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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Whole broiler/fryer prices are steady to weak in the West, steady elsewhere. Offerings are mixed ranging light to heavy for trade needs. Retail and food service demand is light as dealers assess market conditions entering the week. Floor stocks are closely balanced. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light following the weekend. Prices are weak to lower for boneless skinless breast and tenders, steady for wings and steady for the balance of items. Offerings of wings are light to moderate; b/s breast and tenders are readily available and slow to clear with discounting noted. Bone-in breast are moderate to heavy and dark meat items are sufficient for current needs. Market activity for parts is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mixed but mostly desirable weights.

The National Composite Weighted Average for 10/17/14 is 107.63 compared to 108.18 a week earlier, 91.11 a year ago.

GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES

The quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is **113.75** cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

| LOADS | RANGE | WTD AVG |
|-------|---------------|---------|
| 1,015 | 104.00-119.00 | 112.83 |

Confirmed FINAL weighted average price on ice-packed parts:

| ITEM | WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND) | VOLUME (000 POUNDS) |
|------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| LINE RUN TENDERS | 222.50 | 1,970 |
| BREASTS - B/S | 217.00 | 8,115 |
| BREASTS - WHOLE | 129.00 | 1,758 |
| THIGH MEAT - B/S | 140.50 | 1,729 |
| THIGHS | 74.50 | 1,327 |
| DRUMSTICKS | 63.50 | 1,865 |
| LEG QUARTERS | 52.50 | 9,079 |
| WINGS | 158.50 | 3,746 |

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

| NATIONAL WHOLE BROILER/FRYER - COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE | | | | |
|---|---------|--------|------------|--|
| | Wtd Avg | Change | 1,000 lbs. | |
| This Week: | 107.63 | ↓ 0.55 | 11,953 | |
| Last Week: | 108.18 | | 12,212 | |
| Last Year: | 91.11 | ↑ | 9,646 | |
| Monthly Composite Weighted Average | | | | |
| Sep | 107.05 | | 47,652 | |

NATIONAL WHOLE BROILER/FRYER

| EASTERN REGION | | THIS WEEK | | | | | LAST WEEK | |
|----------------|----------------|-----------------|---------|--------|------------|---------|------------|--|
| | Price Range | Majority | Wtd Avg | Change | 1,000 lbs. | Wtd Avg | 1,000 lbs. | |
| Whole Body: | 91.00 - 133.00 | 108.00 - 113.00 | 110.33 | ↓ 0.82 | 5,582 | 111.16 | 5,456 | |
| WOGS: | 93.00 - 129.00 | 108.00 - 113.00 | 110.13 | ↓ 0.95 | 1,349 | 111.08 | 1,204 | |
| NEW YORK | | THIS WEEK | | | | | LAST WEEK | |
| Whole Body: | 99.00 - 117.00 | 107.00 - 113.00 | 109.16 | ↓ 0.27 | 1,450 | 109.44 | 1,493 | |
| CENTRAL REGION | | THIS WEEK | | | | | LAST WEEK | |
| Whole Body: | 89.00 - 117.00 | 93.00 - 105.00 | 102.25 | ↓ 0.13 | 4,106 | 102.38 | 4,196 | |
| WOGS: | 89.00 - 117.00 | 93.00 - 105.00 | 100.71 | ↓ 0.02 | 3,211 | 100.73 | 3,301 | |
| CHICAGO | | THIS WEEK | | | | | LAST WEEK | |
| Whole Body: | 89.00 - 116.00 | 93.00 - 105.00 | 101.69 | ↓ 1.33 | 2,510 | 103.02 | 2,480 | |
| WESTERN REGION | | THIS WEEK | | | | | LAST WEEK | |
| Whole Body: | 91.00 - 125.00 | 102.00 - 112.00 | 110.72 | ↓ 0.61 | 2,265 | 111.33 | 2,560 | |
| WOGS: | 91.00 - 120.00 | 102.00 - 112.00 | 109.86 | ↓ 0.80 | 2,015 | 110.65 | 2,330 | |
| LOS ANGELES | | THIS WEEK | | | | | LAST WEEK | |
| Whole Body: | 91.00 - 121.00 | 102.00 - 112.00 | 110.48 | ↓ 1.10 | 1,395 | 111.58 | 1,845 | |

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot quantities of ready-to-cook whole body broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers; prices in cents per pound; volume in thousands of pounds.

Eastern Region: AL, CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, MS, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, TN, VT, VA, WV. **Central Region:** AR, CO, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, NE, NM, OK, OH, SD, TX, WI. **Western Region:** AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Prices are steady for wings; weak to lower for boneless skinless breast and tenders and steady for the balance of items. Trucklot buying activity was light as dealers assess market conditions entering the week. Offerings of wings are light to moderate; boneless skinless breast and tenders are readily available and slow to clear with discounting noted. Bone-in breasts are moderate to heavy and dark meat items are sufficient for current needs. Movement is slow.

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

| ITEM | CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING* | WTD AVG** | VOLUME /LBS. |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| BREAST - B/S | 175-180 | 165.46 | 862,280 |
| TENDERLOINS | 165-170 | 174.71 | 128,120 |
| BREAST - WITH RIBS | 116-117 | 128.73 | 64,132 |
| BREAST - LINE RUN | 116 | 117.01 | 79,131 |
| LEGS | 57-58 | 54.46 | 132,120 |
| LEG QUARTERS (BULK) | 44-45 | 46.51 | 613,228 |
| DRUMSTICKS | 48-49 | 57.61 | 82,020 |
| THIGHS | 62-63 | 74.76 | 44,580 |
| B/S THIGHS | 119-120 | 124.62 | 116,000 |
| WINGS (WHOLE) | 180-181 | 187.57 | 228,140 |
| BACKS & NECKS (STRIPPED) | 16-18 | 18.00 | 5,800 |
| LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS) | 55-60 | 58.22 | 7,740 |
| GIZZARDS (HEARTS) | 75-80 | 80.96 | 18,600 |

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER/FRYERS

| | Estimate (1,000) | Actual (1,000) | Avg Wts | Actual (1,000) | Avg Wts |
|----------------|------------------|----------------|---------|----------------|---------|
| | 20-Oct | 16-Oct | 16-Oct | 13-Oct | 9-Oct |
| Alabama | 3,801 | 3,386 | 5.86 | 3,411 | 5.87 |
| Arkansas | 4,817 | 4,697 | 5.82 | 4,687 | 5.77 |
| Delmarva | 2,170 | 2,298 | 6.39 | 1,940 | 6.25 |
| KY-LA-TN | 2,564 | 2,487 | 5.08 | 2,518 | 5.14 |
| Mississippi | 2,820 | 2,762 | 6.19 | 2,414 | 6.24 |
| North Carolina | 2,954 | 2,915 | 7.76 | 2,908 | 7.95 |
| Texas | 2,345 | 2,137 | 5.90 | 2,099 | 6.06 |
| Total | 21,471 | 20,682 | 6.13 | 19,977 | 6.14 |
| Mon | 21,471 (A) | | | 19,977 (A) | |

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 20-Oct-14 is estimated to be 32,677,000 up 9.01 percent from a week ago and up 2.2 percent from a year ago. (last week 29,977,000 last year 31,982,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER 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 | 277 | 140.00-175.00 | - | 153.39 |
| 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) | 264 | 36.00-40.00 | 38-39 | 38.83 |
| LEG QUARTERS (4/10) | 275 | 43.00-48.00 | 44-45 | 45.96 |
| 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 | | |

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING -- F.O.B. DOCK

| RANGE | TODAY'S AVERAGE | 5-DAY AVERAGE |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 65.00 - 71.50 | 68.13 | 68.23 |

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, & WI WEEK OF 20-OCT-14 TO 24-OCT-14, CENTS PER POUND

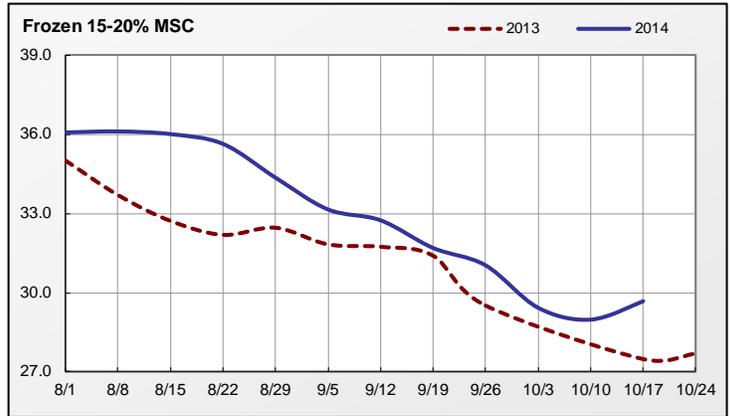
| | Price Per Lb. | Mostly |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| BREAST - B/S | 135.00- 187.00 | 137.00- 152.00 |
| TENDERLOINS | 148.00- 200.00 | 170.00- 175.00 |
| BREAST - LINE RUN | 105.00- 134.00 | 110.00- 120.00 |
| LEGS | 51.00- 63.00 | - |
| LEG QUARTERS (BULK) | 41.00- 59.00 | 43.00- 46.00 |
| LEG QUARTERS (4/10) | 44.00- 59.00 | 45.00- 48.00 |
| DRUMSTICKS | 39.00- 63.00 | - |
| THIGHS | 59.00- 77.00 | - |
| B/S THIGHS | 108.00- 130.00 | - |
| WINGS (WHOLE) | 168.00- 187.00 | 172.00- 180.00 |
| BACKS & NECKS (STRIPPED) | 17.00- 45.00 | - |
| LIVERS | 25.00- 49.00 | - |
| GIZZARDS (HEARTS) | 42.00- 59.00 | - |

NATIONAL MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN (F.O.B. Shipper Dock or equivalent; negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand pound quantities, cents/pound; delivery within 2 weeks.)

MSC prices on all fat contents are steady to mostly weak. Demand into domestic and export channels is light to moderate at best. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Additional MSC and frames are available and slow to clear, while production and movement of finished goods is typical of the season. Industry continues to monitor the spot marketplace as contract negotiations for 2015 are in full swing. Market activity is slow to moderate. Supplies of raw materials are moderate to heavy. Frames prices are steady to weak with trading levels between 9-12 cents FOB, mostly 10-12 cents FOB.

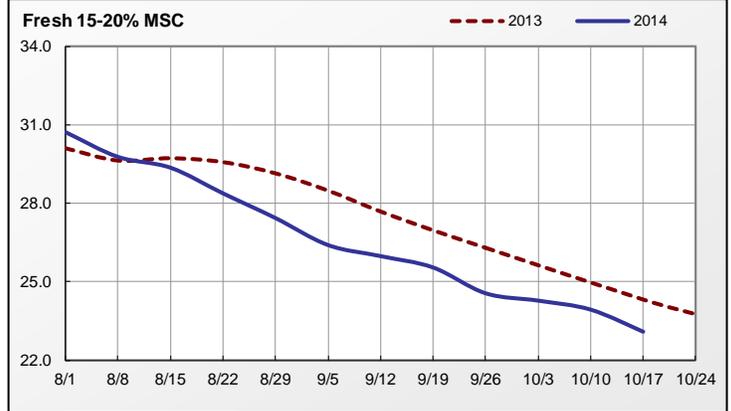
Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

| Fat Content | Frozen | | | Fresh | | |
|--------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| | 17-Oct-14 | Last Week | Last Year | 17-Oct-14 | Last Week | Last Year |
| 15% or Less | | | | | | |
| Price Range | - | - | - | 27.00 - 28.00 | 30.00 | 28.00-29.00 |
| Wtd Avg Price | - | - | - | 27.67 | 30.00 | 28.67 |
| Volume Traded | - | - | - | 122 | 102 | 122 |
| Volume Exported | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 15-20% | | | | | | |
| Price Range | 28.00 - 34.00 | 26.50 - 33.00 | 25.50-31.00 | 19.00 - 26.00 | 21.00 - 27.00 | 20.00-28.00 |
| Wtd Avg Price | 29.68 | 28.98 | 27.48 | 23.09 | 23.94 | 24.32 |
| Volume Traded | 1,868 | 2,155 | 2,246 | 2,530 | 3,142 | 2,774 |
| Volume Exported | 1,668 | 2,075 | 1,926 | 775 | 1,061 | 449 |
| 20% or More | | | | | | |
| Price Range | - | - | - | 21.00 | 22.00 | - |
| Wtd Avg Price | - | - | - | 21.00 | 22.00 | - |
| Volume Traded | - | - | - | 82 | 82 | - |
| Volume Exported | - | - | - | - | - | - |



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

| Fat Content | Frozen | | | Fresh | | |
|--------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| | Sep 2014 | Aug 2014 | Sep 2013 | Sep 2014 | Aug 2014 | Sep 2013 |
| 15% or Less | | | | | | |
| Wtd Avg Price | 32.00 | 32.00 | 33.00 | 32.56 | 33.00 | 30.59 |
| Volume Traded | 40 | 80 | 40 | 653 | 306 | 551 |
| Volume Exported | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 15-20% | | | | | | |
| Wtd Avg Price | 32.01 | 35.69 | 30.93 | 25.53 | 29.31 | 27.38 |
| Volume Traded | 9,665 | 7,765 | 7,602 | 11,483 | 13,901 | 13,991 |
| Volume Exported | 8,585 | 7,160 | 6,202 | 2,734 | 2,319 | 3,223 |
| 20% or More | | | | | | |
| Wtd Avg Price | - | - | - | 22.29 | 24.11 | 22.00 |
| Volume Traded | - | - | - | 286 | 367 | 286 |
| Volume Exported | - | - | - | - | - | - |



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

Source: USDA AMS Livestock, Poultry & Grain Market News (www.ams.usda.gov/lpsmarketnewspage)