

# **USDA BROILER MARKET NEWS REPORT**

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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were unchanged in all areas when compared to early week. Trade sentiment overall was steady to about steady, at times fully steady in the Midwest. Retail demand was light to moderate, best where features were active. Food service demand was irregular, ranging slow to fairly good, best into fast food. Supplies ranged adequate to ample to satisfy current requirements. Floor stocks were balanced to long. In the parts structure, movement was light to fair for late-week trading. 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 productions areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

<u>Preliminary Report</u> Prices negotiated for truck lot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 27-OCT-2008 (cents per lb)

#### **US GRADE A**

(Includi	WTD								
<u>AREAS</u>	<b>MAJORITY</b>	<b>RANGE</b>	<u>AVG</u>	<b>LOADS</b>					
Delivered to Fir	st Receivers								
Chicago	66.00-72.00	64.00-81.25	69.21	21					
New York	71.00-74.00								
Los Angeles	96.00								
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent									
Mississippi	84.00-87.00	63.00-90.00	86.25	89					

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Mississippi 84.00-87.00 63.00-90.00 86.25 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.

PRELIMINARY FOR DOCK OR

		PRELIMINARY FOR DOCK OR
		EQUIVALENT
<b>LOADS</b>	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG

<del></del>			
813 85	.98-89.00		87.11
Georgia f.o.b. dock	confirmed p	oreliminary weighte	ed average price on ice
packed parts:	'	WTD. AVG.	VOLUME
ITEM	(CEN	TS PER POUND	(000) POUNDS)
LINE RUN TEND	ERS	162.00	1,114
BREASTS - B/S		119.00	4,903
BREASTS - WHO	DLE	72.50	1,088
THIGH MEAT - B	/S	129.50	986
THIGHS		62.50	599
DRUMSTICKS		67.00	712
LEG QUARTERS		52.50	6,935
WINGS		105.00	2.334

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

SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYER Trade sentiment was about steady. Demand entering the weekend was fair at best with some caution noted. Supplies of all sizes were more than adequate to satisfy current trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was light to fair for late week trading. Breast items were more than sufficient with light movement and wings were in good supply and moving well. Dark meat items were at least adequate to readily available with leg quarters in the longest position. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly fair to moderate at best entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes were sufficient for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair. Fast food interest was fair to moderate. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, wings were sufficient. Breast items and tenders were at least adequate to available. Most dark meat cuts were available and slow to clear.

<u>WESTERN REGION</u> Preliminary majority prices were unchanged. The market tone was about steady. Early trading reported at mainly unchanged prices on regular commitments, with new negotiations at unchanged to higher prices. Offerings were adequate overall with heavier sizes in the longest position. Buying activity was moderate to instances fairly good. Retailer demand was mainly moderate. Dealers anticipated desirable weekend carryovers. The market tone was about steady to weak on parts, with dark items in the weakest position.

MIDWEST BOILER/FRYER Preliminary majority delivered prices into the Chicago area for next week's trade were unchanged. Whole broiler/fryer market tone remained steady, instances fully steady. Retail movement was light to moderate overall, at times better for advertisements. Food service demand was irregular, slow to fairly good with fast food and sports bars providing best activity. Floor stocks were adequate to ample; weights desirable to heavy. In parts, trade centered on small wings, which were tight; all other items received slight inquiry and were fully adequate. Trade sentiment was steady to firm on wings and steady to weak on the balance of parts.

<u>DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS</u> Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to moderate entering the weekend. Seller offerings were usually adequate for immediate trade requirements. Live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights. Processing schedules ranged moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices remained unchanged at 73 to 85 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, breast items and dark meat cuts were at least sufficient to readily available. Wings were adequate to close with the smaller sizes in the best position.

\*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		69-91
WEIGHTED AVER	AGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES		(A)
CUMULATIVE	10/20/08 - 10/24/08	(A)
	10/22/07 - 10/26/07	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	10/20/08 - 10/24/08	(A)
	10/22/07 - 10/26/07	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

<u>SOUTHERN STATES BROILER PARTS</u> 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.

OCT 23, 2008					OCT 24, 200	8			WE	EKLY
	LBS			WTD	LBS			WTD	LBS	WTD
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJ	AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJ	AVG	(000)	AVG
BREAST - B/S	326	90.00-185.00	-	108.25	316	88.00-182.00	-	103.51	1,641	106.48
TENDERLOINS	179	100.00-182.00	-	110.19	158	100.00-179.00	-	111.49	872	110.09
BREAST - LINE RUN	٦	TOO FEW TO REI	PORT		TO	O FEW TO REPORT	•		261	71.63
FRONT HALVES	7	TOO FEW TO REI	PORT		TO	O FEW TO REPORT	•		315	67.22
LEGS	٦	TOO FEW TO REI	PORT		TO	O FEW TO REPORT	•		TFI	EWR
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	401	45.00-51.00	48-49	48.72	455	43.00-52.00	-	47.40	2,118	49.10
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	643	47.00-53.00	50-51	49.98	832	47.00-53.00	48-50	49.31	4,023	51.24
WINGS (WHOLE)	٦	TOO FEW TO REI	PORT		TO	O FEW TO REPORT	•		409	92.11
WINGS (CUT)	٦	TOO FEW TO REI	PORT		101	102.00-117.00	-	111.06	514	111.40
DRUMSTICKS	7	TOO FEW TO REI	PORT		TO	O FEW TO REPORT	•		TFI	EWR
THIGHS	٦	TOO FEW TO REI	PORT		TO	O FEW TO REPORT	•		TFI	EWR
B/S THIGHS		<u> 100 FEW TO REI</u>	PORT		TO0	O FEW TO REPORT	•		404	113.39
WHOLE BODY INDEX BASE	D ON	SOUTHERN STATE	S PARTS TF	RADING	WHOLE BC	DY INDEX BASED ON	SOUTHER	RN STATE	S PARTS T	RADING

FOR OCT 23, 2008 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE TODAY'S AVERAGE

54.00 - 60.50 57.14

FOR OCT 24, 2008 -- F.O.B. DOCK. **RANGE TODAY'S AVERAGE**5-DAY AVERAGE

57.78

58.23

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 was light and selective entering the weekend as dealers were cautious and kept floor stocks in close balance with immediate needs. Breast items and tenders were least adequate to available. Wings were clearing satisfactorily. Most dark meat cuts readily available with light movement. Retail and distributive movement was mostly fair with best interest centering around scattered feature activity. The market tone was generally steady for wings; barely steady to weak for legs, leg quarters and drums. The balance of items were no better than steady.

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

			OC1 24 2008				
<b>CURRENT NEG</b>	WTD	VOL	<b>CURRENT NEG</b>	WTD	VOL	WEEKLY	WEEKLY
TRADING*	AVG**	/LBS	TRADING*	AVG**	/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
110-115	105.98	690,000	110-115	105.14	540,803	105.11	2,771,534
105-110	107.38	121,240	105-110	104.85	88,080	109.39	604,145
63-64	69.61	147,560	63-64	71.27	106,720	71.59	593,800
63	65.24	68,400	63	65.34	63,000	65.11	338,400
62-63	59.02	191,160	61-62	62.23	117,160	59.81	761,240
) 48-49	50.95	276,040	47-48	51.28	260,600	51.21	1,545,810
61-62	70.52	73,120	60-61	68.77	83,160	69.03	343,282
60-61	70.26	56,200	60-61	71.57	42,360	70.08	223,800
121-122	123.79	55,080	121-122	124.03	28,240	123.51	199,440
106-107	111.04	185,449	106-107	110.90	126,760	110.08	764,157
ΓRIPPED) 12-14	15.00	13,600	12-14	15.00	6,800	14.99	65,840
S) 45-50	49.31	5,760	45-50	48.95	6,680	48.99	44,720
60-65	64.44	13,360	60-65	65.06	15,920	64.63	93,680
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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.

<sup>\*\*</sup> WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS								
ES	STIMATE	D	<b>ACTUA</b>	L	AVG	WTS	ACTUAL	AVG
	(1,000)		(1,000)	)			(1,000)	WTS
	10/24	10/23	10/22	10/21	10/22	10/21	10/17	10/15
Alabama	4,101	4,068	4,022	4,052	5.47	5.37	4,316	5.48
Arkansas	4,365	5,130	4,984	5,190	5.63	5.51	3,920	5.57
Delmarva	2,261	2,255	2,212	2,216	6.03	6.07	2,141	6.06
KY-LA-TN	2,113	2,268	2,012	2,290	5.21	5.25	2,153	5.20
Mississippi	2,974	3,062	2,989	3,029	5.88	5.90	3,071	5.85
North Carolina	a 3,416	2,827	2,747	2,763	6.93	6.91	3,052	6.82
Texas	2,607	2,605	2,630	2,608	5.23	5.24	2,584	5.49
Total	21,837	22,215	21,596	22,148	5.75	5.71	21,237	5.76
Mon-Fri	109,754	(A)					107,787 (	A)
Saturday	1,118	(include	ed in tota	I for date	shown)		1,267	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 24-Oct-08 and 25-Oct-08 is estimated to be 32,671,000 head up 2.52 percent from a week ago and down -4.86 percent from a year ago. (Last week 31,868,000, last year 34,341,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 25-Oct-08 is estimated to be 163,802,000 head up 1.17 percent from a week ago, and down 2.25 percent from a year ago. (Last week 161,915,000, last year 167,574,000)

Actual data incorporated when available.

# SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DLVRD TO RETAILERS

RANGE
FRESH FRYERS 109-119
ROASTERS 4# & UP 125-135
HENS UNDER 5#
HENS OVER 5#
DUCKS

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY, DLVRD TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

RABBITS-WHOLE RABBITS-CUT UP

		RANGE
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

RANGE

**MOSTLY** 

#### YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED

W/E 18-OCT -2008 Under Federal Inspection (Preliminary)

			Thousand	ds	
	Α	В	С	D	
	4.25 lbs	4.26 -	6.26 -	7.76 lbs	
	& down	6.25 lbs	7.75 lbs	& up	Total
Head	36,593	76,792	29,358	19,172	161,915
Avg Live Wgt	3.83	5.31	6.82	8.28	5.62
% of total /1	23%	47%	18%	12%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	36,653	78,359	29,229	19,545	163,786
Avg Live Wgt	3.82	5.33	6.80	8.23	5.60
% of total /1	22%	48%	18%	12%	100%
Year Ago 2/	38,040	80,484	32,036	19,082	169,642
Avg Live Wgt	3.82	5.39	6.96	8.17	5.65
% of total /1	22%	47%	19%	12%	100%
To date/2008	1,760,136	3,343,602	1,039,085	751,192	6,894,015
To date/2007	1,812,084	3,397,231	1,106,170	479,137	6,794,622

/1May 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

(PRELIMINARY)	Young	Light	Heavy	Total	
W/E 18-OCT-2008	Chickens	Hens	Hens	Hens	Ducks
			Thousan	ds	
Head	161,915	1,281	1,803	3,084	440
Avg Wt	5.62	3.25	7.83	5.93	6.75
Last week	163,786	1,353	1,730	3,083	435
Same wk yr ago	169,642	1,187	1,602	2,789	484
Avg Wt	5.65	3.24	8.52	6.27	6.79
To-date/2008	6,894,015	57,586	68,711	126,297	18,453
To-date/2007	6,794,622	46,374	61,450	107,824	20,985
Ready-to-Cook We	eight and Dre	ssing Perc	entage		
Current week	677,922	2,144	9,388	11,532	2,138
Last week	683,315	2,251	8,916	11,167	2,108
Same wk yr ago	714,066	1,981	9,077	11,058	2,366
Dressing %	74.5%	51.5%	66.5%		72.0%
(A) TI					

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 160.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 163.9 million head, or 3.9 million more than estimated available.

(B) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.

# ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/

#### FRYFR AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

FRYE	<u> </u>	<u>ABILITY COMPA</u>	ARISON		
1	Week	Million Head	Million Head		Avg
Er	nding	Slaughtered	Available	Pct	Wt
Sept	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
	11	165.8	160.5	103%	5.60
	18	163.9	160.0	102%	5.62
Year to	o date	6977.9	6981.9	100%	
Oct	25		160.2		
Nov	1		159.3		

#### **BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**

Under Federal Inspection

Thousands								
W/E	10/25/08	10/18/08	%CHG	10/27/07	%CHG			
Broilers	163,802	161,915 *	+1.17	167,574 *	-2.25			
Cattle	647	632	+02	673 *	-04			
Hogs *Actual	2,296	2,358	-03	2,314 *	-01			

## **EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

FOR DELIVERY THE WEEK OF 20-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
 MOSTLY
 172-192
 178-196

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

ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX) 68.29-76.25 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 were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand was reported as moderate to very good. Supplies were adequate to instances barely adequate for trade requirements. 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 20-OCT-2008

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

**GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION -** OCT 21, 2008
DATE OF AUCTION: PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED
\*\*AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY\*\*

	R	RANGE	
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.90	-	1.00
Pullets 4-6 LBS	1.05	-	1.50
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.05	-	.40
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.40	-	.50
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.85	-	1.05
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.80	-	.90
Guinea Fowl	3.00	-	3.10
Banty Roosters	2.50	-	2.75 ea.
Banty Hens	1.00	-	1.50 ea.
Leghorn Roosters	2.00	-	2.25 ea.
Silkies	1.25	-	1.30 ea.
Geese 9-14 LBS	.30	-	.35
Pigeons	1.00	-	1.75 ea.
White Pigeons	2.75	-	3.50 ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.80	-	2.15
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	1.50	-	1.60
Bunnies	1.00	-	4.00 ea.
Guinea Pigs	.05	-	1.25 ea.
Goats	25.00	-	40.00 ea.
Doves	2.00	-	2.25 ea.
Chukars	6.00	-	7.00 ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.25	-	1.40
Total Coops Sold 400			

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Sales were too few to report prices. Offerings were generally sufficient for current trade needs. Demand was at least moderate with limited trading 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) TOO FEW TO REPORT HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS) TOO FEW TO REPORT

Cents per pound, current negotiation, freight cost included

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# **HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\***

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB. GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 27-OCT-08

<u>SOUTH CENTRAL</u> Trading levels on heavy fowl were TFEWR. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings from primary users. Schedules were near capacity. Finished sales were seasonally active and at least moderate. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

AT FARM BUYER LOADING

RANGE MAJORITY
TOO FEW TO REPORT

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

# 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 the previous week. Demand was fair to mostly moderate for the adequate offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

**RANGE** 

MAJORITY

REMOVAL COST

3-12

10

<u>SOUTHEAST HEAVY</u> Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was at least moderate for the adequate to at least adequate offerings of spent fowl. Processing schedules for next week were noted as normal. Sales of finished product was moderate to fairly good. The undertone was steady to fully steady.

AT FARM BUYER LOADING AT FARM PRODUCES LOADING FOB PLANT

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<u>SOUTH CENTRAL</u> Trading was TFEWR. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent fowl. Schedules were as desired. Finished sales were fair. Salvage costs were about steady.

**RANGE** 

**MAJORITY** 

REMOVAL COST

TOO FEW TO REPORT

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

**RANGE** 

MAJORITY

REMOVAL COST

0-10.5

0-5

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