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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices were unchanged in the West, but higher in the East and Midwest when compared to previous week. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady in the West, steady to fully steady in the Midwest, and fully steady to firm in the East. Retail and food service demand was mostly light to moderate. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to well cleared for trade needs. Floor stocks were balanced. In the parts structure, movement was fair at best for early week trading. Wings were in the best position with supplies barely adequate to tight and continued to move well. Breast items were readily available, longest for tenders and often discounted to help clear. Dark meat items were at least adequate with drums and legs more available. In productions 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 13-OCT-2008

(cents per lb) AREAS	US GRADE A MAJORITY	WTD AVG	COMPOSITE LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Boston/New England	TFEWR		:	71.43	14
Chicago	62.00-68.00	66.70	25 :	65.62	53
Ohio Cities	TFEWR		:	64.20	15
Denver	95.50	95.50	12 :	94.50	14
Detroit	71.00-74.00	72.11	9 :	71.03	49
Los Angeles	96.00	92.94	62 :	90.54	135
New York	66.00-69.00	67.68	22 :	71.78	47
Philadelphia	65.50-67.00	66.42	12 :	67.28	23
Pittsburgh	65.00-68.00	67.08	12 :	74.85	52
St. Louis	65.25-66.50	65.36	19 :	67.28	28
San Francisco	96.50	94.20	32 :	96.85	65

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	10/13/08	Change	Last Wk 10/06/08	10/15/07
495	77.23	1.63	75.60	70.05

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	72.00-74.00	72.76	30
Central	58.00-71.00	66.33	65
Western	69.00-80.00	79.38	48
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent			
Mississippi	84.00-88.00	86.43	89

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 ½ to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,064	66.00-88.75	85.84

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed FINAL weighted average price on ice-packed parts:

	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	163.50	1,410
BREASTS - B/S	125.00	5,882
BREASTS - WHOLE	78.00	1,473
THIGH MEAT - B/S	130.50	1,174
THIGHS	63.50	617
DRUMSTICKS	69.50	831
LEG QUARTERS	55.50	9,495
WINGS	100.00	2,749

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

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYER Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand following the weekend was fair to moderate, best for active retail ads and fast food promotions. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to close balanced for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair at best for early week trading. Wings were in the strongest position with supplies balanced to short and moving seasonally well. Breast items were readily available, longest for tenders. Dark meat cuts were at least sufficient with limited interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fairly good for early week trading. Offerings of all sizes were in good balance to closely cleared. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone was firm. In the parts complex, wings were well cleared and where available held with confidence; boneless skinless breasts and tenders were at least adequate to available for current needs. Gizzards were seasonally active.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The final majority prices were unchanged throughout the region. The market tone was cautiously steady. Trading reported for this week's delivery at unchanged to higher prices. Offerings were about adequate, overall. Buyers' interest was at least fair, but only moderate at best. Retailer demand was moderate. Dealers reported desirable weekend carryovers. Trade sentiment was mixed on part. Trading reported at 57-78 for bone-in thighs, 62-81 for bone-in drumsticks, 55-64 for leg quarters, 103-107 for leg meat, 105-111 for wings, 75-88 for bone attached breasts, and 96-107 for boneless skinless breasts. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was 72.32 up 1.29 and the volume reported at 31 loads was down 11 percent.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices increased into Midwest markets; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady to fully steady. Retail and food service continued irregular demand cycle; overall movement was mostly light to moderate. Floor stocks were in balance to more than desired; weights desirable to heavy. Parts movement was fairly good on wings, moderate on thigh meat, light to moderate on boneless/skinless breast, and all other parts saw limited interest. The market tone was fully steady to occasionally firm on wings, and steady to instances weak on all other items.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to moderate for early week business. Offerings were closely balanced for immediate trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but reported as mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher on Oct 13 at 69 to 81 cents and 1 cent higher on Oct 14 at 70 to 82 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady. In the parts complex, breast items were readily available with tenders in the longest position and competitively priced. Wings continued to move best and were in close balance to tight. Dark meat cuts were more than sufficient with drums and legs clearing slowly.

BOILER/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 (10-14)	(10-13)
RANGE	63-87	66-86
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operation.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was generally no better than fair for early week trading. Boneless skinless breasts and tenders were available and competitively priced. Dark meat cuts were more than sufficient for current needs with legs and drums in the longest position. Wings continued to clear well. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was fully steady to firm for wings; barely steady to weak for boneless skinless breast, tenders and drums. 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. 13 ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S		110-115	111.53	511,647
TENDERLOINS		110	109.56	97,680
BREAST - WITH RIBS		63-64	70.39	81,560
BREAST - LINE RUN		63	65.10	72,000
LEGS		64-65	64.56	126,000
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)		53-54	51.68	248,720
DRUMSTICKS		64-65	68.43	40,800
THIGHS		60-61	67.31	33,520
B/S THIGHS		123-124	126.14	25,720
WINGS (WHOLE)		101-102	107.27	162,160
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)		12-14	16.72	65,520
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)		45-50	49.25	4,000
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)		50-55	52.99	12,480

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	2,430	81.00-185.00	90-95	94.45
TENDERLOINS	687	87.00-221.00	87-96	94.93
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	386	43.00-53.00	50-53	50.50
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,242	48.00-54.00	53-54	53.67
WINGS (WHOLE)	1,138	94.00-127.00	102-105	107.92
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	
THIGHS	1,371	49.00-55.00	49-51	50.96

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER/FRYERS **Oct 13, 2008**

(In Thousands)

	Estimate	Actual	Avg Wts	Actual	Avg Wts
	10/13	10/09	10/09	10/06	10/02
Alabama	4,148	4,084	5.42	4,095	5.43
Arkansas	4,619	5,220	5.60	4,749	5.62
Delmarva	2,205	2,230	5.94	2,142	5.88
KY-LA-TN	2,267	2,302	5.22	2,305	5.10
Mississippi	2,943	3,050	5.90	2,921	5.78
North Carolina	2,834	2,743	6.81	2,712	6.90
Texas	2,575	2,629	5.27	2,576	5.29
Total	21,591	22,258	5.71	21,500	5.69
Mon	21,591 (B)			21,500 (B)	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations
(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.
Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 13-Oct 2008 is estimated to be 32,303,000 down 2.61 percent from a week ago. and down 4.4 percent from a year ago.
(last week 33,169,000 last year 33,785,000)

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	360	90.00-185.00	-	110.03
TENDERLOINS	225	100.00-192.00	-	113.51
BREAST - LINE RUN	100	70.00-85.00	-	75.55
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	435	49.00-55.00	-	52.54
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	667	50.00-56.00	53-55	53.26
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
WINGS (CUT)	110	98.00-105.00	-	102.45
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS	105	115.00-127.00	-	117.86

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR OCT 14, 2008 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
56.50 – 62.00	59.36

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 13-OCT-2008 TO 17-OCT-2008, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	89.00 - 111.00	90.00 - 105.00
TENDERLOINS	88.00 - 121.00	88.00 - 115.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	45.00 - 87.00	62.00 - 82.00
LEGS	64.00 - 69.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	40.00 - 62.00	53.00 - 55.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	52.00 - 58.00	54.00 - 57.00
DRUMSTICKS	53.00 - 75.00	-
THIGHS	51.00 - 69.00	-
B/S THIGHS	122.00 - 137.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	96.00 - 107.00	100.00 - 105.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 29.00	-
LIVERS	32.00 - 49.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 59.00	-

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

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	100-117
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	103.5-121.5
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	**R4NGE**
FRESH FRYERS	109-119
ROASTERS 4# & UP	125-135
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	159
	DRY PACK	123
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	
	DRY PACK	117
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	114
	DRY PACK	112
DUCKS		235-252

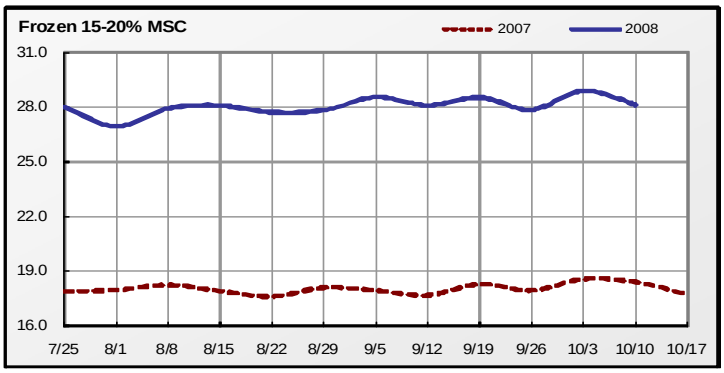
National Mechanically Separated Chicken

(F.O.B. Shipper Dock or equivalent; negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand lb. quantities, cents/lb; delivery within 2 weeks.)

The MSC market tone was steady to cautiously steady on fresh 15-20%; steady to fully steady on the balance. Supplies of fresh 15-20% were adequate to more available with the remainder adequate to close. Fresh demand was fair to moderate; frozen moderate to good. Supplies of raw materials were tight. Domestic and export trading was mostly fair to instances good with most inquiry from Central American, Caribbean, and former Soviet Union countries; Mexico slowing mostly due to the weakened Peso. Schedules were seasonally normal. A majority of buyers and sellers have begun contract negotiation discussions for 2009 with a small percentage committed.

Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

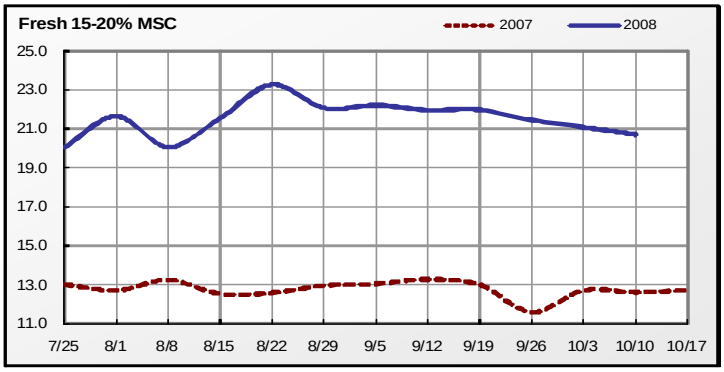
	Frozen			Fresh		
Fat Content	10-Oct-08	Last Week	Last Year	10-Oct-08	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range	33.00	28.00	18.00	26.00 - 27.50	27.00 - 27.50	15.00-16.00
Wtd Avg Price	33.00	28.00	18.00	26.59	27.10	15.72
Volume Traded	120	80	261	242	201	281
Volume Exported	120	80	261	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	22.00 - 32.00	26.00 - 32.00	15.50-21.00	18.00 - 27.00	18.00 - 27.00	11.00-17.00
Wtd Avg Price	28.13	28.90	18.41	20.73	21.10	12.61
Volume Traded	1,938	1,476	1,272	2,569	2,772	2,580
Volume Exported	1,578	1,116	1,032	626	992	1,265
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	21.00	21.00	14.00
Wtd Avg Price			-	21.00	21.00	14.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	80	40	80
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



Monthly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

	Frozen			Fresh		
Fat Content	Sep 2008	Aug 2008	Sep 2007	Sep 2008	Aug 2008	Sep 2007
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	27.49	29.00	18.11	27.17	25.52	15.74
Volume Traded	316	320	1,085	1,148	1,508	1,569
Volume Exported	316	280	1,045	-	-	-
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	28.25	27.61	17.91	21.88	21.74	12.71
Volume Traded	6,260	7,046	4,760	12,855	14,374	7,665
Volume Exported	5,142	5,761	4,500	3,915	2,757	2,166
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	21.00	21.00	13.83
Volume Traded	-	-	-	322	522	483
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

Note: Volume exported refers to that portion of the total volume that is destined for export markets.



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SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS

Trading levels were higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of heavy hens. Schedules were as desired. Finished sales were fair to good. Trade sentiment was at least steady to fully steady.

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

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-13.25		10.07

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS

Prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to the previous week. Demand was seasonally moderate to at least moderate for the generally adequate offerings of spent fowl. Processing schedules were noted as normal to instances heavy. Sales of finished product was at least moderate. The undertone was at least steady to fully steady.

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

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-17	CENTS/LB.	10.38
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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