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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices for next week were trending two cents higher in the Northeast and Midwest, unchanged in the West when compared to early week's prices. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm in the Northeast, and steady elsewhere. Demand entering the weekend was mostly light to moderate, instances good, best into fast food, catering, and sports bars. Supplies of all sizes were better balanced to well cleared for trade needs. Floor stocks were close balanced to long. In the parts structure, movement was light to fair. Wings were in the strongest position with supplies barely adequate to tight and moving seasonally well. Breast items and dark meat cuts were at least adequate to available with limited interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

Preliminary Report Prices negotiated for truck lot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 13-OCT-2008 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	62.00-68.00	58.00-76.25	66.30	24
New York	66.00-69.00			
Los Angeles	96.00			

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	84.00-88.00	63.00-91.00	86.43	89
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broiler/fryers for this week's trading is 87.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG
864	85.95-88.75	87.07
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice-packed parts:		
ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000) POUNDS
LINE RUN TENDERS	166.50	1,051
BREASTS - B/S	126.50	4,833
BREASTS - WHOLE	78.50	1,097
THIGH MEAT - B/S	130.50	999
THIGHS	63.00	564
DRUMSTICKS	69.50	671
LEG QUARTERS	55.50	6,962
WINGS	99.50	2,275

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

SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYER Trade sentiment was steady to about steady. Retail demand was fair to good with increased interest noted entering the weekend. Food service was fair to moderate. Supplies were better balanced to satisfy current trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was slow to fair for late-week trading. Breast items were at least adequate to readily available and slow to clear. Wings remain in good supply and moving well and dark meat items were more than adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers increased and was fair to fairly good entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes were about adequate to closely cleared. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, wings were tightly balanced and moving seasonally well. Breast items were at least sufficient and dark meat items were at least adequate to available with legs and leg quarters in the longest position. Tenders were readily available and competitively priced.

WESTERN REGION The preliminary majority prices were unchanged for next week. The market tone was overall steady. Early trading reported at mixed levels, but was generally steady. Offerings were adequate. Buyers' interest was at least fair. Retailer demand was fair to fairly good. Dealers anticipated desirable weekend carryovers.

MIDWEST BOILER/FRYER Preliminary market delivered prices increased into the Chicago area. The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was steady. Offerings more limited at week's end. Retail demand was moderate to mostly fairly good. Food service activity was irregular, slow to fairly good, best into fast food, catering and sport bars. Floor stocks were in close balance to long; weights mixed. Trade on parts was light as trade inventories were adequate for needs. Supplies of wings were tight, remainder of items were available with leg quarters in longest position. The market tone was fully steady to firm on wings, about steady to instances weak on breast cuts and barely steady to mostly weak on dark meat lines.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds improved slightly entering the holiday weekend and ranged fair to moderate. Offerings were moving into a better position and were noted as sufficient to closely balanced. Live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher to unchanged at 68 to 80 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. In the parts complex, breast items were at least sufficient to available. Wings remained in the best position and were in close balance to tight. 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	65-83
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	(A)
	10/06/08 - 10/10/08
	10/08/07 - 10/12/07
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
	10/06/08 - 10/10/08
	10/08/07 - 10/12/07
	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

OCT 09					SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS					OCT 10	
ITEM	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG	POUNDS	POUNDS		WTD AVG	WEEKLY (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG	
	(000)	RANGE				(000)	RANGE				MAJORITY
BREAST - B/S	331	95.00-191.00	-	117.15	285	102.00-185.00	-	120.13	1,729	115.72	
TENDERLOINS	188	104.00-194.00	-	109.27	140	106.00-188.00	-	111.86	882	120.79	
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				293	67.43	
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				270	66.81	
LEGS	231	53.00-70.00	58-60	58.95	TOO FEW TO REPORT				863	60.32	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	436	49.00-55.00	52-53	52.11	315	50.00-55.00	51-53	53.08	1,924	52.83	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	607	50.00-56.00	54-55	53.74	767	51.00-56.00	54-55	54.31	3,705	54.12	
WINGS (WHOLE)	105	79.00-99.00	-	91.38	TOO FEW TO REPORT				500	90.79	
WINGS (CUT)	151	92.00-103.00	-	98.00	100	96.00-103.00	-	100.20	532	98.75	
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				231	59.11	
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				148	59.16	
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				274	122.77	
WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING - F.O.B. DOCK.											
					<u>RANGE</u>		<u>TODAY'S AVERAGE</u>		<u>5-DAY AVERAGE</u>		
					56.50 - 62.50		60.06		59.80		

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.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS - Trucklot buying activity increased under normal demand entering the weekend, however, dealers remained cautious. Boneless skinless breasts were noted as at least adequate to available; tenders were available and slow to clear. Dark meat cuts were more than sufficient for current needs. Wings continued to clear well. Retail and distributive movement was fair and improving. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm for wings; barely steady to weak for tenders. The balance of items were about steady.

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

OCT 09					OCT 10				
ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS	WEEKLY WTD AVG	WEEKLY VOL/LBS	
									BREAST - B/S
TENDERLOINS	110	110.94	151,628	110	112.90	65,800	114.04	414,208	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	63-64	67.80	129,080	63-64	71.66	71,360	70.43	505,320	
BREAST - LINE RUN	63	65.42	68,400	63	65.15	61,200	65.58	345,600	
LEGS	64-65	59.59	143,040	64-65	65.36	127,120	65.11	676,520	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	53-54	54.37	417,191	53-54	51.74	269,440	53.51	1,426,831	
DRUMSTICKS	64-65	74.23	67,760	64-65	73.25	81,360	75.09	309,960	
THIGHS	60-61	70.67	49,200	60-61	71.95	64,920	72.07	277,720	
B/S THIGHS	123-124	120.87	72,600	123-124	128.44	37,320	125.80	212,000	
WINGS (WHOLE)	101-102	105.32	154,640	101-102	106.54	152,920	105.24	775,729	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-14	14.95	15,680	12-14	15.00	15,000	14.98	80,800	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	49.62	5,200	45-50	45.89	7,320	45.23	53,360	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	52.73	20,360	50-55	53.47	25,060	52.84	121,300	

INCLUDES NY CITY METRO. AREA, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, RI, & PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. 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.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)								AVG WTS	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)	
ESTIMATED (1,000)		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WTS		ACTUAL (1,000)	PROCESSED POULTRY, DLVRD TO RETAILERS			
							RANGE			
Alabama	10/10	10/09	10/08	10/07	10/08	10/07	10/01	FRESH FRYERS	109-119	
Arkansas	4,052	4,121	3,993	4,025	5.50	5.65	5.44	ROASTERS 4# & UP	125-135	
Delmarva	4,322	5,220	5,240	5,248	5.70	5.75	5.69	HENS UNDER 5#		
KY-LA-TN	2,192	2,246	2,253	2,238	5.97	6.05	5.94	HENS OVER 5#		
Mississippi	2,156	2,286	2,043	2,251	5.27	5.26	5.22	DUCKS		
North Carolina	3,006	3,051	3,036	3,055	5.89	5.96	5.90	RABBITS-WHOLE		
Texas	3,011	2,812	2,734	2,741	6.90	7.04	6.97	RABBITS-CUT UP		
Total	2,615	2,610	2,541	2,584	5.23	5.21	5.37			
Mon-Fri	21,354	22,346	21,840	22,142	5.77	5.84	21,691			
Saturday	109,756(A)							109,457(A)		
								SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY		
								DLVRD TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS		
								RANGE		
								FRESH/FRYERS	ICE PACK 159	
									DRY PACK 123	
								ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 117	
									DRY PACK 114	
								HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 112	
									DRY PACK 235-252	
								DUCKS		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 10-Oct-08 and 11-Oct-08 is estimated to be 31,948,000 head down 1.85 percent from a week ago and down - 5.61 percent from a year ago. (Last week 32,550,000, last year 33,846,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 11-Oct-08 is estimated to be 163,743,000 head down 0.40 percent from a week ago, and down 2.00 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 164,393,000, last year 167,086,000) Actual data incorporated when available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED

Week ending 04 OCT 2008 Under Federal Inspection (Preliminary)

	-----Thousands-----				
	(A) 4.25 lbs & down	(B) 4.26 - 6.25 lbs	(C) 6.26 - 7.75 lbs	(D) 7.76 lbs & up	Total
Head	38,745	77,786	28,034	19,827	164,392
Avg Live Wgt	3.73	5.38	6.78	8.27	5.58
% of total /1	22%	48%	17%	13%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	36,433	78,954	28,922	20,672	164,981
Avg Live Wgt	3.81	5.32	6.68	8.15	5.58
% of total /1	22%	48%	17%	13%	100%
Year Ago 2/	42,786	82,472	29,464	16,535	171,257
Avg Live Wgt	3.84	5.39	7.01	8.60	5.59
% of total /1	25%	48%	17%	10%	100%
To date/2008	1,686,890	3,188,451	980,498	712,474	6,568,313
To date/2007	1,727,407	3,241,211	1,046,243	443,033	6,457,894

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.
Weight Class Description:
(A) This size product is normally marketed bone-in into fast food and food service sectors and may include Cornish hens.
(B) This size product is normally marketed into the retail grocery sector in tray pack or bagged forms.
(C) This size product is normally marketed either into the retail grocery sector in tray pack and IQF form or is further processed and marketed into various sectors.
(D) This size product is normally marketed deboned or as roasters or roasting chicken.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 04-OCT-2008 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	164,393	1,204	1,801	3,005	453
Avg Wt	5.58	3.14	7.76	5.91	6.50
Last week	164,981	1,277	1,783	3,060	440
Same wk yr ago	171,257	1,205	1,598	2,803	490
Avg Wt	5.59	3.36	8.13	6.08	6.79
To-date/2008	6,568,314	54,952	65,178	120,130	17,578
To-date/2007	6,457,894	44,155	58,239	102,394	20,026

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage
Current week 683,398 1,947 9,294 11,241 2,120
Last week 685,843 2,052 8,912 10,964 2,149
Same wk yr ago 713,208 2,085 8,640 10,725 2,396

Dressing % 74.5% 51.5% 66.5% 72.0%
(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 161.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 166.4 million head, or 4.5 million more than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

WEEK ENDING	SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
	MILLION HEAD			
Aug 30	170.7	163.7	104%	5.53
Sept 6	146.7	161.6	91%	5.67
13	169.7	161.8	105%	5.46
20	167.9	162.8	103%	5.56
27	167.0	163.0	102%	5.58
Oct 4	166.4	161.9	103%	5.58
Year to date	6,648.2	6,661.4	100%	
Oct 11		160.5		
18		160.0		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

	Under Federal Inspection				
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	10/11/08	10/04/08	%CHG	10/13/07	%CHG
Broilers	163,743	164,393	-0.40	167,086	-2.00
Cattle	650	630	+03	639	+02
Hogs	2,375	2,323	+02	2,340	+02

*ACTUAL

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 06 OCT 2008

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	193-197	198-204
MOSTLY		
MIDWEST	172-192	178-196
MOSTLY		

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	68.29-76.00	73.00-76.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	71.00-87.00	77.00-87.00
SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES		
12 OZ.	64.80 - 89.91	
14 OZ.	71.28 - 101.25	
16 OZ.	77.04 - 112.08	

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:
CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA,RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices increased on boneless breasts. All other prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment continued steady. Supplies were adequate for the moderate to at times good demand. Schedules were full-time. Prices paid, first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$7.15-8.70, bone in legs at \$2.35-3.00, gizzards at \$1.20-1.40, wings at \$.70-.75, livers at \$1.25-1.95, and feet at \$.65-1.45.

PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 06-OCT-2008

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	168-195	165-198
MOSTLY		

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION SALE

DATE OF AUCTION: OCT 07, 2008
AI PAPERS REQUIRED FOR ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY
Prices paid per pound, except as noted.

	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.00 - 1.15
Pullets 4-6 LBS	- 1.05
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.30 - .35
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.50 - .55
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.50 - .60
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.90 - 1.00
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.75 - .90
Banty Roosters	2.50 - 3.50 ea.
Leghorn Hens	1.10 - 1.30 ea.
Leghorn Roosters	- 3.00 ea.
Silkies	.75 - 1.50 ea.
Pigeons	.35 - 1.00 ea.
White Pigeons	2.00 - 3.00 ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.80 - 2.15
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	1.50 - 1.70
Bunnies	2.00 - 5.00 ea.
Guinea Pigs	.75 - 3.00 ea.
Kid Goats	25.00 - 34.00 ea.
Pekin Ducks	- 1.50 ea.

Total Coops Sold 336

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Sales were too few to report prices. Offerings were generally sufficient for current trade needs. Demand was moderate to at least moderate with trading limited due to most available supplies being used internally. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was at least steady.

Cents per pound, current negotiations, without freight cost

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
TOO FEW TO REPORT	TOO FEW TO REPORT

Cents per pound, current negotiation, freight cost included

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
TOO FEW TO REPORT	TOO FEW TO REPORT

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS(INCLUDES HANDLING,FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 (POUNDS)

EASTERN Prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to moderate for the mostly adequate offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	3-12	4-8

SOUTH CENTRAL Salvage costs for spent leghorn fowl were not reported. Demand was light for adequate offerings from primary users. Schedules were as desired. Finished sales were fair at best. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL Prices were unchanged. Demand was light to mostly moderate with offerings adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-10.5	0-5

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB. GENERALLY FOR
SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 13-OCT-08

SOUTH CENTRAL Trading was TFEWR. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were improving and were noted as at least fair. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

	RANGE MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was seasonally moderate to at least moderate for the generally adequate offerings of spent fowl. Processing schedules for next week were noted as normal to instances heavy. Sales of finished product was at least moderate. The undertone was at least steady to fully steady.

	RANGE MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT
AT FARM PRODUCES LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT

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