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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were unchanged in the West, unchanged to higher in all other areas. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand into retail channels was slow to moderate, and food service was moderate to good, best for promotions. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate with smaller sizes long in the Northeast. In the parts structure, breast items were in the best balance and clearing well. Wings were in a better position and moving, and dark meat was at least adequate and slow to move. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, but 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 3/06-03/11/00 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)			COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	WTD	LOADS	WTD	LOADS
		AVG		AVG	
Bos/New Eng	47.50-49.00	47.76	17	51.59	27
Chicago	42.00-45.00	45.65	44	48.43	77
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	52.93	23
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	57.86	18
Denver	61.50	61.43	17	61.42	39
Detroit	43.00-46.00	45.65	12	50.40	47
Los Angeles	62.00	60.98	62	60.46	127
New York	45.00-48.00	47.65	34	52.07	81
Philadelphia	45.00-47.00	45.40	10	48.05	30
Pittsburgh	44.50-48.00	45.15	13	51.84	61
St. Louis	44.75-45.00	44.68	18	48.43	46
San Francisco	62.50	61.56	31	64.05	69

### Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	03/06/00	Change/Last Wk	02/28/00	03/08/99
645	54.24	1.20	53.04	57.32

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	48.50-51.00	50.81	40
Central	48.00-53.00	51.11	57
West	51.00-64.25	59.30	61

### Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	54.00-57.00	55.53	77
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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 57.25 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
1,163	42.00-59.50	56.16

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

ITEM	(CENTS PER POUND)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	140.00		4,124
BREASTS - WHOLE	69.00		2,100
THIGH MEAT - B/S	75.00		616
LEG QUARTERS	19.50		8,835
WINGS	50.50		3,041

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**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was generally fair as the week began. Offerings were at least sufficient to cover current requirements. Movement into retail and distributive channels was about moderate. The market tone was steady. In the parts market, supplies were adequate for limited needs. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was fair to moderate, best for retail features and fast food promotions. Supplies were well balanced to closely cleared. In the parts structure, breast items continued to have good movement with supplies adequate to tight, wings were in better balance and received renewed interest, and leg items were at least sufficient with light demand. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Final majority prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Trading on whole birds and WOGs were at unchanged to somewhat higher prices. Offerings adequate overall. Retail demand was moderate to fairly good, best for parts. Dealers reported moderate weekend carryovers. The market tone was generally steady on parts. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was 51.93 up 2.60 with the volume reported at 28 loads up 8 percent from last week.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Final majority prices for this week's trading were higher into Chicago, St. Louis and Detroit, TFEWR elsewhere from prior Monday's final. Whole fryer trade sentiment was steady. Offerings were adequate with buyers nonaggressive and assessing their needs. Movement into retail channels was seasonal, slow to fair at best. Food service demand was moderate to fairly good, best for fast food promotions. Floor stocks at least adequate, sizes desirable. Parts trading was light, instances fair and best for whole breasts and wings. Supplies were at least adequate. Trade sentiment steady to weak on dark meat items, steady on balance.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER MARKET** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was generally noted as just fair and unaggressive. Offering varied by both size and volume but were adequate for current inquiry. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were light to heavy, mostly desirable to light. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 48 to 60 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breast were in best balance. Boneless skinless breasts and wings cleared satisfactorily. Leg items were fully adequate to ample.

\*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	44-65
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	51.35
NO. OF BOXES	8,794

\*6 of 8 plants reporting

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying interest began the week less active than expected as many dealers expressed caution due to the beginning of Lent this week. Offerings of all items were generally adequate. Retail and distributive movement was fair. Features were limited as retailers highlighted seafood items for the holiday. The market tone was cautiously steady. 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	135	137.24	478,800
TENDERLOINS	115-120	125.40	75,580
BREAST - WITH RIBS	64-65	73.40	127,200
BREAST - LINE RUN	64	68.49	183,920
LEGS	26-27	31.88	212,440
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	16-17	18.19	337,560
DRUMSTICKS	36-37	32.86	71,760
THIGHS	21-22	30.40	152,880
B/S THIGHS	70-71	71.85	31,760
WINGS (WHOLE)	43-44	50.38	200,520
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.89	46,360
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	32.97	32,120
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	59.74	50,560

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	694	123.00-140.00	128-130	129.29
TENDERLOINS	367	115.00-170.00	-	128.98
BREAST - WITH RIBS	169	61.00-84.00	61-65	68.09
FRONT HALVES	480	51.00-60.00	54-56	56.58
LEGS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	776	16.00-18.00	16	16.14
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,279	18.00-20.50	18	18.11
WINGS (WHOLE)	214	34.00-53.00	41-45	41.18
DRUMSTICKS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
THIGHS	501	19.50-38.00	19.5	19.55

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

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	03/06	03/02	03/02	02/28	02/24
ALA	3,918	3,847	5.08	3,713	5.05
ARK	5,277	4,977	4.83	5,017	4.98
DELMARVA	2,354	2,417	5.06	2,382	5.07
KY-LA-TN	2,024	2,043	4.35	1,899	4.33
MISS	2,730	2,755	4.99	2,724	5.05
NC	2,569	2,560	5.67	2,335	5.61
TEXAS	2,279	2,124	4.82	2,221	4.77
TOTAL	21,151	20,723	4.98	20,291	5.01
MON	21,151(A)		20,291(A)		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 06-Mar 2000 is estimated to be 31,644,000 up 3.92 percent from a week ago and up 7.22 percent from a year ago. (Last week 30,449,000, last year 29,512,000)

**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	523	130.00-187.00	130-135	134.84
TENDERLOINS	143	120.00-200.00	-	171.97
BREAST - LINE RUN	124	65.00-70.00	66-68	68.74
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	49	27.00-34.00	27-28	28.55
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	499	15.00-19.00	15-16	15.71
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,100	16.50-20.00	19-20	19.13
WINGS (WHOLE)	103	48.00-54.00	48-49	49.73
WINGS (CUT)	452	57.00-72.00	57-59	61.96
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 MARCH 6, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
38.00 - 40.00	38.36	37.56

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 03/06-03/10/00

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	128.00 - 150.00	130.00 - 135.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	65.00 - 75.00	65.00 - 73.00
LEGS	30.00 - 37.00	30.00
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	16.00 - 25.00	16.00 - 17.00
DRUMSTICKS	27.00 - 45.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	40.00 - 50.00	44.00 - 46.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	15.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25.00 - 38.00	30.00 - 35.00
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 48.00	40.00

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

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	75-89
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	78-95
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	84-93
FROZEN DUCKS	135
FROZEN SQUABS	589

**DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)**

FRESH FRYERS	76-80
ROASTERS 4# & UP	77-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	79
DUCKS	125
RABBITS-WHOLE	299
RABBITS-CUT UP	309

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS		
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. 03-MAR-00

**CHICKEN PRICES**

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	16.00-18.00	-	16.00	-
WTD AVERAGE	16.29		16.00	-

560,000 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	-	-	15.00
WTD AVERAGE	15.00		15.00	
15-20%				
RANGE	13.00-17.00	-	12.00-15.00	12.00-14.00
WTD AVERAGE	13.84		12.78	13.29
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	12.75
WTD AVERAGE				12.75

692,000 pounds, this includes 372,000 pounds for export shipment.

2,162,000 pounds, this includes 1,154,000 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 ranged unchanged but the majority was unchanged to lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for adequate to fully adequate offerings. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was about steady to steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 06-MAR-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.75-14.25	11-12	11.48

\* 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. 03-MAR-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	-	15.50	12.00-13.00	13.00-15.00
WTD AVERAGE		15.50	12.50	14.25
15-20%				
RANGE	13.00	16.00-22.00	8.50-12.00	12.00-15.00
WTD AVERAGE	13.00	18.96	10.66	13.22
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

204,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

2,783,200 pounds, this includes 448,800 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** Major prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to good. Offerings were fully adequate for current needs. The undertone was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 06-MAR-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-15	8.25-11.75	10.46
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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