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Majority prices were trending unchanged in the West, unchanged to higher elsewhere. Trade sentiment was steady to firm, mostly firm in the East. Demand was better ranging fair to good, mainly at least moderate where features and promotions were active. Supplies were adequate to tight. In the parts structure, breast items were highly irregular but usually adequate with yellow boneless skinless and bone-in tightest. Thighs and thigh meat were also tight, yet wings were in the longest supply. Other dark meat items were adequate to occasionally well cleared. Trading was light to good in production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range, but 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 04/10-04/15/00 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Including branded product)		COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Chicago	42.00-46.00	35.00-59.75	45.81	26
Los Angeles	62.00	—		
New York	49.00-54.00	—		
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	56.00-58.00	44.00-60.00	56.98	85

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

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
580	52.75-59.00	57.20

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	140.50	3,065
BREASTS - WHOLE	74.00	1,730
THIGH MEAT - B/S	94.50	565
LEG QUARTERS	18.50	7,175
WINGS	55.00	2,262

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SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand was fair to moderate, best where featured. Supplies were adequate to short with smaller sizes in the closest position. In the parts structure, thighs and thigh meat were well balanced to short with good movement, breast items were improved with increased interest, and the balance of items were sufficient to handle the light demand. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was generally steady. Trading for next week's deliveries on regular commitments at mainly unchanged prices. Offerings overall adequate. Retail demand for whole body light to moderate and moderate to fairly good for parts. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances.

Ads noted in independent and/or major chains [small and/or max packs]: N. CA - whole body 79, bone-on breasts 99-119, boneless breasts 379-499, drumsticks 109, thighs 99; S. CA - whole body 58-69, whole cut-up 119-129, drumsticks 77-99, thighs 77-99, bone-on breasts 199, boneless breasts 175-399, boneless thigh meat 349 and boneless leg meat 89-99.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices for next week's trading into Chicago were unchanged to 1 cent higher from last Monday's final. Whole fryer trade sentiment was generally steady. Offerings were adequate on wogs and limited on whole birds for the light buyer interest. Movement into all channels was noted as typical for Friday with an occasional fairly good demand reported where promotions or features active and in Chicago. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate, sizes in a desirable range. Parts trading was moderate on leg quarters and boneless/skinless breasts where featured, bone-in breast trading moderate in the Chicago area, otherwise trading light to fair at best. Parts supplies were at least balanced for trade needs with thigh meat in the shortest position. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm on thighs and whole breasts, steady on leg quarters and cautiously steady on all other items.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was good as the weekend approached. Offerings continued mixed, but were mostly tight to adequate. Retail and distributive movement was fair to good. The market tone was firm. In the parts market, supplies were no more than adequate for current trade needs. Bone-in breasts were in the shortest position.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was good entering the weekend and the bulk of offerings were clearing satisfactorily. Live supplies were about moderate to moderate; weights were mixed in a full range of light to heavy and were mostly desirable to light. Processing schedules continued to reflect some curtailment and were again just moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher at 54 to 66 cents. Trade sentiment was firm. In the parts complex, the bulk of items were in fairly good balance and clearing satisfactorily. Wings were generally noted as in heaviest supply; however, buyer interest was slowly developing.

*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	50-63
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	56.64
NO. OF BOXES	7,246
CUMULATIVE	04/03/00-04/07/00 54.85
	04/05/99-04/09/99 49.32
NO. OF BOXES	04/03/00-04/07/00 41,250
	04/05/99-04/09/99 24,879

*6 of 8 plants reporting.

"Effective March 31, preliminary report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers in Boston, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit, St. Louis, Denver, and San Francisco will no longer be published on Friday. Friday preliminary prices for New York, Chicago, and Los Angeles will continue to be available. Prices for all 12 cities will continue to be published every Monday."

APRIL 06, 2000

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

APRIL 07, 2000

ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS				WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	684	124.00-185.00	125-135	134.81	624	125.00-185.00	125-135	134.41	3,217	133.63
TENDERLOINS	205	125.00-195.00	125-130	131.83	192	126.00-200.00	126-130	164.56	888	150.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	118	70.00-72.50	-	70.17	118	70.00-72.50	-	70.17	634	69.26
FRONT HALVES	70	65.50-68.00	-	66.75	75	65.00-68.00	-	66.60	390	65.71
LEGS	46	29.00-34.00	-	29.65	46	29.00-34.00	29-30	29.65	230	29.23
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	507	14.00-17.00	14-16	14.87	467	14.00-17.00	14-16	14.64	2,350	14.86
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,119	17.00-20.00	18-19	18.30	1,319	17.00-20.00	18-19	18.32	5,706	18.34
WINGS (WHOLE)	143	51.00-56.00	51-54	53.15	207	64.00-74.00	64-66	65.64	701	56.52
WINGS (CUT)	533	59.00-74.00	62-64	63.45	401	53.00-64.00	53-55	60.22	2,347	62.63
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				43	33.37
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				38	33.53
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				12	90.34
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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS					WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS					
TRADING FOR APR 06, 2000 F.O.B. DOCK.					TRADING FOR APR 07, 2000 F.O.B. DOCK.					
TODAY'S					TODAY'S					
RANGE					RANGE					
39.75 - 42.50					39.50-42.50					
AVERAGE					AVERAGE					
40.81					40.62					
					5-DAY					
					AVERAGE					
					40.26					

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TENDERLOINS	125-130	128.57	81,160	125-130	127.45	125,840	128.76	468,800	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	65-66	73.70	170,800	67-68	74.51	239,480	73.62	928,610	
BREAST - LINE RUN	65	69.07	121,400	67	70.49	182,000	68.91	810,840	
LEGS	28-29	33.08	149,760	29-30	33.34	188,000	32.46	895,760	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	19.69	393,897	18-19	20.36	456,022	19.03	2,138,394	
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	33.35	97,450	34-35	34.86	103,030	33.73	566,410	
THIGHS	28-29	32.28	73,330	28-29	32.89	69,850	32.45	356,680	
B/S THIGHS	82-83	88.35	25,200	84-85	90.35	46,840	87.38	177,520	
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	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG		AVG	
	04/07	04/06	04/05	04/04	WTS	ACTUAL	WTS	ACTUAL
ALA	3,957	3,915	3,724	3,807	5.02	5.02	3,749	4.98
ARK	5,035	5,195	5,005	5,204	4.89	4.89	5,212	4.89
DELMARVA	2,190	2,260	2,285	2,291	5.07	5.11	2,445	5.06
KY-LA-TN	2,210	2,038	2,016	1,988	4.38	4.38	2,014	4.30
MISS	2,791	2,784	2,780	2,737	5.09	5.11	2,640	5.05
NC	2,411	2,589	2,561	2,571	5.76	6.01	2,430	5.73
TEXAS	2,400	2,288	2,134	2,210	4.88	4.90	2,222	4.81
TOTAL	20,994	21,069	20,505	20,808	5.02	5.03	20,712	4.98
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HENS UNDER 5#	79
DUCKS	125
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NATIONAL CANNER FOWL Prices were unchanged to occasionally slightly lower than a week earlier. Trading of heavy canners was of moderate volume, light canners was generally of fair volume. Demand was at best moderate and usually unaggressive for offerings that were adequate to fully adequate for trade needs. The undertone was about steady to steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) 25-26.25 MAJORITY CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS) 33-38 MAJORITY 35.5-36.5 CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED
LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) 26-28 MAJORITY 26-27	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS) 33.5-39 MAJORITY 38-39

EASTERN LIGHT Prices were unchanged. Demand was fair for adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal. The undertone was steady.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY HENS Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was moderate for adequate to fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were normal. Undertone was steady to about steady.

LIVE HENS

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

<u>HEAVY</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
Southeast Heavy f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	(2)
South Central Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
<u>LIGHT</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
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 light to moderate. Offerings increased.

NORTH CENTRAL LIVE LIGHT HEN Prices were unchanged. Offerings were fully adequate for the mostly light demand. Trade sentiment about steady.

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