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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices for next week were trending unchanged in the West and East, but higher in the Midwest. The market tone was steady in the East, steady to fully steady in the West, and steady to firm in the Midwest. Demand was in a full range, but mostly light to moderate. Supplies of all sizes were sufficient for trade needs. Floor stocks were adequate to long. In the parts structure, movement was light to moderate entering the weekend. Breast items were moderate to heavy, and dark meat cuts were available. Wings were light to moderate and moving well. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.

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 19-OCT-2009 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
New York	64.00-67.00			
Los Angeles	92.00			
Whole Body 2/				
Chicago	55.00-61.00	53.00-74.00	62.41	46
FOB Dock Equivalent 3/:				
Mississippi	72.00-80.00	58.00-83.00	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/: Southeast area

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broiler/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.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG
807	77.67-86.01	82.72

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	168.00	1,205
BREASTS - B/S	123.50	5,510
BREASTS - WHOLE	75.00	1,238
THIGH MEAT - B/S	95.50	1,133
THIGHS	51.00	959
DRUMSTICKS	61.50	995
LEG QUARTERS	37.00	8,061
WINGS	152.50	2,944

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 generally no better than fair entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes were sufficient for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone was mostly steady. In the parts complex, supplies of wings were about adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Breasts items were in better balance and were at least sufficient for trade needs. Dark meat cuts were moderate and tenders were heavy.

MIDWEST BOILER/FRYER Preliminary majority delivered prices into the Chicago market area were 4 cents higher. Fill-in trade noted on 3 up wogs at 52 and 63 cents. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady to firm. Whole bird offers were light. Retail and food service movement slow to good, mostly moderate. Floor stocks were adequate to long; weights mixed. Part offerings were light with supplies of wings limited, breast cuts varied, and dark meat available. The market tone on wings was steady to firm, and steady to about steady on the balance.

WESTERN BOILER/FRYER The preliminary majority price into Los Angeles was unchanged from last Tuesday's final majority. Trade sentiment on whole birds and wogs steady to fully steady. Offers of whole birds and wogs limited but adequate for buyers current needs. Retail and food service demand light to moderate. Sizes desirable. Floors stocks adequate. Supplies of wings tight, balance of parts items adequate to fully adequate. The market tone on wings was firm, balance of parts items steady.

SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYER The market tone was steady. Demand entering the weekend was fair to moderate. Supplies of all sizes were available to satisfy current trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was light to moderate. Breast items were moderate to heavy with limited interest. Dark meat cuts were mostly moderate, and wings were light with strong movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy weights.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds increased entering the weekend, but remained only fair to moderate at best. Seller offerings were moderate for trade requirements. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but noted as desirable. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices remained 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.

*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	61-87
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE 10/12/09-10/16/09	(A)
10/13/08-10/17/08	(A)
NO. OF BOXES 10/12/09-10/16/09	(A)
10/13/08-10/17/08	(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.
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ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	424	105.00-168.00	-	114.77
TENDERLOINS	157	119.00-186.00	-	131.69
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	540	27.00-34.00	-	31.67
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	869	29.00-38.00	-	34.81
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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ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	WEEKLY LBS (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	437	100.00-168.00	-	111.90	1,605			113.45		
TENDERLOINS	170	116.00-188.00	-	129.03	839			126.31		
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT			265			69.28		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT			220			57.89		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT						TFEWR		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	460	26.00-35.00	-	31.83	1,838			32.05		
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	473	29.00-38.00	-	34.24	2,840			34.43		
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			510			145.31		
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			491			161.28		
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT						TFEWR		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT						TFEWR		
B/S THIGHS	97	85.00-100.00	-	89.17	334			89.92		

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR OCT 15, 2009 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

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RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
41.00 - 47.00	44.99

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
41.50 - 47.50	45.08	44.95

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 increased slightly, but noted as generally fair entering the weekend. Offerings of breast items were at least sufficient for current needs. Dark meat cuts were adequate and noted in better balance than earlier in the week. Wings were light to moderate. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was about steady for breast items; at least steady for wings. Tenders were mostly weak.

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

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS
BREAST - B/S	120-125	111.13	806,731
TENDERLOINS	130-135	129.06	94,440
BREAST - WITH RIBS	67-68	76.47	119,680
BREAST - LINE RUN	67	68.88	101,160
LEGS	53-54	44.63	189,080
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	34-35	33.23	228,720
DRUMSTICKS	51-52	59.31	65,920
THIGHS	41-42	53.28	39,760
B/S THIGHS	94-95	97.69	74,760
WINGS (WHOLE)	147-148	157.36	172,160
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	13-15	15.00	24,920
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	47.58	12,040
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	65-70	69.27	17,240

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS	WEEKLY WTD AVG	WEEKLY VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	120-125	113.12	706,484	112.95	3,115,955
TENDERLOINS	125-130	129.48	151,673	130.72	638,193
BREAST - WITH RIBS	67-68	81.42	94,880	78.82	439,200
BREAST - LINE RUN	67	69.42	73,080	69.06	411,720
LEGS	53-54	45.19	202,760	44.51	985,800
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	34-35	32.46	339,760	32.00	1,428,920
DRUMSTICKS	51-52	59.83	97,240	59.15	370,920
THIGHS	41-42	53.67	87,000	52.89	279,840
B/S THIGHS	94-95	99.30	111,680	97.57	381,920
WINGS (WHOLE)	147-148	156.27	173,680	156.64	824,280
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	13-15	15.00	23,560	15.00	117,640
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	48.61	8,520	47.49	48,840
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	65-70	67.99	26,280	68.27	104,600

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	
	10/16	10/15	10/14	10/13	10/14	10/13	10/09	10/09	10/07	10/07
Alabama	3,714	3,820	3,737	3,959	5.48	5.57	3,662	5.57		
Arkansas	4,010	5,168	4,795	4,956	5.59	5.60	4,091	5.49		
Delmarva	2,231	2,245	2,165	2,221	6.07	6.02	2,284	6.02		
KY-LA-TN	2,348	2,429	2,156	2,441	5.06	5.13	2,159	5.01		
Mississippi	2,804	2,927	2,853	2,919	5.90	5.95	2,908	6.02		
North Carolina	2,922	2,751	2,672	2,619	7.16	7.15	3,146	7.12		
Texas	2,729	2,737	2,796	2,769	5.46	5.54	2,701	5.67		
Total	20,758	22,077	21,174	21,884	5.79	5.81	20,951	5.81		
Mon-Fri	108,234 (A)						107,947 (A)			
Saturday	673 (included in total for date shown)						1,389			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 16-Oct-09 and 17-Oct-09 is estimated to be 31,056,000 head down 1.22 percent from a week ago and down -2.65 percent from a year ago. (Last week 31,439,000, last year 31,902,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 17-Oct-09 is estimated to be 161,190,000 head down 0.24 percent from a week ago, and down 0.45 percent from a year ago. (Last week 161,582,000, last year 161,915,000)

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 10-OCT-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	34,721	79,695	23,799	23,367	161,582
Avg Live Wgt	3.88	5.42	6.72	8.48	5.72
% of total /1	22%	49%	15%	14%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	38,186	81,539	20,360	20,923	161,008
Avg Live Wgt	3.87	5.43	6.75	8.34	5.60
% of total /1	24%	50%	13%	13%	100%
Year Ago 2/	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%
To date/2009*	1,598,026	3,190,526	891,219	635,103	6,314,874
To date/2008*	1,689,938	3,198,032	991,525	716,578	6,596,073

/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 10-OCT-2009

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
Head	161,582	1,365	1,617	2,982	387
Avg Wt	5.72	3.24	7.83	5.73	6.85
Last week	161,008	1,230	1,550	2,780	420
Same wk yr ago	163,786	1,353	1,730	3,083	435
Avg Wt	5.60	3.23	7.75	5.77	6.73
To-date/2009*	6,314,874	51,739	60,401	112,140	16,378
To-date/2008*	6,596,073	55,200	65,785	120,985	17,563

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Current week	688,566	2,300	8,420	10,720	1,882
Last week	671,725	2,117	8,081	10,198	2,037
Same wk yr ago	683,315	2,251	8,916	12,560	2,108
To-date/2009*	25,921,534	86,192	314,502	400,694	78,104
To-date/2008*	27,137,788	91,641	344,823	437,857	83,264

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 156.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 163.5 million head, or 7.2 million more 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
Sep 5	167.6	157.5	106%	5.61
12	149.8	157.2	95%	5.46
19	165.5	158.4	104%	5.54
26	162.3	158.4	102%	5.55
Oct 3	163.0	157.0	104%	5.60
10	163.5	156.3	105%	5.72
Year to date	6391.3	6311.9	101%	
Oct 17		156.4		
24		156.4		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection

W/E	10/17/09	10/10/09	%CHG	10/18/08	%CHG
Broilers	161,190	161,582 *	-0.24	161,915 *	-0.45
Cattle	629	634	-01	631 *	0
Hogs	2,295	2,291	0	2,357 *	-03

*Actual

EASTERN REGION MISC POULTRY Delivery Week of 12-OCT-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)	70.00-76.00	72.00-75.00
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

Prices remained unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Demand ranged moderate to fairly good. Supplies were adequate for current requirements. Some processors beginning to focus on production for upcoming holiday demand. Processing schedules were 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 12-OCT-2009

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

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - OCT 13, 2009

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY PRICES PAID PER LB, EXCEPT AS NOTED

	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	- 1.09 lbs.
Cocktails	17.00 - 20.00 ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	1.00 - 1.05 lbs.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.80 - .95 lbs.
Leghorn Roosters	.10 - .25 ea.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	1.30 - 1.40 lbs.
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	1.50 - 1.90 lbs.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.80 - .90 lbs.
Banty Roosters	2.75 - 3.00 ea.
Banty Hens	2.00 - 2.20 ea.
Guinea Pigs	3.75 - 5.50 ea.
Guinea Fowl	2.00 - 2.20 lbs.
Kid Goats	29.00 - 31.00 ea.
Geese 9-14 LBS	1.30 - 1.50 lbs.
Pigeons	2.10 - 2.30 ea.
White Pigeons	2.80 - 3.10 ea.
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	1.20 - 1.40 lbs.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.30 - 1.50 lbs.
Bunnies	3.00 - 8.00 ea.
Doves	3.00 - 4.75 ea.
Silkies	2.00 - 3.00 ea.
Goats	37.00 - 39.00 ea.
Guinea Keets	.35 - .75 ea.
Quail	.85 - 1.50 ea.
Love Birds	- 26.00 ea.
Pullets 4-6 LBS	- 1.70 lbs.

Total Coops Sold 2633

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Sales were too few to report. Offerings were fair to mostly moderate for current trade needs. Demand was 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)**

TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT
CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT
INCLUDED

**LIGHT CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)**

TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

**HEAVY CANNER HENS
(WITHOUT NECKS)**

TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT
NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST

**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 the previous week. Demand was at least moderate for the about adequate to adequate offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	2-11	3-7

SOUTH CENTRAL Spent leghorn fowl were TFEWR. Demand was slow for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were measured. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL Prices unchanged. Demand was fairly good while offerings were adequate to somewhat light for current processing schedules. Schedules mostly 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 19-OCT-09

SOUTH CENTRAL Trading levels were TFEWR. Demand was moderate for adequate supplies of slaughter stocks. Schedules were as desired. Finished sales were fair. 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 mostly moderate to at least moderate. Offerings were sufficient and clearing satisfactorily. Processing schedules for next week were noted as normal. Finished product supplies were adequate 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.