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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices were 4 cents higher in the Midwest and East, unchanged in the West when compared to last week. The market tone was steady to firm in the Midwest, steady to instances firm in the West and fully steady to firm in the East. Retail and food service demand was light to instances fairly good, best into holiday catering venues, restaurants and some fast food channels. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to light to satisfy current trade needs. Floor stocks were balanced to closely balanced. In the parts structure, movement was light to moderate for early week business. Wings were light and clearing well. Supplies of breast items and most dark meat items were light to moderate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but noted as 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 21-DEC-2009

	Grade A Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads	Composite Wtd Avg	Loads
Delivered to First Receivers 1/:					
Boston/New England	TFEWR		:	73.36	14
Ohio Cities	TFEWR		:	67.04	12
Denver	90.50	90.50	6 :	88.00	9
Detroit	TFEWR		:	69.36	30
Los Angeles	91.00	88.33	42 :	80.62	93
New York	69.00-72.00	71.19	21 :	73.13	43
Philadelphia	68.50-70.00	69.55	11 :	69.80	23
Pittsburgh	68.00-71.00	70.55	11 :	75.18	51
St. Louis	TFEWR		:	68.46	20
San Francisco	91.50	89.95	19 :	85.78	29

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:

	Whole Body 2/: Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads	Composite Wtd Avg	Loads
Chicago	62.00-67.00		:	68.01	47

Composite Weighted Average 3/:

Loads	12/21/09	Change Last Wk	12/14/09	12/22/08
371	74.69	3.21	71.48	81.59

WOG broiler 4/:	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads
Eastern	74.00-76.00	74.78	30
Central	61.00-68.00	67.80	71
Western	71.00-76.00	75.69	55
FOB Dock Equivalent 5/:			
Mississippi	72.00-79.00	77.29	64

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 82.25 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
923	67.00-86.54	81.96

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	172.00	1,485
BREASTS - B/S	137.50	6,444
BREASTS - WHOLE	78.00	1,309
THIGH MEAT - B/S	94.50	1,013
THIGHS	51.00	991
DRUMSTICKS	61.00	1,056
LEG QUARTERS	37.50	8,982
WINGS	163.50	3,159

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 moderate to good as dealers assess market conditions entering the holiday week. Offerings of all sizes were balanced to closely cleared. Movement through retail and distributive channels was seasonally fair. The market tone was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, supplies of breast items and tenders were moderate; dark meat cuts were light to moderate and wings were tight and clearing well.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYER The market tone was firm. Demand following the weekend was fair to instances fairly good with most interest focused on holiday meat items. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to short of full trade needs as plants planned reduced schedules. In the parts structure, movement was mostly moderate. Wings were light and moving well. Breast items and dark meat items were light to moderate for early week trading. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices into San Francisco and Denver were unchanged from last weeks' prices. The market tone was steady to firm. Offers of whole body fryers light to adequate. Retail and food service demand slow to moderate. Sizes desirable to lighter than desired. Floor stocks light to fully adequate. The Los Angeles negotiated Wog weighted average was up 5.4 cents from last week to 73.32 cents on 42 loads. Trading was noted on boneless skinless breasts at 107-123, bone-in breasts 67-92, jumbo wings 164-167, thighs 50-58, boneless thighs 85-95, legs 54-66, drums 50-58, and leg quarters - bulk 37-44 and 4-10 38-40 cents delivered.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority delivered prices into the Chicago market were 4 cents higher; Ohio cities, Detroit, and St. Louis markets TFEWR. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady to firm. Retail trade was slow to moderate, best for holiday proteins. Food service was moderate to fairly good, best into holiday catering venues, restaurants and some fast food channels. Floor stocks were adequate to closely balanced; weights desirable. Supplies of wings were tight to short and all other parts were adequate to in close balance. Trade sentiment was steady to firm on all parts.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was moderate to fairly good entering the week. Seller offerings were adequate to closely cleared for trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderate, but slightly reduced at locations affected by the weekend snowstorms. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher at 72 to 85 cents. The market tone was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, breast items and dark meat cuts were light to moderate. Wings were tight to short and held with confidence.

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	71-91
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operation.

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NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was seasonally fair entering the week as dealers worked hand-to-mouth approaching the holiday. Offerings of boneless skinless breast, tenders and most dark meat cuts were light to moderate. Wings were tight and clearing well. Retail and distributive movement was fair as traditional holiday items entered the market. The market tone was fully steady to firm for wings; steady to at least steady for the balance of items.

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

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S		125-130	121.82	444,840
TENDERLOINS		130-135	133.97	114,680
BREAST - WITH RIBS		69-70	80.97	67,880
BREAST - LINE RUN		69	71.18	59,400
LEGS		55-56	51.41	153,760
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)		35-36	35.88	263,280
DRUMSTICKS		48-49	61.66	71,760
THIGHS		40-41	51.11	51,040
B/S THIGHS		94-95	98.78	68,640
WINGS (WHOLE)		158-159	166.49	131,440
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)		13-15	15.00	20,480
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)		45-50	46.79	5,440
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)		60-65	65.05	10,320

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	108.00-151.00	109-115	115.61
TENDERLOINS	645	112.00-202.00	117-123	121.20
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,175	34.00-38.00	34	34.02
WINGS (WHOLE)	509	158.00-174.00	-	164.61
DRUMSTICKS	301	45.00-55.00	46-49	48.09
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (In thousands)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	12/21	12/17	12/17	12/14	12/10
Alabama	3,978	3,979	5.41	3,728	5.71
Arkansas	5,300	5,237	5.42	5,259	5.34
Delmarva	2,213	1,947	5.89	2,272	5.89
KY-LA-TN	2,375	2,226	5.03	2,343	4.98
Mississippi	2,809	2,584	5.85	2,832	5.84
North Carolina	2,779	2,681	6.84	2,524	6.97
Texas	2,701	2,682	5.27	2,527	5.18
Total	22,155	21,336	5.63	21,485	5.67
Mon	22,155 (A)			21,485 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.
Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 21-Dec 2009 is estimated to be 33,146,000 up 2.81 percent from a week ago and up 3.7 percent from a year ago.
(last week 32,240,000 last year 31,976,000)

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		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
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)	320	32.00-36.00	-	33.69
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	797	34.00-38.00	-	35.72
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		

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Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for Dec 21, 2009 -- F.O.B. Dock

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
49.50 - 54.00	51.74	51.64

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 21-Dec-2009 TO 25-Dec-2009, CENTS PER POUND

	Price per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	99.00 -124.00	113.00 -121.00
TENDERLOINS	124.00 -144.00	128.00 -136.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	67.00 - 90.00	70.00 - 76.00
LEGS	49.00 - 54.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	33.00 - 39.00	34.00 - 36.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	33.00 - 43.00	36.00 - 38.00
DRUMSTICKS	49.00 - 69.00	-
THIGHS	40.00 - 47.00	-
B/S THIGHS	95.00 - 98.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	142.00 -164.00	152.00 -162.00
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	94-112
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	98-114
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	ICE PACK	
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	116
	ICE PACK	125
DUCKS		262-265

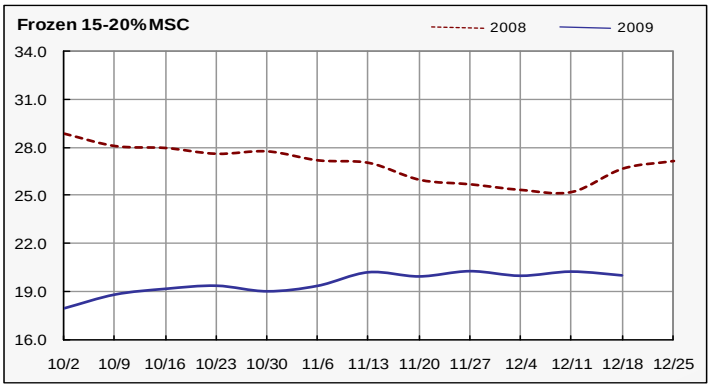
National Mechanically Separated Chicken

(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 trade sentiment on all fat contents continues mostly steady. Supplies of fresh and frozen 15-20% ranged adequate to fully adequate with the balance of fat contents at least adequate. Supplies of raw materials were adequate to available. Contract negotiations are generally done for 2010 with pricing between that of normal years and recent highs of 2009. Industry's attitude towards 2010 contracts seems to be slightly more conservative regarding the spot marketplace with more packers opting to contract a larger percentage of their production versus 2009. Export and domestic demand was seasonally fair. Schedules were generally normal with many prepping for reduced holiday schedules the next couple weeks. Frame values were steady ranging 6-9 cents FOB, mostly 7-8 cents FOB.

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

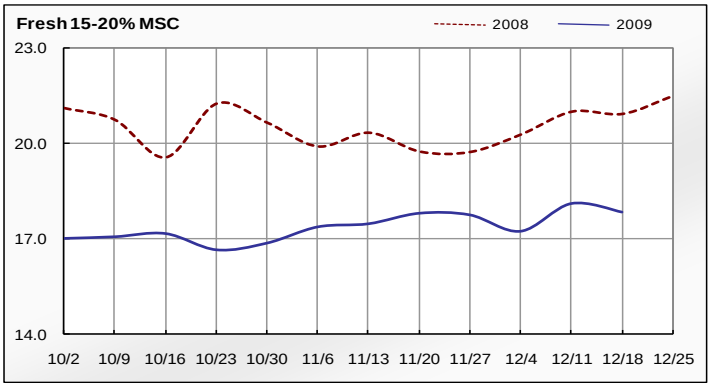
	Frozen			Fresh		
Fat Content	18-Dec-09	Last Week	Last Year	18-Dec-09	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range			-	18.00 - 19.00	18.00 - 19.00	25.00-26.00
Wtd Avg Price			-	18.50	18.75	25.48
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	324	412
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	110
15-20%						
Price Range	17.00 - 23.00	17.00 - 23.00	24.00-32.50	16.00 - 21.50	14.00 - 21.50	19.00-28.00
Wtd Avg Price	20.05	20.30	26.73	17.83	18.09	20.92
Volume Traded	1,488	2,000	1,465	3,582	3,719	3,530
Volume Exported	1,408	1,718	1,225	979	612	756
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	16.00	16.00	-
Wtd Avg Price			-	16.00	16.50	-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	163	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

	Frozen			Fresh		
Fat Content	Nov 2009	Oct 2009	Nov 2008	Nov 2009	Oct 2009	Nov 2008
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	-	20.00	24.00	18.41	18.69	24.28
Volume Traded	-	80	322	1,502	1,292	1,443
Volume Exported	-	-	160	-	-	220
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	19.97	18.85	26.34	17.60	16.94	19.96
Volume Traded	5,805	7,276	5,394	12,716	13,396	11,870
Volume Exported	5,205	6,435	4,961	1,754	2,733	1,921
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	16.67	17.00	21.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	367	328	366
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 21-DECEMBER-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 slowing. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

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

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS

Prices were generally unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was seasonally moderate to good for the light to moderate offerings of heavy fowl. Processing schedules were less than normal due to the Christmas holiday. Finished product supplies were about adequate to adequate for current trade needs. The undertone was at least steady to fully steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-17.75		12.15
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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