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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were lower in the West, irregular in all other areas. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak in the West, about steady to steady elsewhere. Retail demand was slow to moderate, mostly fair at best. Food service was fair to moderate. Supplies were at least sufficient regardless of size. In the parts structure, breast items were adequate to tight with good inquiry for upcoming first of the month business. Wings were fully adequate to ample and discounted, and dark meat was at least adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights covered the full range, but was mostly desirable.

**Final report** of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 2/21-02/26/00 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE		LOADS
	MAJORITY	WTD	LOADS	WTD	
		AVG		AVG	
Bos/New Eng	44.50-45.50	44.79	17	50.41	2
Chicago	40.00-43.00	42.76	54	45.85	8
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	54.23	3
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	55.92	1
Denver	61.50	61.44	17	59.69	4
Detroit	41.00-44.00	45.88	10	50.01	4
Los Angeles	62.00	61.18	58	58.61	1
New York	40.00-45.00	44.04	46	49.45	8
Philadelphia	40.00-42.00	41.15	13	43.35	3
Pittsburgh	42.00-42.50	42.60	10	52.51	6
St. Louis	42.25-42.50	42.24	19	46.53	5
San Francisco	62.50	62.27	26	64.98	5

### Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	02/21/00	Change/Last Wk	02/14/00	02/22/99
640	52.67	-0.73	53.40	57.89

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads
East	46.50-48.00	49.27	40
Central	46.00-51.00	49.57	59
West	47.00-65.00	55.51	52

### Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	53.00-56.00	55.25	86
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**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 57.50 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
1,014	40.00-59.00	56.05

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice pack parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	133.50	4,022
BREASTS - WHOLE	65.00	2,037
THIGH MEAT - B/S	76.00	608
LEG QUARTERS	20.00	8,584
WINGS	54.50	2,935

THIS INFORMATION IS SUPPLIED BY THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S POULTRY MARKET NEWS SERVICE.

**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers remained light. Offerings of all sizes were more than adequate for immediate needs. Movement into retail and distributive outlets was slow to fair and was best where featured. The market tone was about steady. In the parts market, bone-in breasts continued to tighten. Wings continued ample. The remainder of items was at least sufficient for current trade requirements.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was light to moderate, best where features were present. Supplies were usually sufficient to handle present needs. In the parts structure, demand for breast items was fair to good with retail ads helping to stimulate interest. Wings were at least adequate with light movement, and dark meat was mostly balanced and moving. In production areas, live supplies were moderate with weights mostly desirable.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Final majority prices were 1 cent lower than last weeks' levels. Trade sentiment barely steady. Offerings adequate on small sizes and confidently held, ample on heavy weights and discounts reported to help stimulate additional interest. Retail demand was light to moderate for wholebody and moderate to fairly good for parts. Dealers reported moderate weekend carryovers. Bone-in breasts continued to be strong and balance of parts steady to barely steady. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was 47.38 up .31 with the volume reported down 8 percent to 23 loads.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Final majority prices for this week's trading into Chicago and St. Louis were generally unchanged, Detroit unchanged to higher and TFEWR elsewhere from Monday's final. Whole fryer trade sentiment was steady. Offerings of additional product light to moderate. Movement into all channels was light to moderate at best. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate, sizes desirable. Parts trading was mixed with good inquiry on breast items for the upcoming first of the month business. Supplies were adequate for trade needs. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm on bone-in breasts, barely steady to weak on wings, balance about steady.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER MARKET** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair at best. Seller offerings varied from plant to plant, but were more than sufficient for trade needs. Live supplies were mostly moderate; were in a full range of light to heavy, mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 45 to 57 cents. Trade sentiment was no better than steady. In the parts complex, bone-breast continued in good balance. Wings were fully adequate. Other items were at least adequate to fully adequate.

ACTUAL SLAUGHTER WEEK ENDING 02/19/00 WAS 11,925,274 @ 5.20

\*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	
	02/21/00	02/22/00
RANGE	41-61	41-60
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	50.14	48.35
NO. OF BOXES	4,500	4,084

\*3 of 8 plants reporting for 02/21 and 02/22

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying interest was slow to fair at best. Offerings of bone-in breasts were mostly tight, however, many dealers were not actively seeking product. Wings remained ample and continued to be sold at discounted levels. The balance was at least adequate for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was light to moderate as several retail features were expected to stimulate movement. The market tone was firm on bone-in breasts, weak on wings and about steady on the balance.

PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES.

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	H	130.28	230,840
TENDERLOINS		120.61	38,960
BREAST - WITH RIBS	O	66.84	61,640
BREAST - LINE RUN		59.82	72,480
LEGS	L	31.53	66,000
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)		19.54	126,077
DRUMSTICKS	I	36.50	20,440
THIGHS		27.08	26,520
B/S THIGHS	D	69.00	4,600
WINGS (WHOLE)		46.08	104,560
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	A	12.05	11,720
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)		29.58	3,320
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	Y	58.60	10,320

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.

**ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,122	115.00-149.00	115-119	119.91
TENDERLOINS	237	117.00-169.00	-	132.13
BREAST - WITH RIBS	242	54.00-83.00	54-55	59.44
FRONT HALVES	560	48.00-54.00	50-52	50.43
LEGS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	323	17.00-20.00	17-18.25	17.93
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,278	19.50-20.00	19.5	19.53
WINGS (WHOLE)	328	38.00-64.00	38-43	46.41
DRUMSTICKS	122	33.00-44.00	33	33.16
THIGHS	NO TRADING REPORTED			

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	02/22	02/18	02/18	02/15	02/11
ALA	3,938	3,932	5.02	3,803	4.94
ARK	5,282	6,426	4.80	5,070	4.83
DELMARVA	2,497	2,340	5.17	2,403	5.19
KY-LA-TN	1,807	2,001	4.22	2,014	4.31
MISS	2,705	2,862	5.00	2,761	4.99
NC	2,617	3,284	5.67	2,555	5.80
TEXAS	2,253	1,708	4.58	2,164	4.62
TOTAL	21,099	22,553	4.96	20,770	4.99
MON-TUE	41,214(A)		41,478(A)		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 22-Feb 2000

is estimated to be 31,566,000 up 1.28 percent from a week ago and up 7.37 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,167,000, last year 29,399,000)

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS** F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	666	115.00-172.00	119-125	123.36
TENDERLOINS	164	115.00-160.00	120	125.19
BREAST - LINE RUN	120	60.00-69.00	60-62	60.60
FRONT HALVES	80	52.00-55.00	53-55	53.75
LEGS	96	27.50-35.00	-	28.75
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	510	17.00-19.00	17-18	17.37
EG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,200	18.50-22.00	21-22	20.56
WINGS (WHOLE)	125	41.00-58.00	45-46	46.79
WINGS (CUT)	455	52.00-74.00	54-57	57.05
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR FEBRUARY 21, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
34.50 - 37.00	35.56	33.07

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 PARTS** PRICES PER LB., ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 02/21-02/26/00

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	120-140	120-125
BREAST - LINE RUN	55-65	55-62
LEGS	30-37	30
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	16-23	17-20
DRUMSTICKS	27-50	29-33
WINGS (WHOLE)	40-58	42-44
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	15	-
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-60	30-32
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35-48	40

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

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	74-89
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	77-95
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	84-93
FROZEN DUCKS	135-149
FROZEN SQUABS	589
<b>DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)</b>	
FRESH FRYERS	76-80
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	79
DUCKS	125
RABBITS-WHOLE	299
RABBITS-CUT UP	309-316

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**

<b>DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS</b>	
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK 104-108
	ICE PACK 92-96
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 104-107
	DRY PACK 112
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK 95
	ICE PACK 91
DUCKS	149-166

**EASTERN REGION** PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 18-FEB-00

**CHICKEN PRICES**

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	16.00-18.00	-	17.00	18.00
WTD AVERAGE	16.33		17.00	18.00

480,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

**CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN**

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	15.00	15.50	13.00	15.00
WTD AVERAGE	15.00	15.50	13.00	15.00

712,000 pounds, this includes 372,000 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%

RANGE	12.50-17.00	-	11.00-13.00	12.00-14.00
WTD AVERAGE	14.44		11.86	13.31

1,863,000 pounds, this includes 508,000 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE

RANGE	-	-	-	12.75
WTD AVERAGE				12.75

520,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.  
\* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT** Prices were slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of heavy hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was about steady.  
HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 21-FEB-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.5-19.5 CENTS/LB	10-13	12.30

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**CENTRAL REGION** PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 18-FEB-00

**CHICKEN PRICES**

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

**CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN**

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	12.00-15.00	14.00-17.00
WTD AVERAGE			13.66	15.50

174,800 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%

RANGE	10.00-14.00	14.50	10.00-12.50	13.00-15.00
WTD AVERAGE	11.44	14.50	10.85	13.34

1,944,800 pounds, this includes 408,000 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE

RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.  
\* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT** Majority trading was unchanged from a week earlier. Demand was moderate to good. Offerings were about adequate to adequate for trade needs. The undertone was steady to fully steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 21-FEB-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-15	8.25-11.75	10.75
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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