.00	-
THIGHS	53.00 - 66.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	90.00 - 131.00	106.00 - 113.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 25.00	-
LIVERS	32.00 - 47.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 75.00	-

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

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	89.25-105.25
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	92.75-109.75

FROZEN HENS 5# & UP

FROZEN DUCKS

FROZEN SQUABS

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	R4NGE
FRESH FRYERS	94-100
ROASTERS 4# & UP	109-118

HENS UNDER 5#

HENS OVER 5#

DUCKS

RABBITS-WHOLE

RABBITS-CUT UP

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 126
	DRY PACK 112
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 130
	DRY PACK 109
	ICE PACK 109
	DRY PACK 105
HENS OVER 5#	
DUCKS	204-207

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	16.00	15.00-16.00	504,000	208,000
WTD AVERAGE	16.00	15.86		
15-20%				
RANGE	16.00-21.00	11.00-16.00	3,570,000	2,130,000
WTD AVERAGE	17.43	14.33		
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.

DEC 14, 2007

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

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	17.50	16.00	358,800	216,000
WTD AVERAGE	17.50	16.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	16.25-20.00	11.00-15.50	2,644,800	932,800
WTD AVERAGE	17.57	12.62		
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 fair to moderate for the at adequate to least adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were normal. Sales of finished product was fair to 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 17-DEC-07

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-12.25		9.42
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 moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced to normal. Finished sales were fair as shipping channels were narrowing. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
 FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 17-DEC-07

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.25-12.5		9.37

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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