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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices were 5 cents lower in the Midwest, 2 cents lower in the East, and unchanged in the West when compared to early week prices. The market tone was about steady to weak in the East, barely steady to weak in the Midwest and steady to weak in the West. Retail demand was very light to moderate entering the weekend. Food service demand was light to moderate. Supplies ranged light to heavy for current trade needs. Floor stocks were close balanced to long. In the parts structure, movement was very light to good for late week trading. Wings were in good supply and moving well. Supplies of breast items were heavy with discounting noted to help clear. Dark meat items were moderate to heavy with legs and leg quarters in the weakest position. In productions 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 21-SEP-2009 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A
(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
New York	69.00-72.00			
Los Angeles	94.00			
Whole Body 2/				
Chicago	48.00-60.00	44.00-78.00	58.85	42
FOB Dock Equivalent 3/:				
Mississippi	80.00-84.00	57.00-87.00	81.77	82

1/: Includes branded product.
2/: Whole Body category includes whole body birds with or without giblets, all grades, brands, and packaging.
3/: Southeast area

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broiler/fryers for this week's trading is 84.75 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 ½ to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG
830	78.87-86.14	84.31

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	171.50	1,224
BREASTS - B/S	131.50	5,533
BREASTS - WHOLE	81.00	1,297
THIGH MEAT - B/S	103.00	1,150
THIGHS	56.50	999
DRUMSTICKS	61.00	1,042
LEG QUARTERS	41.00	8,317
WINGS	141.00	2,971

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

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light and unaggressive as dealers were cautious and selective entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes were heavy and competitively priced. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, supplies of wings remained light and moving well. Breasts items and most dark meat cuts were heavy and slow to clear. Tenders were noted in better balance and clearing satisfactorily.

MIDWEST BOILER/FRYER Whole bird preliminary delivered prices moved 5 cents lower into the Chicago market area. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was barely steady to weak. Buyer interest was noted as moderate for the light offerings of small birds and limited interest on moderate to ample offerings of heavy weights. Retail demand was slow to moderate at best. Major cities with big sports agendas developed good orders into sports bars, downtown restaurants, catering and fast food was good where promoted. Floor stocks were in close balance to fully adequate; weights desirable to heavy. Supplies of dark meat cuts readily available, breast cuts were well cleared to adequate, and wings were non-existent. The market tone was firm on wings; balance of parts barely steady to weak.

WESTERN BOILER/FRYER The market tone was steady to instances weak on whole birds. Offers of whole birds were adequate to available with heavier sizes in the longest position. Retail and food service demand light to moderate. Weights desirable. Floors stocks adequate to heavier than desired. Supplies of wings tight, breast and dark meat items adequate to fully adequate. The market tone on wings was firm, breast items barely steady and leg quarters barely steady to weak meat.

SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYER The market tone was about steady to barely steady. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate with limited trading. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to satisfy current trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was light to good for late week business. Wings were in good supply and moving satisfactorily. Breast items were heavy with cutlets in the weakest position. Dark meat items were moderate to heavy. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable weights.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light and disappointing entering the weekend. Offerings were mixed and generally noted as heavy on the 3 pound and larger sizes and moderate on the lighter sizes. Live supplies were moderate; weights varied, but were desirable. Processing schedules were moderately heavy to heavy when combined with spot operations open on Saturday. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent lower at 71 to 84 cents. The market tone was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, breast items continued heavy and discounted to help clear. Wings remained light and well cleared. Dark meat cuts were moderate to heavy for trade requirements.

*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		60-92
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		(A)
NO. OF BOXES		(A)
CUMULATIVE	09/14/09-09/18/09	(A)
	09/15/08-09/19/08	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	09/14/09-09/18/09	(A)
	09/15/08-09/19/08	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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.

	SEP 17, 2009				SEP 18 2009				WEEKLY	
ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	LBS (000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			1,617	115.14
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			883	130.02
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			456	76.90
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			310	58.47
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	460	32.00-41.00	39-40	37.43	465	30.00-41.00	-	36.75	2,293	37.58
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	732	35.00-42.00	41-42	38.08	810	33.00-42.00	-	38.70	3,875	39.70
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			145	135.00-142.00	-	138.72	750	137.20
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			145	154.00-165.00	-	157.07	826	155.26
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			201	50.70
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			204	48.87
B/S THIGHS	86	87.00-105.00	-	90.58	56	88.00-105.00	-	91.61	334	92.22

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR SEP 17, 2009 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
45.50 - 51.50	48.86

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR SEP 18, 2009 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
42.50 - 50.00	46.88	48.17

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 PARTS Trucklot buying activity was light as dealers assess market conditions and carefully gauge their needs entering the weekend. Offerings of breast items remained heavy and competitively priced. Dark meat cuts were moderate to mostly heavy and wings were light and clearing well. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was barely steady to weak for breast items and most dark meat cuts. Wings were firm.

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

	SEP 17, 2009			SEP 18, 2009				
ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS	WEEKLY WTD AVG	WEEKLY VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	125	121.27	706,160	125	120.80	677,327	120.70	3,037,336
TENDERLOINS	135	137.28	116,560	135	137.47	124,200	137.07	579,440
BREAST - WITH RIBS	76-77	90.72	60,720	75-76	88.32	63,880	89.46	327,560
BREAST - LINE RUN	76	77.29	104,920	75	76.52	83,200	77.79	429,440
LEGS	57-58	54.45	158,080	56-57	51.88	194,240	53.95	987,760
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	39-40	42.03	214,080	38-39	41.78	194,360	42.18	1,195,800
DRUMSTICKS	52-53	61.44	84,000	52-53	61.24	116,640	60.62	470,537
THIGHS	46-47	58.81	49,040	45-46	57.68	70,760	57.99	307,640
B/S THIGHS	104-105	110.53	62,960	104-105	112.66	113,160	109.22	323,640
WINGS (WHOLE)	140-141	147.14	167,840	141-142	147.21	207,320	145.48	800,240
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	13-15	15.00	22,680	13-15	15.00	26,720	15.00	104,840
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	47.18	15,960	45-50	48.97	8,200	47.20	65,800
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	65-70	67.47	23,080	65-70	68.44	13,240	68.96	79,480

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.
** 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

	ESTIMATED (1,000)		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WTS		ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS
	09/18	09/17	09/16	09/15	09/16	09/15	09/11	09/09
Alabama	4,225	4,098	4,100	4,008	5.48	5.40	4,233	5.51
Arkansas	3,819	5,301	5,272	5,307	5.45	5.50	5,040	5.48
Delmarva	2,555	2,259	2,212	2,249	5.98	5.87	2,535	6.05
KY-LA-TN	2,383	2,373	2,299	2,347	5.13	5.12	2,631	5.03
Mississippi	2,894	2,912	2,873	2,934	5.86	5.85	3,666	5.98
North Carolina	2,276	2,704	2,747	2,673	6.95	7.10	3,284	6.94
Texas	2,714	2,714	2,463	2,735	5.14	5.54	2,744	5.54
Total	20,866	22,361	21,966	22,253	5.68	5.72	24,133	5.74
Mon-Fri	110,645 (A)						98,336 (A)	
Saturday	748 (included in total for date shown)						2,352	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 18-Sep-09 and 19-Sep-09 is estimated to be 31,218,000 head down 13.80 percent from a week ago and down -6.84 percent from a year ago. (Last week 36,214,000, last year 33,511,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 19-Sep-09 is estimated to be 164,729,000 head up 11.27percent from a week ago, and down 0.70 percent from a year ago. (Last week 148,041,000, last year 165,893,000)

Actual data incorporated when available.

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

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	109-122
ROASTERS 4# & UP	125-135
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	-
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY, DLVRD TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	170
	ICE PACK	159
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK	117
	ICE PACK	-
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	116-125
	ICE PACK	-
DUCKS		262-265

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED

W/E 12-SEP-2009 Under Federal Inspection (Preliminary) (In 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	37,639	73,596	19,045	17,761	148,041
Avg Live Wgt	3.87	5.44	6.74	8.24	5.54
% of total /1	25%	50%	13%	12%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	42,083	84,413	22,422	16,652	165,570
Avg Live Wgt	3.80	5.39	6.80	8.20	5.46
% of total /1	25%	51%	14%	10%	100%
Year Ago 2/	44,733	82,495	21,465	18,944	167,637
Avg Live Wgt	3.83	5.38	6.77	8.16	5.46
% of total /1	27%	49%	13%	11%	100%
To date/2009*	1,453,753	2,855,880	803,952	554,825	5,668,410
To date/2008*	1,538,679	2,884,562	877,749	636,030	5,937,020

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.
*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.
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 12-SEP-2009	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	----------Thousands----------				
Head	148,041	1,011	1,341	2,352	394
Avg Wt	5.54	3.21	7.74	5.79	6.78
Last week	165,570	1,369	1,346	2,715	392
Same wk yr ago	167,637	1,358	1,769	3,127	438
Avg Wt	5.46	3.21	7.77	5.79	6.77
To-date/2009*	5,668,410	46,490	54,027	100,517	14,729
To-date/2008*	5,937,020	50,187	58,581	108,768	15,785
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	611,010	1,688	6,902	8,590	1,897
Last week	673,489	2,342	7,053	9,395	1,901
Same wk yr ago	681,897	2,267	9,141	11,408	2,105
To-date/2009*	23,219,669	77,397	281,334	358,731	70,136
To-date/2008*	24,398,070	83,432	307,742	391,174	74,789
Dressing %	74.5%	52.0%	66.5%		71.0%

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 157.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 149.8 million head or 7.4 million less than estimated available.(B) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.
*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

Week Ending		Million Head Slaughtered	Million Head Available*	Pct	Avg Wt
Aug	8	166.8	161.3	103%	5.49
	15	165.2	160.7	103%	5.52
	22	166.0	159.5	104%	5.53
	29	167.1	158.5	105%	5.61
Sep	5	167.6	157.5	106%	5.46
	12	149.8	157.2	95%	5.54
Year to date		5737.0	5681.8	101%	
Sep	19		158.4		
	26		158.4		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection

W/E	09/19/09	09/12/09	%CHG	09/20/08	%CHG
	----------Thousands----------				
Broilers	164,729	148,041 *	+11.27	165,893 *	-0.70
Cattle	645	562	+15	681 *	-05
Hogs	2,310	2,038	+13	2,327 *	-01

*Actual

EASTERN REGION MISC POULTRY Delivery Week of 14-SEP-2009

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

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	193-197	198-204
MIDWEST	178-194	184-198

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A & PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS & UP, DLVRD, CENTS PER LB

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	68.00-81.00	70.00-76.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	71.00-87.00	77.00-86.00

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	69.84- 99.63
14 OZ.	77.76-112.59
16 OZ.	84.96-124.82

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

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS

All prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was moderate to instances fairly good. Supplies were light to moderate for current trade requirements. Processing schedules resumed to normal. Prices paid, first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at $7.70-8.70, bone in legs at $2.45-3.10, gizzards at $1.20-1.50, wings at $.70-.90, livers at $1.25-2.05, and feet at $.70-1.45.

PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 14-SEP-2009

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	177-210	179-210

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - SEP 15, 2009

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

PRICES PAID PER LB, EXCEPT AS NOTED	RANGE		
Banty Hens	2.00	-	2.25 ea.
White Pigeons	3.05	-	3.20 ea.
Bunnies	1.00	-	3.00 ea.
Chicks	.25	-	.50 ea.
Chukars		-	2.00 ea.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.50	-	.60
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.80	-	.85
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.90	-	1.10
Goats	51.00	-	55.00 ea.
Guinea Fowl		-	2.50
Guinea Keets	.70	-	1.50 ea.
Guinea Pigs	3.50	-	8.00 ea.
Kid Goats	41.00	-	45.00 ea.
Leghorn Roosters		-	3.25 ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.95	-	1.20
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.20	-	1.50
Pekin Ducks	4.00	-	5.50 ea.
Pigeons	2.20	-	2.50 ea.
Pullets 4-6 LBS		-	1.30
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	.95	-	1.00
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.00	-	1.30
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.70	-	.80
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.35	-	.45
Silkies	2.00	-	4.50 ea.
Banty Roosters	3.00	-	3.20 ea.
Banty Roosters	3.00	-	3.20 ea.
Love Birds	16.00	-	22.00 ea.
Peacocks	32.00	-	34.00 ea.
Quail	.75	-	1.00 ea.

Total Coops Sold 2257

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Sales were too few to report prices. Offerings were moderate for current trade needs. Demand was light to fair with limited trading due to the majority of supplies being used internally. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

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

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT	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 the previous week. Demand was mostly moderate for the adequate offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	2-11	3-7

SOUTH CENTRAL Trading was TFEWR. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of light fowl. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL Prices unchanged. Offerings were adequate with demand light to good. Schedules fulltime to partime. 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 21-SEP-09

SOUTH CENTRAL Spent heavy fowl were TFEWR. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings from primary users. Schedules were reduced. Retail sales were improving. Trade sentiment was about 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 fair to moderate. Offerings were mostly moderate. Processing schedules for next week were normal. Finished product supplies were sufficient for current trade needs. The undertone was at least steady.

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

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.