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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were higher in the West, unchanged elsewhere. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate. Supplies were light to moderate for trade needs. Floor stocks were adequate to long. In the parts structure, movement was light to moderate following the weekend. Wings were balanced to tight and moving well. Breast items were moderate to heavy, and dark meat cuts were available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.

FINAL BROILER FRYER prices negotiated for trucklot sales of RTC broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers and FOB at major market areas (cents per lb) week of 19-OCT-2009

	Grade A		Loads	Composite	
	Majority	Wtd Avg		Wtd Avg	Loads
Delivered to First Receivers 1/:					
Boston/New England	TFEWR		:	72.47	15
Ohio Cities	TFEWR		:	62.27	11
Denver	91.50	91.50	9:	86.85	13
Detroit	TFEWR		:	62.74	33
Los Angeles	92.00	89.60	45:	79.66	86
New York	64.00-67.00	65.57	21:	68.51	43
Philadelphia	63.50-65.00	64.18	11:	64.98	23
Pittsburgh	63.00-66.00	65.09	11:	70.64	49
St. Louis	TFEWR		:	63.53	20
San Francisco	92.50	90.57	34:	83.76	56
Delivered to First Receivers 1/:					

	Whole Body 2/:		Loads	Composite	
	Majority	Wtd Avg		Wtd Avg	Loads
Chicago	55.00-61.00		:	62.56	48

Composite Weighted Average 3/:					
Loads	10/19/09	Change	Last Wk	10/12/09	10/20/08
397	71.22	1.31		69.91	78.67

WOG broiler 4/:			
	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads
Eastern	69.00-71.00		30
Central	53.00-67.00		79
Western	69.00-71.00	71.70	43
FOB Dock Equivalent 5/:			
Mississippi	72.00-80.00	78.46	74

- 1/: Includes branded product.
- 2/: Whole Body category includes whole body birds with or without giblets, all grades, brands, and packaging.
- 3/: Includes all whole birds shipped into listed cities including Chicago.
- 4/: Delivered first receiver, trucklot and less than trucklot volumes.
- 5/: Southeast area

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 82.75 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
1,010	62.00-86.10	81.99

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

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	169.00	1,485
BREASTS - B/S	123.50	6,374
BREASTS - WHOLE	75.00	1,522
THIGH MEAT - B/S	96.00	1,236
THIGHS	51.00	1,069
DRUMSTICKS	61.50	1,162
LEG QUARTERS	37.50	9,785
WINGS	152.50	3,294

This information is supplied by the Ga Dept. of Ag/Poultry Market News Service.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly fair as dealers assess market conditions entering the week. Offerings of all sizes were noted in better balance and clearing well. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone was fully steady. In the parts complex, supplies of breast items and most dark meat cuts were moderate; wings were light to moderate. Tenders were heavy.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYER The market tone was steady. Demand following the weekend was fair to moderate with light trading. Supplies of all sizes were sufficient to satisfy current trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was light to moderate. Availability of wings was light and continued to move well. Breast items were moderate to heavy with mixed interest, and dark meat cuts were mostly adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to slightly heavier weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majorities were unchanged from last Tuesday's final majority prices. The market tone on whole birds was steady to fully steady. Offers of whole fryers were adequate for the lackluster buyers current needs. Retail and food service demand light to moderate. The Los Angeles negotiated wog weighted average was up 3.36 cents from last week to 69.33 cents on 35 loads. Trading was noted on boneless skinless breasts at 97-113, bone-in breasts 63-90, leg quarters - bulk 36-36.5 and 4/10 39-42, drums 44-51 and thighs 44-51 delivered.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Chicago whole broiler/fryer final majority delivered prices were 4 cents higher; Ohio cities, Detroit and St. Louis TFEWR. The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was steady to fully steady. Offers were light on limited buyer call. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate. Floor stocks adequate to long; weights desirable to heavy. Supplies of all parts were adequate with wings limited. The market tone was steady to firm on wings, and about steady on the balance.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair entering the week as dealers assessed market conditions and needs. Seller offerings were sufficient for current trade requirements. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but noted as desirable. Processing schedules were reported as moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 66 to 80 cents. The market tone was generally steady. In the parts complex, breast items were moderate to heavy with tenders in the weakest position. Dark meat cuts were moderate. Wings were light to moderate and fully steady.

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	62-87
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operation.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was no better than fair entering the week. Offerings of breast items were generally sufficient for current needs. Dark meat cuts were at least adequate and wings were light to moderate and clearing satisfactorily. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was about steady for breast items; at least steady to fully steady for wings. Tenders were barely steady to weak.

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

ITEM	NEGOTIATED TRADING*	CURRENT	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	120-125	115.25	115.25	427,400
TENDERLOINS	125-130	132.27	132.27	112,444
BREAST - WITH RIBS	67-68	75.81	75.81	106,880
BREAST - LINE RUN	67	69.60	69.60	78,480
LEGS	53-54	43.93	43.93	188,160
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	34-35	34.29	34.29	235,560
DRUMSTICKS	51-52	59.44	59.44	56,240
THIGHS	41-42	53.25	53.25	43,160
B/S THIGHS	94-95	97.81	97.81	52,400
WINGS (WHOLE)	147-148	157.57	157.57	144,440
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	13-15	15.00	15.00	20,200
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	46.93	46.93	5,360
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	65-70	68.65	68.65	17,960

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	1,589	95.00-149.00	96-103	100.17
TENDERLOINS	408	102.00-212.00	-	124.34
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,749	26.00-34.00	28-30	29.17
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,262	28.00-38.00	31-34	32.47
WINGS (WHOLE)	386	147.00-153.00	151-153	151.13
DRUMSTICKS	503	42.00-57.00	44-46	45.14
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (In thousands)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	10/19	10/15	10/15	10/12	10/08
Alabama	3,977	3,758	5.54	3,994	5.45
Arkansas	5,262	5,141	5.41	4,920	5.41
Delmarva	2,194	2,213	6.02	2,229	5.91
KY-LA-TN	2,455	2,485	5.11	2,374	5.04
Mississippi	2,919	2,940	5.81	2,788	5.68
North Carolina	2,823	2,701	6.71	2,558	7.09
Texas	2,740	2,742	5.41	2,723	5.13
Total	22,370	21,980	5.67	21,586	5.64
Mon	22,370 (A)			21,586 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection 19-Oct 2009 is estimated to be 33,468,000 up 3.32 percent from a week ago and up 4.9 percent from a year ago.

(last week 32,392,000 last year 31,910,000)

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	395	102.00-167.00	-	109.81
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	420	27.00-35.00	-	32.24
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	949	29.00-38.00	-	34.68
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

 Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for Oct 19, 2009 -- F.O.B. Dock

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
42.50 - 48.50	46.23	45.20

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 19-Oct-2009 TO 23-Oct-2009, CENTS PER POUND

	Price per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	95.00 - 120.00	105.00 - 110.00
TENDERLOINS	105.00 - 142.00	-
BREAST - LINE RUN	68.00 - 82.00	69.00 - 74.00
LEGS	39.00 - 54.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	34.00 - 36.00	34.00 - 36.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	33.00 - 42.00	36.00 - 38.00
DRUMSTICKS	46.00 - 59.00	-
THIGHS	42.00 - 48.00	-
B/S THIGHS	93.00 - 98.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	138.00 - 160.00	147.00 - 151.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 30.00	-
LIVERS	32.00 - 51.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 61.00	-

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

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	95-112
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	99-117
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

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, DELIVERED 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

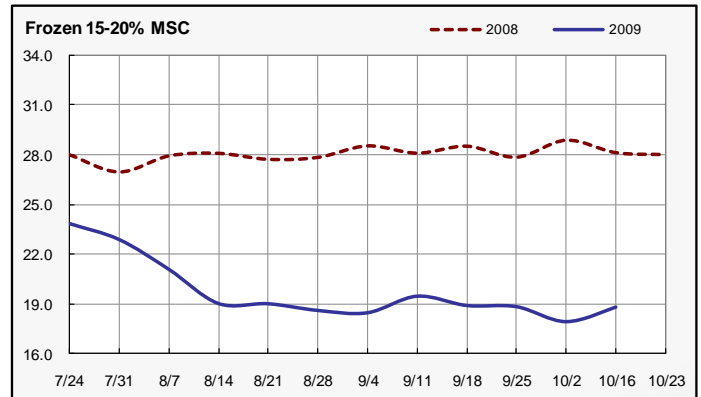
National Mechanically Separated Chicken

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

The market tone was about steady on all fat contents. Supplies of fresh and frozen 15-20% ranged adequate to available, mostly fully adequate for current needs. The remainder of fat contents was sufficient. Dealers continued to monitor market conditions heading into contract season. Raw material supplies were at least adequate to available. Export and domestic demand was fair to moderate. Schedules were seasonally normal. Frame values were steady ranging mostly 7-9 cents FOB.

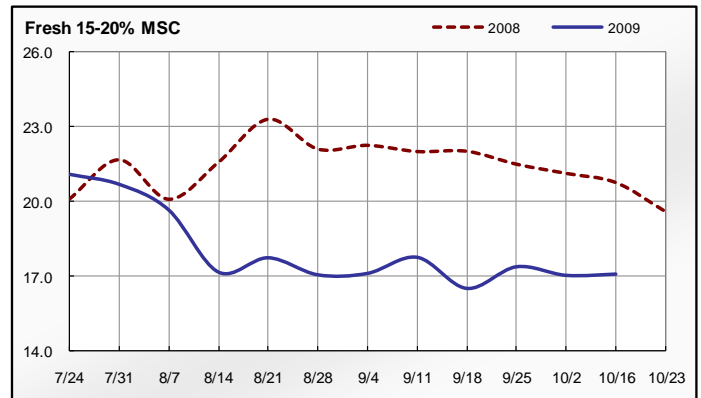
Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	16-Oct-09	Last Week	Last Year	16-Oct-09	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range	20.00		33.00	18.00 - 19.00	18.00 - 19.00	26.00-27.50
Wtd Avg Price	20.00		33.00	18.50	18.60	26.59
Volume Traded	80	-	120	242	202	242
Volume Exported	-	-	120	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	16.50 - 22.50	15.00 - 22.50	22.00-32.00	15.50 - 21.00	15.00 - 21.00	18.00-27.00
Wtd Avg Price	18.83	17.95	28.13	17.07	17.01	20.73
Volume Traded	1,216	1,832	1,938	2,733	3,160	2,569
Volume Exported	1,096	1,472	1,578	-	1,020	626
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	17.00	17.00	21.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	17.00	17.00	21.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	82	80
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	Sep 2009	Aug 2009	Sep 2008	Sep 2009	Aug 2009	Sep 2008
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	-	20.00	27.49	19.07	20.20	27.17
Volume Traded	-	216	316	1,170	981	1,148
Volume Exported	-	216	316	-	-	-
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	18.86	19.34	28.25	17.21	17.77	21.88
Volume Traded	6,748	7,073	6,260	13,286	12,115	12,855
Volume Exported	5,848	6,532	5,142	3,773	2,774	3,915
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	17.80	19.66	21.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	204	246	322
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

**LIVE HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 19-OCTOBER-09**

SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS

Trading was TFEWR. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were as desired. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING		TOO FEW TO REPORT	

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS

Prices were slightly higher when compared to the previous week. Demand was at least moderate for the sufficient offerings of heavy fowl. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Finished product supplies were adequate for current trade needs. The undertone was at least steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7.50-17.00		11.60
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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