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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were unchanged in the West, but trending higher elsewhere when compared to early week prices. Trade sentiment was about steady to fully steady in the West, fully steady to firm in all other areas. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate as buyer interest centered on other traditional holiday items. Supplies ranged fully adequate to tight to satisfy current trade needs. Floor stocks were balanced to long. In the parts structure, movement was mostly moderate for late week trading. Breast items were generally sufficient, but tenders, boneless skinless, and wings were well cleared to tight and moving satisfactorily. Dark meat items were more than sufficient with drums and thighs in the longest position. In productions areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

PRELIMINARY REPORT Prices negotiated for trucklot sales of readyto-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 24-NOV-2008 (cents per lb)

US Grade A

(Including branded product)

<u>AREAS</u>	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to F	First Receivers			
Chicago	71.00-74.00	70.00-82.50	74.75	16
New York	73.00-76.00			
Los Angeles	95.00			
Southeast A	rea FOB Dock I	Equivalent		
Mississippi	83.00-87.00	67.00-89.00	84.57	76

GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 86.75 cents based on icepacked USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. PRELIMINARY FOR DOCK

		FILEIMINANTIODOCK
		OR EQUIVALENT
LOADS	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD AVG
758	80.00-87.80	86.43

GA f.o.b. dock confirmed PRELIMINARY WTD AVG price on icepacked parts:

		WTD AVG	VOLUME
ITEM	(CENTS	PER POUND)	(000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TI	ENDERS	152.50	1,084
BREASTS - I	3/S	108.50	4,699
BREASTS - \	NHOLE	70.50	1,047
THIGH MEA	Γ - B/S	104.00	922
THIGHS		53.50	544
DRUMSTICK	(S	56.50	662
LEG QUART	ERS	30.50	6,693
WINGS		109.50	2,236

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

MIDWEST REGION Preliminary majority delivered prices increased on next week's trade into the Chicago market area. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was fully steady to firm on limited offers. Retail and food service trade was generally light to moderate at best; occasionally good demand noted into some sport restaurants and bars. Floor stocks were on close balance to long; weights in desirable range. Supplies of small wings remained short, large sizes were limited, breast cuts adequate, and dark meat lines were available. The trade sentiment was steady to firm on wings and breast items, about steady dark meat cuts.

WESTERN REGION The preliminary majority prices were unchanged. The market tone was about steady to fully steady. Early trading was limited but reported at unchanged to higher prices. Offerings were adequate. Buying activity was fair. Retailer demand was light to moderate. Floor stocks were adequate. The market tone was generally steady to firm with white meat items in the strongest position.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was at least moderate entering the weekend as dealers kept orders in close balance with the seasonal demand. Offerings of all sizes were in good balance to tight for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair as buyer interest centered on other traditional holiday items. The market tone was firm. In the parts complex, tenders boneless skinless breast and wings were well cleared. Bone-in breast were at least sufficient and dark meat cuts were available and slow in clearing.

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was firm. Demand entering the weekend was seasonally fair to moderate, and trading limited to regular commitments as the holiday approaches. Supplies were at least sufficient to satisfy current trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was moderate at best for late week trading. Breast items were sufficient, but boneless skinless and tenders were balanced to closely cleared. Wings remained close balanced to tight, and dark meat items were at least adequate with drums and thighs in the longest position. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was limited as the majority of buying interest centered on other needs for the upcoming holiday. Seller offerings were balanced for current trade requirements. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but reported as mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were one cent higher at 75 to 87 cents. The market tone was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, breast items were at least sufficient. Wings were well cleared to tight. Dark meat cuts were at least adequate to available.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES IMMEDIATE DEILVEERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FORM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE WEIGHTED AVERAGE NO. OF BOXES		72-91 (A) (A)
CUMULATIVE	11/17/08-11/21/08	(A)
	11/19/07-11/23/07	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	11/17/08-11/21/08	(A)
	11/19/07-11/23/07	(A)
(A) Not reported to avoid	disclosing individua	Loperation

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.

NOV 20, 2008					NOV 21, 2008	}			WE	EKLY
	LBS			WTD	LBS			WTD	LBS	WTD
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJ	AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJ	AVG	(000)	AVG
BREAST - B/S	395	95.00-189.00	100-105	105.65	352	95.00-188.00	-	111.44	1,861	104.65
TENDERLOINS	153	105.00-185.00	110-115	115.88	188	102.00-181.00	-	111.67	929	110.67
BREAST - LINE RUN	7	TOO FEW TO RE	PORT		TOO	FEW TO REPORT	Γ		270	69.28
FRONT HALVES	7	TOO FEW TO RE	PORT		TOO	FEW TO REPORT	Γ		297	67.77
LEGS	7	TOO FEW TO RE	PORT		TOO	FEW TO REPORT	Γ		TFEWR	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	376	25.00-32.00	-	27.72	426	25.00-31.00	27-28	27.93	2,040	27.37
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,028	27.00-34.00	28-30	29.24	567	27.00-33.00	29-30	29.65	4,251	28.75
WINGS (WHOLE)	7	TOO FEW TO RE	PORT		100	97.00-110.00	-	104.80	420	102.19
WINGS (CUT)	7	TOO FEW TO RE	PORT		105	110.00-117.00	-	114.33	504	113.83
DRUMSTICKS	7	TOO FEW TO RE	PORT		TOO	FEW TO REPORT	Γ		TFEWR	
THIGHS	7	TOO FEW TO RE	PORT		TOO	FEW TO REPORT	Γ		TFEWR	
B/S THIGHS	160	95.00-110.00	-	98.75	TOO	FEW TO REPORT	Γ		454	100.14
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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR NOV 20, 2008 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE TODAY'S AVERAGE

44.50 - 51.00 48.69

RANGE TODAY'S AVERAGE 5-DAY AVERAGE 45.00 - 52.00 48.22 47.70

FOR NOV 21, 2008 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

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 fair to mostly moderate entering the weekend as dealers attempted to keep floor stocks in good balance as other traditional holiday items became the focal point of the market. Offerings of bone-in breasts were generally sufficient for current needs; boneless skinless breasts, tenders and wings were in good balance to well cleared. Dark meat cuts were at least adequate to available with drums in the longest position. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair. The market tone was fully steady to firm for boneless skinless breasts, wings and tenders; barely steady for most dark meat cuts.

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

NOV 20. 2008

NOV 20, 2000				NOV 21, 2000				
	CURRENT NEG	WTD	VOL	CURRENT NEG	WTD	VOL	WEEKLY	WEEKLY
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	/LBS	TRADING*	AVG**	/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	105-110	101.01	623,240	110	101.53	561,040	100.73	2,356,726
TENDERLOINS	110	106.71	141,800	l 110-115	107.81	115,720	106.93	579,703
BREAST - WITH RIBS	63-64	67.41	131,400	63-64	69.01	126,280	66.52	824,040
BREAST - LINE RUN	63	65.00	63,000	63	65.28	64,800	65.16	316,800
LEGS	45-46	37.57	140,560	45-46	35.46	179,120	36.28	880,840
LEG QUARTERS (BULK) 26-27	26.94	463,928	26-27	27.81	327,573	26.42	1,959,421
DRUMSTICKS	47-48	53.00	60,560	46-47	55.45	63,560	54.68	322,000
THIGHS	49-50	57.19	39,320	49-50	53.91	55,840	55.12	278,200
B/S THIGHS	94-95	97.73	56,320	94-95	97.37	17,200	97.46	173,760
WINGS (WHOLE)	107-108	108.01	133,320	108-109	109.44	176,400	109.22	737,080
BACKS AND NECKS (ST	ΓRIPPED) 13-15	15.00	16,680	13-15	15.00	11,100	15.00	65,020
LIVERS (5 POUND TUB	S) 45-50	49.03	12,840	45-50	50.00	7,080	49.00	44,360
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	69.95	21,640	70-75	72.97	18,280	70.66	101,880

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.

^{**} WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED	ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS									
E\$	STIMATE	D	ACTUA	L	AVG	WTS	ACTUAL	AVG		
	(1,000)		(1,000))			(1,000)	WTS		
	11/21	11/20	11/19	11/18	11/19	11/18	11/14	11/12		
Alabama	4,025	3,998	4,089	4,034	5.61	5.47	4,061	5.45		
Arkansas	3,861	5,050	5,010	4,973	5.57	5.54	4,180	5.56		
Delmarva	2,074	2,080	1,766	2,098	6.18	6.11	2,098	6.20		
KY-LA-TN	1,841	2,254	2,250	2,218	5.28	5.28	2,131	5.22		
Mississippi	3,012	3,034	2,959	3,056	5.63	5.83	3,360	5.81		
North Carolin	a 3,195	2,702	2,191	2,412	7.19	7.19	3,048	6.97		
Texas	2,547	2,575	2,313	2,660	5.20	5.40	2,742	5.45		
Total	20,555	21,693	20,578	21,451	5.74	5.76	21,620	5.77		
Mon-Fri	105,898	(A)					107,265 (A)		
Saturdav	937	(include	ed in tota	I for date	shown)		599			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 21-Nov-08 and 22-Nov-08 is estimated to be 30,753,000 head down 5.21 percent from a week ago and up 15.73 percent from a year ago. (Last week 32,443,000, last year 26,572,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 22-Nov-08 is estimated to be 157,021,000 head down 1.79 percent from a week ago, and up 21.24 percent from a year ago. (Last week 159,887,000, last year 129,511,000) 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
RABBITS-WHOLE

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY, DLVRD TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

RABBITS-CUT UP

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

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED

W/E 15-NOV-2008 Under Federal Inspection (Preliminary)

	Thousands						
	Α	В	С	D			
	4.25 lbs	4.26 -	6.26 -	7.76 lbs			
	& down	6.25 lbs	7.75 lbs	& up	Total		
Head	39,620	78,354	21,824	20,089	159,887		
Avg Live Wgt	3.71	5.36	6.74	8.26	5.51		
% of total /1	25%	49%	14%	12%	100%		
Comparisons							
Last week	42,008	73,735	23,245	24,196	163,184		
Avg Live Wgt	3.71	5.41	6.76	8.29	5.59		
% of total /1	26%	45%	14%	15%	100%		
Year Ago 2/	47,125	75,345	25,576	19,284	167,330		
Avg Live Wgt	3.80	5.37	6.92	8.34	5.51		
% of total /1	28%	45%	15%	12%	100%		
To date/2008	1,928,008	3,642,066	1,141,704	830,686	7,542,464		
To date/2007	1,981,564	3,712,274	1,214,457	560,108	7,468,403		

/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) W/E 15-NOV-2008	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks	
W/E 10 NOV 2000			Thousar			
Head	159,887	1,401	1.650	3,051	472	
Avg Wt	5.51	3.25	7.75	5.68	6.67	
Last week	163.184	1.297	1,616	2.913	435	
	, -	, -	,	,		
Same wk yr ago	167,330	1,274	1,562	2,836	528	
Avg Wt	5.51	3.40	7.98	5.92	6.74	
To-date/2008	7,542,464	62,984	75,191	138,175	20,239	
To-date/2007	7,468,403	50,859	67,818	118,677	22,921	
Ready-to-Cook We	eight and Dre	ssing Perc	entage			
Current week	656,328	2,345	8,504	10,849	2,267	
Last week	679,588	2,164	8,350	10,514	2,192	
Same wk yr ago	686,881	2,231	8,289	10,520	2,562	
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 154.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 161.8 million head, or 7.4 million more than estimated available.

(B) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/

FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

,	Week	Million Head	Million Head		Avg
Eı	nding	Slaughtered	Available	Pct	Wt
Oct	11	165.8	160.5	103%	5.60
	18	163.9	160.0	102%	5.62
	25	165.3	160.2	103%	5.57
Nov	1	164.0	159.3	103%	5.41
	8	165.2	157.0	105%	5.59
	15	161.8	154.4	105%	5.51
Year t	o date	7634.2	7612.8	100%	
Nov	22		151.8		
	29		151.9		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection

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		Thousar	nds		
W/E	11/15/08	11/08/08	%CHG	11/17/07	%CHG
Broilers	157,021	159,887 *	-1.79	129,511 *	+21.24
Cattle	633	619	+02	584 *	+08
Hogs *Actual	2,366	2,310	+02	2,023 *	+17

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR DELIVERY THE WEEK OF 17-NOV-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** 174-194 182-198 **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) 64.29-74.50 72.00-74.00 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 71.28-101.25 14 OZ. 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. Demand was moderate to at times good with noted interest toward traditional holiday items. Supplies were adequate for current needs. Schedules were full-time. Prices paid, first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$7.15-8.70, bone in legs at \$2.45-3.00, gizzards at \$1.20-1.5, wings at \$.70-.90, 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 17-NOV-2008

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	182-206	165-210

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - NOV 18, 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	.85	-	1.00	
Doves	2.00	-	3.00 ea.	
Pekin Ducks	3.75	-	4.00 ea.	
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.20	-	.30	
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.25	-	.40	
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.40	-	.50	
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.75	-	.80	
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.60	-	.70	
Guinea Fowl	1.80	-	2.00	
Banty Roosters	2.00	-	2.10 ea.	
Banty Hens	1.00	-	1.10 ea.	
Silkies	1.25	-	1.50 ea.	
Pigeons	.85	-	1.10 ea.	
White Pigeons	1.80	-	2.00 ea.	
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.80	-	2.05	
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	1.60	-	1.80	
Bunnies	.75	-	2.00 ea.	
Guinea Pigs	.10	-	.50 ea.	
Goats	10.00	-	40.00 ea.	
Kid Goats	12.00	-	20.00 ea.	
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.85	-	1.00	

Total Coops Sold 450

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Sales were too few to report prices. Offerings were generally sufficient for current trade needs. Demand was moderate 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 SALES TO REPORT

COST HEAVY CANNER HENS
(WITHOUT NECKS)

TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED LIGHT CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)
TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED HEAVY CANNER HENS
(WITHOUT NECKS)
TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

LIVE 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 generally adequate offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

REMOVAL COST RANGE MAJORITY 3-12 4-8

SOUTH CENTRAL Trading was TFEWR. Demand was fair for at least adequate offerings from primary users. Schedules were as desired. Finished sales were at least moderate. Salvage costs were steady.

RANGE MAJORITY

REMOVAL COST TOO FEW TO REPORT

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

RANGE MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST 0-10.5 0-5

LIVE HEAVY TYPE HENS

(7 POUNDS AND UP) *
PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB.,
GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER
THE WEEK OF 24-NOV-08

SOUTH CENTRAL Trading was TFEWR. Demand was moderate to good for no better than adequate processing stocks. Schedules were full. Finished sales were good. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

RANGE MAJORITY

AT FARM BUYER LOADING

TOO FEW TO REPORT

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was moderate to at least moderate for the mostly adequate offerings of spent fowl. Processing schedules for next week were reduced due to the Thanksgiving Day holiday. Sales of finished product was at least moderate. The undertone was at least steady to fully steady.

RANGE MAJORITY

AT FARM BUYER LOADING AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING FOB PLANT TOO FEW TO REPORT TOO FEW TO REPORT TOO FEW TO REPORT

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY NEW YORK CITY SEASONAL POULTRY

FOR DELIVERY THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 17, 2008 CAPONS:

Prices were unchanged. Supplies of frozen USDA Grade A capons were in close balance with anticipated demand. Buying interest for the upcoming holidays was fairly good. Movement into distribution channels was at least moderate. Trade sentiment was fully steady.

DOLLARS PER POUND DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS:

6-9 LBS. 2.15-2.40 MOSTLY 2.25-2.35

GEESE:

Prices were unchanged when compared to the previous week. Supplies of frozen USDA Grade A geese were in close balance and clearing satisfactorily. Bookings for December shipments were normal. Movement into retail and distributor channels was at least moderate. Trade sentiment was fully steady.

DOLLARS PER POUND DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS:

8-16 LBS. 3.90-4.25 MOSTLY 3.95-4.05

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