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Majority prices were mostly trending unchanged for next week's trading. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady in the West, generally steady elsewhere. Retail demand was no better than moderate, mostly slow to fair. Food service ranged light to fairly good, mostly fair to moderate. Supplies were more than sufficient to easily satisfy trade requirements. In the parts structure, wings were in close balance to short. All other items were more than sufficient for the generally light to fair demand. In production areas, live supplies were mostly moderate with weights light to heavy, mostly desirable.

Preliminary report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 03/20-03/25/00 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Including branded product)		COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	TFEWR	—		
Chicago	42.00-45.00	42.00-59.75	45.27	22
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—		
Cleveland	TFEWR	—		
Denver	61.50	—		
Detroit	TFEWR	—		
Los Angeles	62.00	—		
New York	47.00-49.00	—		
Philadelphia	TFEWR	—		
Pittsburgh	TFEWR	—		
St. Louis	TFEWR	—		
San Francisco	62.50	—		
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	55.00-57.00	41.50-57.50	55.94	82

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES 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.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
583	52.75-59.00	57.12
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:		
ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	141.50	3,900
BREASTS - WHOLE	72.50	1,745
THIGH MEAT - B/S	76.00	601
LEG QUARTERS	19.50	7,680
WINGS	56.00	2,653

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SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was light to moderate, best for retail feature activity and fast food promotions. Supplies were adequate for trade needs. In the parts structure, wings were in close balance and clearing well. Breast items were adequate. Dark meat was more than sufficient for the generally light demand. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady on whole body and generally steady to instances fully steady on WOGs. Offerings were adequate to cover fair buyer interest. Retail demand was moderate to fairly good, best for parts. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances. The market tone was about steady on parts. Trading on breasts delivered into California reported at 72-76 for bone-in and 140-142 for boneless.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices for next week's trading were unchanged into Chicago and TFEWR elsewhere from last Monday's final. Whole fryer trade sentiment was steady. Offerings of additional whole birds and wogs were adequate or available on large sizes, adequate to short on lighter weights. Movement into all channels as expected for Friday, with the food service sector providing best demand. Floor stocks were balanced to ample, sizes desirable. Parts trading was light to moderate, best on wings. Supplies were generally adequate. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm on wings, steady on the balance of items.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light to moderate at best and generally disappointing. Offerings of 2 1/2's were adequate to ample and the balance of sizes was sufficient to handle current trade needs. Retail and distributive movement was fair at best. The market tone was generally steady. In the parts market, offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the limited demand.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was about moderate Offerings continued to vary in both size and volume. 3 pound and heavier sizes were adequate and in fairly good balance; however, some smaller sizes were traded at sharp discounts to normal patterns. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were mixed in a range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were reduced in instances and were just moderate in total. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 49 to 61 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. In the parts complex, supplies were fully adequate for the light and generally disappointing buyer interest.

*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	47-66
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	52.68
NO. OF BOXES	7,755
CUMULATIVE	03/13/00-03/17/00 52.25
	03/15/99-03/19/99 55.91
NO. OF BOXES	03/13/00-03/17/00 42,394
	03/15/99-03/19/99 33,798

*6 of 8 plants reporting.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

MAR 17, 2000

ITEM	POUNDS			WTD AVG	POUNDS			WTD AVG	WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY		(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY		(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	753	110.00-187.00	125-135	130.50	630	128.00-187.00	130-135	134.48	2,987	133.33
TENDERLOINS	63	120.00-177.00	120-125	138.12	198	120.00-200.00	120-125	159.56	653	150.70
BREAST - LINE RUN	86	70.00-76.00	70-72	70.56	120	69.00-76.00	69-71	69.47	488	69.56
FRONT HALVES	129	63.00-68.00	66-68	66.68	55	63.00-65.00	-	64.27	380	65.03
LEGS	46	26.00-33.00	26-28	26.91	49	26.00-33.00	26-28	27.29	197	27.05
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	446	15.00-18.00	15-16	15.76	596	15.00-18.00	15-17	15.84	2,700	15.83
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,167	17.00-20.00	19-20	19.07	1,219	17.00-20.00	19-20	19.08	5,487	19.15
WINGS (WHOLE)	109	52.00-58.00	52-54	53.94	110	50.00-58.00	50-52	54.65	572	52.34
WINGS (CUT)	272	61.00-74.00	64-66	65.85	517	61.00-76.00	64-67	66.26	2,053	65.38
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				16	33.00
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				31	33.00
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				32	66.92

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

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TRADING FOR MAR 16, 2000 F.O.B. DOCK. **TODAY'S**

RANGE	AVERAGE
39.00 - 43.00	41.22

TRADING FOR MAR 17, 2000 F.O.B. DOCK. **TODAY'S** **5-DAY**

RANGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE

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/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was mostly quiet heading into the weekend as consumers were focused on seasonal items for Lent and St. Patrick's Day. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate. Breast items were appearing more available, however, no significant discounting was reported. Retail and distributive movement was generally slow. The market tone was cautiously steady at best.

PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES. MAR 17, 2000

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD AVG**	CURRENT NEG			WTD AVG**	WEEKLY	
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	135-140	143.24	347,080	135-140	141.50	502,620	141.02	2,228,956		
TENDERLOINS	125	129.98	76,520	125	130.28	84,600	130.04	416,579		
BREAST - WITH RIBS	64-65	72.35	207,080	64-65	72.01	197,280	72.27	975,520		
BREAST - LINE RUN	64	67.27	159,800	64	65.47	132,400	67.45	762,600		
LEGS	26-27	31.44	159,480	26-27	30.70	222,200	31.02	908,200		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	16-17	18.41	305,038	16-17	18.51	391,434	18.53	1,626,393		
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	32.47	96,960	34-35	32.30	125,620	31.91	545,120		
THIGHS	21-22	30.11	59,200	21-22	29.78	75,220	29.80	334,450		
B/S THIGHS	70-71	74.35	37,760	70-71	73.19	52,120	73.93	220,520		
WINGS (WHOLE)	50-51	58.03	185,920	50-51	58.97	204,920	57.79	948,700		
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.92	53,380	10-12	12.14	41,160	12.03	265,860		
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	34.10	41,760	30-35	34.68	25,840	34.13	207,235		
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	59.94	58,880	55-60	59.85	65,720	59.55	315,460		

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. 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 (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL WTS		AVG WTS	
	03/17	03/16	03/15	03/14	03/15	03/14	03/10	03/08	03/10	03/08
ALA	3,705	3,813	3,805	3,707	4.99	5.09	4,237	5.09		
ARK	5,213	5,000	5,066	5,047	4.88	4.88	4,736	4.88		
DELMARVA	2,274	2,424	2,421	2,205	5.02	5.03	2,211	5.07		
KY-LA-TN	1,996	2,031	2,004	1,958	4.44	4.41	1,948	4.38		
MISS	2,764	2,786	2,512	2,716	5.10	5.06	2,786	5.07		
NC	2,542	2,629	2,545	2,576	5.67	6.01	2,499	5.83		
TEXAS	2,248	2,250	2,224	1,965	4.90	4.78	2,357	4.80		
TOTAL	20,742	20,933	20,577	20,174	5.00	5.02	20,774	5.01		
MON-FRI104,500(A)	104,925(A)									

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.
 Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 17-Mar and 18-Mar-00 is estimated to be 31,032,000 down 0.45 percent from a week ago and up 1.5 percent from a year ago.
 (Last week 31,173,000; last year 30,581,000)
 Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 18-Mar-00 is estimated to be 156,199,000 head up 0.7 percent from a week ago, and up 5.0 percent from a year ago
 (Last week 155,100,000 Last year 148,775,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PROCESSED POULTRY, 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

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live weight, week ending Mar 04, 2000 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning

Food service
4.20 Lbs & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs 5.26 Lbs & Up

-----THOUSANDS-----

	(A)	(B)	(C)
Head	36,065	36,754	34,944
Avg Weight	3.84	4.86	6.21
% of total /1	33%	34%	32%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	32,847	24,195	43,049
Avg Weight	3.82	4.78	6.06
% of total /1	33%	24%	43%
Same week, yr ago /2	34,745	29,966	42,242
Avg Weight	3.74	4.91	6.12
% of total /1	32%	28%	39%
To date/2000	306,592	267,674	362,213
To date/1999	302,809	282,145	389,313

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 11-Mar-2000 (PRELIMINARY)

YOUNG LIGHT HEAVY TOTAL
CHICKENS HENS HENS HENS DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
HEAD	155,100(A)	2,109	1,513	3,622	411
AVG WT	4.89	3.38	7.77	5.22	7.42
LAST WEEK	154,916	2,111	1,361	3,472	433
YR AGO	150,397	2,060	1,241	3,301	440
AVG WT	4.98	3.38	8.67	5.37	6.70
TO-DATE/2000	1,538,534	20,364	13,524	33,888	4,571
TO-DATE/1999	1,504,021	21,583	13,174	34,757	4,694

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 153.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 157.0 million head or 3.2 million head more than or 102 percent of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: MAR 14, 2000

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.60 - .72	Silkie	2.50 - 3.00ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.68 - .74	Geese 9-14	.34 - .46
Red Fowl 4-4.5	.30 - .54	Pigeons	3.00 - 3.75ea.
Red Fowl 5-6	.50 - .72	White Pigeons	3.25 - 3.50ea.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9	.50 - .84	Rabbits 4-6	1.10 - 1.38
Crossbred Roosters 4-6	.60 - 1.02	Rabbits 7-11	1.00 - 1.30
Crossbred Roosters 7-11	.60 - 1.14	Bunnies	2.50 - 6.00ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.50 - 1.95	Guinea Pigs	5.00 - 8.00ea.
Banty Roosters	2.50 - 6.00ea.	Goats	40.00 - 47.00ea.
Banty Hens	2.50 - 3.50ea.	Kid Goats	24.00 - 37.00ea.
Leghorn Hens	.20 - .32	Doves	4.50 - 6.00ea.
Leghorn Roosters	.40 - .58	Pullets 4-6	.70 - .92
Total Coops Sold	714		

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FED-STATE FOR WEEK OF 13-Mar-00
DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	137	143
MOSTLY		
MIDWEST	121-125	122-126
MOSTLY	121-123	122-124

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	57-60	59-60
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	71-83	71-75

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-69.66
14 OZ.	66.96-76.14
16 OZ.	73.44-83.43

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. The market tone was steady. Demand was fair to fairly good. Some sizes were light and schedules were full-time to shortened. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18 oz boneless breast at \$4.65-5.25, legs at \$2.80-2.95, bone in leg at \$1.15-1.70, gizzards at \$1.30-1.40, wings at \$0.40-0.60, and leg quarters at \$1.08-1.15.

PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 13-MAR-2000

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	117-119	118
MOSTLY		

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS

AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT	
FEBRUARY	5	162.7	152.4	107	5.16
	12	157.9	152.1	104	4.87
	19	157.1	152.5	103	5.10
	26	154.1	152.7	101	4.97
MARCH	4	156.8	153.3	102	5.20
	11	157.0	153.8	102	4.89
YEAR TO DATE	1557.3	1511.9	103		
MARCH	18	153.3			
	25	153.4			

CALIFORNIA PLTRY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP W/E 11-Mar-00
IN THOUSANDS

Broilers 4,805 HD, 24,746 lbs., Light Hens 200 HD, 698 lbs., Heavy Hens 0 HD, 0 lbs.

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

W/E	03/18/00	03/11/00	%CHG	03/20/99	%CHG
Broilers	156,199	*155,100	+01	*148,775	+05
Cattle	681	664	+03	*647	+05
Hogs	1,903	1,897	0	*1,962	-03

Under Federal Inspection

* ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL Prices trended unchanged to slightly lower when compared to a week earlier. Trading of heavy canners was of moderate to good volume, light canners was generally limited volume. Demand improved on heavy canners and was at least moderate for usually adequate offerings. Floor stocks were clearing at most locations. Undertone was steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) 25.75-27 MAJORITY	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS) 33.5-38 MAJORITY 35.5-37.5
CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED	
LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) 26-28 MAJORITY	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS) 34-39.75 MAJORITY 38-39.75

EASTERN LIGHT Prices were unchanged. Demand was fair for generally adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal to heavy. the undertone was steady.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY HENS Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings. Supplies were usually sufficient for normal schedules. Undertone was steady.

LIVE HENS

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

HEAVY	RANGE	MAJORITY
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(2)
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
LIGHT	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern Light	0	(1)
Eastern Light	0	(2)
So. Central Light	TFEWR	(2)
No. Central Light	TFEWR	(1)
No. Central Light	0-.5	(2)
(1) Buyer Loading	(2) Producer Loading	0

(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

WEST COAST LIGHT Plant schedules lighter Offerings spotty.

NORTH CENTRAL LIVE LIGHT HEN Prices continue unchanged. Processing schedules were usually full-time to over-time with offerings fully adequate to burdensome for current needs. Trade sentiment steady.

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