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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were higher in the East and Midwest, but unchanged in the West when compared to last week. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady in the East, mostly steady elsewhere. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate, instances good where promotion items were in progress. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to close balanced to satisfy current trade needs. Floor stocks were balanced to long. In the parts structure, movement was light to fair following the weekend. Wings were barely adequate to tight and held with confidence. Breast items and dark meat cuts were at least adequate to readily available and often discounted to help clear. 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 20-OCT-2008

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Boston/New England	TFEWR	:		74.07	14
Chicago	66.00-72.00	70.50	26 :	70.27	56
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	:		66.46	17
Denver	95.50	95.50	12 :	94.37	14
Detroit	77.00-78.00	76.60	10 :	75.60	47
Los Angeles	96.00	93.57	60 :	89.65	158
New York	71.00-74.00	73.00	21 :	75.25	46
Philadelphia	70.50-72.00	71.45	11 :	71.84	22
Pittsburgh	70.00-73.00	72.27	11 :	77.92	51
St. Louis	68.75-70.00	68.97	19 :	70.62	30
San Francisco	96.50	94.91	32 :	87.65	86

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	10/20/08	Change	Last Wk 10/13/08	10/22/07
541	78.67	1.44	77.23	71.21

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	76.00-77.00	76.69	30
Central	60.00-74.00	71.33	65
Western	75.00-83.00	82.19	53

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	84.00-87.00	86.03	86
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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.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,048	69.00-89.00	86.17

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	161.00	1,428
BREASTS - B/S	120.50	5,795
BREASTS - WHOLE	73.50	1,466
THIGH MEAT - B/S	129.50	1,151
THIGHS	62.00	627
DRUMSTICKS	68.00	841
LEG QUARTERS	54.50	8,441
WINGS	103.50	2,632

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

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYER Trade sentiment was mixed, but mostly steady. Demand following the weekend was light to fair with trading usually limited to regular commitments. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was mostly fair. Wings were adequate to tight and continued to move satisfactorily. The remaining items were at least adequate or available with some discounting reported to help move. 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 fair to fairly good entering the week. Offerings of all sizes were in good balance and clearing satisfactorily. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair. The market tone was fully steady. In the parts complex, wings were well cleared; boneless skinless breasts, tenders and most dark meat cuts were at least adequate to available for current needs.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The preliminary majority prices were unchanged. Reported trading prices were mixed with WOGs in the strongest position. Offerings were adequate overall. Buying activity had increased, with best interest where features anticipated. Retailer demand was moderate to good, with best movement where promotions planned. Dealers reported desirable weekend clearances. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was up 4.62 to 76.94, with the volume reported at 35 loads up 13 percent.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices increased into Midwest markets; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady. Retail and food service demand was mostly light to moderate. Floor stocks were in balance to ample, weights desirable to heavy. Parts movement was fairly good on wings, light to moderate on all other parts. The market tone was fully steady to firm on wings, and barely steady to instances weak on all other items.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to moderate entering the week as dealers assess current market conditions. Seller offerings were closely balanced to well cleared. Live supplies were moderate; weights varied, but were noted as mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 73 to 85 cents. Trade sentiment ranged steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, wings remained in the best position with supplies noted as in good balance to tight. Breast items and dark meat cuts were fully adequate to available with light movement.

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	
RANGE	70-87
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operation.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was generally light and unaggressive entering the week as most dealers remained cautious and selective. Boneless skinless breasts and tenders were fully adequate to available. Leg items available and slow to clear. Wings were in good balance to tight. Retail and distributive movement was mostly fair. The market tone was fully steady for wings; barely steady to weak for legs and leg quarters. The balance of items were no better than steady.

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

ITEM	NEGOTIATED TRADING*	CURRENT WTD	VOLUME
		AVG**	/LBS
BREAST - B/S	110-115	102.57	465,721
TENDERLOINS	105-110	109.62	123,360
BREAST - WITH RIBS	63-64	72.64	99,600
BREAST - LINE RUN	63	65.17	73,800
LEGS	62-63	62.87	112,640
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	50-51	51.42	363,520
DRUMSTICKS	61-62	71.86	37,480
THIGHS	60-61	70.47	40,160
B/S THIGHS	121-122	124.01	39,920
WINGS (WHOLE)	106-107	110.34	162,668
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-14	14.93	6,480
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	49.36	6,880
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	65.05	21,240

NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, northern NJ, MA, CT, RI, & 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 FOB 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	1,891	85.00-102.00	85-90	91.36
TENDERLOINS	601	90.00-183.00	90-100	95.42
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	583	43.00-52.00	51-52	49.17
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	949	40.00-54.00	52-53	52.17
WINGS (WHOLE)	2,172	98.00-135.00	99-106	105.67
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
THIGHS	1,412	51.00	-	51.00

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (In thousands)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	10/20	10/16	10/16	10/13	10/09
Alabama	4,140	4,076	5.45	4,088	5.42
Arkansas	4,688	4,889	5.56	4,568	5.60
Delmarva	2,199	2,241	5.88	2,229	5.94
KY-LA-TN	2,300	2,297	5.19	2,243	5.22
Mississippi	2,971	3,048	5.94	2,936	5.90
North Carolina	2,714	2,778	6.81	2,628	6.81
Texas	2,595	2,676	5.21	2,735	5.27
Total	21,607	22,005	5.70	21,427	5.71
Mon	21,607 (A)			21,427 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 20-Oct 2008 is estimated to be 32,326,000 up 0.54 percent from a week ago. and down 2.3 percent from a year ago.

(last week 32,153,000 last year 33,074,000)

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	345	88.00-186.00	-	106.59
TENDERLOINS	226	95.00-175.00	-	117.54
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	465	47.00-53.00	-	49.99
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,049	50.00-56.00	-	52.44
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
WINGS (CUT)	105	105.00-117.00	-	112.43
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS	104	110.00-127.00	-	111.386

Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for Oct 20, 2008 -- F.O.B. Dock

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
56.50 - 61.50	59.11	59.79

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 20 OCT-2008 TO 24-OCT-2008, CENTS PER POUND

	Price per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	85.00 - 111.00	89.00 - 105.00
TENDERLOINS	75.00 - 123.00	93.00 - 105.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	45.00 - 93.00	65.00 - 78.00
LEGS	61.00 - 69.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	40.00 - 60.00	50.00 - 53.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	45.00 - 60.00	53.00 - 54.00
DRUMSTICKS	52.00 - 67.00	-
THIGHS	61.00 - 69.00	-
B/S THIGHS	120.00 - 132.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	98.00 - 106.00	104.00 - 110.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	17.00 - 29.00	-
LIVERS	32.00 - 49.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 65.00	-

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

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

FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	123
	ICE PACK	159
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	-
	DRY PACK	117
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	112
	ICE PACK	114
DUCKS		235-252

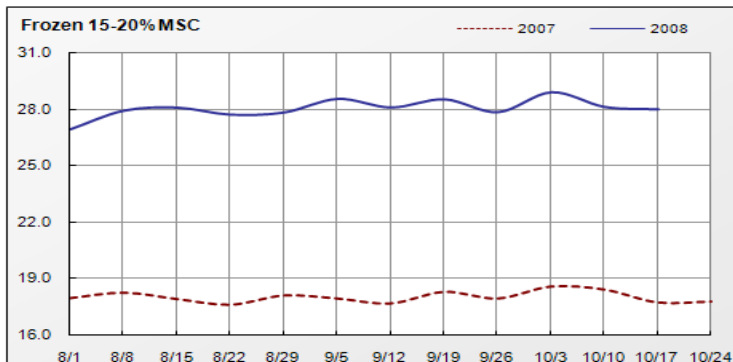
National Mechanically Separated Chicken

(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 unchanged 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 moderate; frozen moderate to gppd. Supplies of raw materials were tight. Domestic and export trading was moderate to normal. Buyers and sellers have begun contract negotiations for 2009 with a small percentage committed.

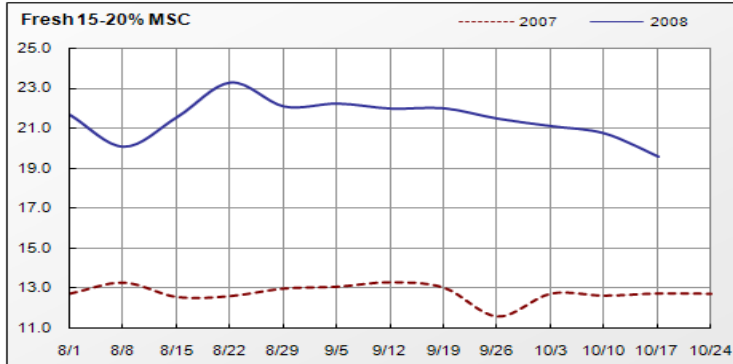
Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	17-Oct-08	Last Week	Last Year	17-Oct-08	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range		33.00	17.50-22.00	24.00 - 26.00	26.00 - 27.50	15.00-16.00
Wtd Avg Price		33.00	18.37	24.73	26.59	15.83
Volume Traded	-	120	356	221	242	858
Volume Exported	-	120	316	-	-	376
15-20%						
Price Range	22.00 - 32.00	22.00 - 32.00	15.50-21.00	16.50 - 25.00	18.00 - 27.00	11.00-16.00
Wtd Avg Price	28.01	28.13	17.73	19.56	20.73	12.72
Volume Traded	1,066	1,938	1,808	1,908	2,569	2,477
Volume Exported	783	1,578	1,508	469	626	898
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	21.00	21.00	14.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	21.00	21.00	14.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	122	80	80
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	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 unchanged to higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Schedules were leaning towards full. Finished sales were moderate and improving. 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 20-OCT-08

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-13.5		10.17

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS

Sales were generally unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was seasonally moderate to fairly good for the at least adequate offerings of spent fowl. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Sales of finished product was moderate to fairly good. 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 20-OCT-08

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-17 CENTS/LB.		10.47
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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