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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices were unchanged to higher, mostly unchanged. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Retail demand was mostly light to fair, best for features, and food service was moderate at best. Supplies were overall balanced to instances tight on heavy weights in the Northeast. In the parts structure, wings were tight and clearing, breast items were balanced to closely cleared and moving, and dark meat was at least adequate with little interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate with weights desirable to light, 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 3/13-03/18/00 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	48.50-50.00	49.14	18	54.40	40
Chicago	42.00-45.00	45.52	46	48.47	80
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	55.06	29
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	57.15	13
Denver	61.50	61.43	17	60.99	38
Detroit	43.00-46.00	46.75	12	52.84	51
Los Angeles	62.00	61.14	61	60.98	123
New York	47.00-49.00	47.79	34	50.86	69
Philadelphia	45.00-48.00	45.43	7	49.88	30
Pittsburgh	44.50-49.00	45.73	11	51.88	61
St. Louis	45.25-45.50	44.96	18	48.83	46
San Francisco	62.50	61.89	31	63.91	62

### Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	03/13/00	Change/Last Wk	03/06/00	03/15/99
642	54.38	0.14	54.24	56.85

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	48.50-52.00	51.43	39
Central	48.00-53.00	51.33	58
West	55.00-67.00	60.40	57

### Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	54.00-57.00	55.90	84
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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
1,091	42.00-59.00	56.19

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	141.50	3,900
BREASTS - WHOLE	72.00	1,740
THIGH MEAT - B/S	75.50	596
LEG QUARTERS	19.50	7,675
WINGS	54.00	2,644

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**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was about moderate as the week began. Lighter weights were at least adequate and heavier birds were adequate to sometimes short. Movement into retail and distributive outlets was fair. The market tone was steady. In the parts market, supplies of wings were tight to adequate and the balance was generally adequate.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was light to moderate, best for retail features and fast food promotions. Supplies were usually in good balance for present needs. In the parts structure, wings remained in a close balance to tight position and was held with confidence. Breast items were adequate to well cleared with good movement and dark meat was more than sufficient with light demand. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Final majority prices were unchanged from last weeks' levels. Offerings generally adequate. Buying activity was somewhat lighter as some buyers rejected higher prices, particularly on WOGs. Retail demand was moderate overall, best for parts. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. Reported parts traded in California for this week's delivery: leg quarters bulk 19-24 and 4/10s 20.50-25, breasts bone-in 72-76 and boneless 140-142, wings 55-56 and whole legs 33-37. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was up 1.70 to 53.63 with the volume reported down 11 percent to 25 loads.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Final majority prices for this week's trading were slightly higher into St. Louis, unchanged into Detroit and Chicago, TFEWR elsewhere from last Monday's final. Whole fryer trade sentiment was steady. Offerings were limited for the light buyer interest. Retail demand was generally quiet, light to fair at best. Food service movement was moderate at best. Floor stocks were balanced to fully adequate, sizes desirable. Parts trading was moderate to good on wings and breast items, slow to light on the balance. Supplies were tight on wings, adequate on all other items. Trade sentiment steady to firm on wings, steady on the remainder.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER MARKET** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair and centered mainly on the fairly well balanced supply of over 3 pound sizes. Smaller sizes were fully adequate. Additional buying interest was light to fair and generally disappointing. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were mostly desirable to light. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 49 to 61 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. In the parts complex, Breast cuts and particularly wings were in good balance. Leg items remained fully adequate to ample for immediate needs.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

RANGE	45-66
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	52.10
NO. OF BOXES	9,871

\*6 of 8 plants reporting

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying activity was light to begin the week. Offerings were about adequate to fully adequate on all products except wings which were sometimes tight. Retail and distributive movement was generally fair. Retail features were limited as seafood and corned beef dominated the ads. The market tone was fully steady to firm on wings and 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	135-140	139.84	518,060
TENDERLOINS	125	129.94	98,000
BREAST - WITH RIBS	64-65	72.50	181,800
BREAST - LINE RUN	64	68.25	144,000
LEGS	26-27	30.13	180,840
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	16-17	19.48	256,401
DRUMSTICKS	36-37	32.05	89,800
THIGHS	21-22	29.70	61,850
B/S THIGHS	70-71	74.16	33,050
WINGS (WHOLE)	49-50	56.33	196,860
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.86	56,440
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	33.56	42,710
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	59.53	61,600

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.

**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	685	125.00-146.00	128	129.47
TENDERLOINS	260	120.00-185.00	-	152.96
BREAST - WITH RIBS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
FRONT HALVES	440	55.00-64.00	57-58	57.64
LEGS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	246	16.00-18.00	16	16.38
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,045	17.75-19.00	17.75	17.77
WINGS (WHOLE)	300	44.00-63.00	48-53	52.17
DRUMSTICKS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
THIGHS	724	19.00-19.50	19.5	19.33

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

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	03/13	03/09	03/09	03/06	03/02
ALA	3,917	3,783	5.08	3,858	5.08
ARK	5,160	4,799	4.87	5,068	4.83
DELMARVA	2,373	2,454	5.01	2,354	5.06
KY-LA-TN	1,997	2,068	4.33	2,034	4.35
MISS	2,783	2,609	5.14	2,643	4.99
NC	2,615	2,491	5.66	2,462	5.67
TEXAS	2,289	2,240	4.79	2,302	4.82
TOTAL	21,134	20,444	4.99	20,721	4.98
MON	21,134(A)		20,721(A)		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 13-Mar 2000 is estimated to be 31,619,000 up 1.69 percent from a week ago and up 9.82 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,094,000, last year 28,792,000)

**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	558	110.00-187.00	130-135	133.56
TENDERLOINS	262	125.00-200.00	125-130	153.04
BREAST - LINE RUN	86	65.00-70.00	67-69	69.53
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	46	25.50-33.00	26-28	26.48
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	526	15.00-18.00	15-17	15.89
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,177	16.50-20.00	19-20	18.93
WINGS (WHOLE)	104	46.00-52.00	46-48	49.13
WINGS (CUT)	466	59.00-73.00	62-64	63.15
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	13	62.00-73.00	-	62.85

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR MARCH 13, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
	39.00 - 40.50	39.45	38.75

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 03/13-03/17/00

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	130.00 - 150.00	130.00 - 135.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	65.00 - 76.00	65.00 - 69.00
LEGS	28.00 - 35.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	15.00 - 25.00	17.00 -
DRUMSTICKS	29.00 - 50.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	44.00 - 54.00	49.00 - 51.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	15.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25.00 - 38.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 48.00	-

**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	75-90
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. 10-MAR-00

**CHICKEN PRICES**

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	16.00-18.00	-	15.00-16.50	-
WTD AVERAGE	16.74		15.99	-

527,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

**CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN**

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	15.00	15.00	-	15.00
WTD AVERAGE	15.00	15.00		15.00

812,000 pounds, this includes 372,000 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%				
RANGE	13.00-14.25	13.25	11.50-13.00	12.00-14.00
WTD AVERAGE	13.69	13.25	11.80	13.27

1,732,000 pounds, this includes 780,000 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	12.75
WTD AVERAGE				12.75

280,000 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 lower compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Schedules were adequate for a fair call for finished product. Trade sentiment was generally steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 13-MAR-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-20 CENTS/LB	11-13	11.92

\* 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. 10-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**

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	13.00-15.00	14.00-15.00
WTD AVERAGE			13.87	14.50

175,800 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%				
RANGE	12.00	14.00-22.00	9.00-13.00	12.50-15.00
WTD AVERAGE	12.00	15.27	10.68	13.20

3,232,320 pounds, this includes 428,400 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 to slightly lower than a week earlier. Demand was fair for fully adequate offerings. Supplies were usually sufficient for normal schedules. Underdone was about steady at prevailing price levels. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 13-MAR-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-16.5	8.25-11.5	11.03
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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