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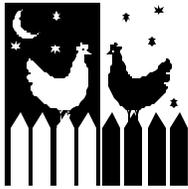
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Early majority prices were higher in Eastern markets, unchanged in the Central and Western areas when compared to the past trading period. Demand was moderate at best in late week for additional needs. Whole body offerings from production areas had cleared with spot availability restricted to partial loads. Parts movement, especially for bone-in and boneless white meat, was active and well cleared. Wings continued move well in shipping channels, while dark meat showed signs of awakening on both price and interest for first of the month requirements. Fast food sales were moderate, serviced by adequate supplies. Saturday kills were present, but not of significant volume. Kill schedules for next week appeared normal, satisfactory on both field and weight conditions.

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 01/22/01-01/27/01 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Chicago	47.00-51.00	47.00-64.00	50.43	23
Los Angeles	66.00			
New York	49.00-51.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	59.00-62.00	40.00-64.00	61.06	89

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 61.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
620	58.40-62.75	61.32

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	129.00	4,375
BREASTS - WHOLE	62.50	1,064
THIGH MEAT - B/S	80.50	735
LEG QUARTERS	23.00	8,239
WINGS	95.00	2,786

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MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS The preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into Chicago were unchanged from last Monday's final. The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was steady. Offerings of additional Wogs were fully adequate to ample and whole birds adequate for trade needs. Movement into retail and food service sectors was mostly slow overall with an occasional moderate to good demand noted into food service accounts. Retail features were active and generally meeting with limited success. Floor stocks were adequate with a number of receivers indicating inventories were building. Weights were desirable to heavy. In the parts complex, trading continued light to moderate at best for the better balanced supplies. Offerings of wings and whole breasts were light with the remainder of items moderate. The trade sentiment was steady to fully steady on breast items and steady on the remainder of items.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers improved entering the weekend, but was mostly moderate overall. Offerings of all sizes were no more than adequate to closely cleared. Movement through retail and distributive channels was only fair at best. The market tone was fully steady to at times firm. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts remained tight, and boneless-skinless breasts were clearing well. Wings were at least adequate, and dark meat parts were readily available.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices unchanged. Reported trading for next week's deliveries on regular commitments at mainly unchanged prices with new negotiations unchanged to higher. Offerings adequate overall. Retailer demand was moderate to good, best where featured. Dealers anticipated moderate weeken carryovers. Bone-in breasts firm with balance of parts generally steady. Ads noted: Southern California - whole body 49-79 and buy 1 get 1 free leg quarters 10# bag 280-290, drumsticks 68-99, thighs 79-99, whole legs 88-99, wings 99, split breasts 97-98, boneless breasts 159-44¢ boneless leg meat 99-118; Northern California - leg quarters 79 (10# bag 599), drumsticks 119, thighs 119, whole legs 89, boneless breast: 249-299 (IQF 40 oz 799), ducks 199; Arizona - whole body 59-129, leg quarters 59-89, thighs 69-119, boneless thighs 199, drumsticks 69 119, wings 89-129, split breast 97-229, skinless split breasts 127-25¢ boneless breasts 199-229 (IQF 4# bag 796), roasters 99-159.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail demand was light, best for features. Food service was better, especially where fast food promotions attracted additional interest. Supplies were at least sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, wings were balanced to closely cleared with interest slightly subsiding, but still moving well. Bone-in breasts and fronts were close balanced to tight, and boneless skinless was in a better balance with increased interest. Dark meat was adequate to fully adequate with mixed movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was mostly moderate and was sufficient in keeping offerings in good balance to short of full inquiry, particularly on the 2.5 and 3 pound sizes. Live supplies were about moderate; weights were light to heavy, mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher at 51 to 65 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly firm. Both bone-in and boneless skinless breasts were no more than adequate for immediate needs. Leg quarters were adequate to fully adequate. Wings were adequate. Livers and gizzards were readily available.

*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	49-64	
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	53.16	
NO. OF BOXES	11,763	
CUMULATIVE		
	01/15/01-01/19/01	52.82
	01/17/00-01/21/00	47.68
NO. OF BOXES		
	01/15/01-01/19/01	47,596
	01/17/00-01/21/00	39,722

*7 of 8 plants reporting.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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ITEM	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG
	(000)	RANGE		
BREAST - B/S	743	102.00-195.00	125-135	131.36
TENDERLOINS	223	130.00-170.00	140-145	145.78
BREAST - LINE RUN	92	60.00-64.00	60-62	60.88
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	126	27.00-41.00	27-30	28.62
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	386	16.00-20.00	16-17	16.79
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,829	18.00-23.50	21-22	21.22
WINGS (WHOLE)	358	91.00-98.00	94-95	96.53
WINGS (CUT)	586	87.00-118.00	103-106	105.51
DRUMSTICKS	46	33.00-41.00	-	34.04
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	88	72.00-83.00	-	78.60

ITEM	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG	WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE			(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	719	110.00-195.00	125-135	131.70	3,053	129.36
TENDERLOINS	93	145.00-170.00	145-155	151.72	673	145.02
BREAST - LINE RUN	92	60.00-64.00	-	60.88	367	60.81
FRONT HALVES	123	51.00-57.00	55-56	54.54	398	50.83
LEGS	126	27.00-41.00	28-30	28.62	424	28.92
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	466	16.50-20.00	17-18	17.42	1,664	16.97
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,865	18.50-23.50	21-23	21.47	7,050	21.21
WINGS (WHOLE)	363	91.00-98.00	-	96.72	1,116	93.76
WINGS (CUT)	394	87.00-117.00	104-106	105.81	2,043	105.70
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				106	35.55
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TFEWR	
B/S THIGHS	173	67.00-83.00	-	73.72	362	76.28

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

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TRADING FOR JAN 18, 2001 F.O.B. DOCK. **TODAY'S AVERAGE**

RANGE	AVERAGE
33.00 - 37.50	34.65

TRADING FOR JAN 19, 2001 F.O.B. DOCK. **TODAY'S AVERAGE** **5-DAY AVERAGE**

RANGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE
33.75 - 38.50	35.98	33.89

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 increased entering the weekend but was mostly fair to moderate overall. Offerings of bone-in breasts remained tight, and boneless-skinless breasts were balanced to well cleared. Dark meat parts were more than sufficient, particularly leg quarters which were readily available. Wings were generally sufficient. Movement into retail and distributive channels continued no better than fair. The market tone was firm on bone-in breasts, fully steady to firm on boneless-skinless breasts, about steady on the balance.

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

ITEM	JAN 18, 2001	CURRENT NEG		WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
		TRADING*	AVG**		
BREAST - B/S		120	119.81	667,960	
TENDERLOINS		130-135	133.43	144,596	
BREAST - WITH RIBS		57-58	63.99	272,840	
BREAST - LINE RUN		57	60.20	180,040	
LEGS		33-34	36.06	229,480	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)		20-21	19.71	756,005	
DRUMSTICKS		26-27	32.97	229,770	
THIGHS		29-30	32.08	196,510	
B/S THIGHS		78-79	81.96	62,040	
WINGS (WHOLE)		90-91	99.31	317,010	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)		10-12	12.10	83,040	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)		35-40	38.29	33,920	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)		60-65	64.66	126,360	

ITEM	JAN 19, 2001	CURRENT NEG		WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
		TRADING*	AVG**				
BREAST - B/S		120-125	119.94	598,920	119.04	2,528,050	
TENDERLOINS		130-135	134.89	36,040	133.78	404,012	
BREAST - WITH RIBS		59-60	63.79	138,720	62.28	1,017,040	
BREAST - LINE RUN		59	62.64	229,960	59.94	734,440	
LEGS		33-34	34.29	192,520	35.86	800,360	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)		20-21	19.59	440,659	19.92	2,374,865	
DRUMSTICKS		27-28	33.41	59,870	33.01	664,010	
THIGHS		29-30	29.04	85,020	30.60	675,820	
B/S THIGHS		78-79	79.03	27,120	81.24	194,520	
WINGS (WHOLE)		90-91	97.28	231,940	98.86	1,183,190	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)		10-12	12.24	21,080	12.03	295,400	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)		35-40	38.12	9,916	38.05	107,151	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)		60-65	64.25	14,120	64.83	375,970	

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	
	01/19	01/18	01/17	01/16	01/17	01/16	01/12	01/10	01/17	01/16
ALA	4,065	3,791	3,687	3,712	5.01	5.03	4,288	4.94		
ARK	5,563	5,289	4,972	5,252	4.82	4.85	6,563	4.87		
DELMARVA	2,265	2,307	2,245	2,347	4.94	5.02	2,567	4.93		
KY-LA-TN	1,917	1,898	1,890	1,861	4.40	4.45	1,883	4.47		
MISS	2,973	2,843	2,728	2,582	5.13	5.21	3,011	5.05		
NC	3,060	2,633	2,412	2,524	5.98	5.82	3,123	5.67		
TEXAS	2,225	2,319	2,250	2,316	4.86	4.84	2,280	4.82		
TOTAL	22,068	21,080	20,184	20,594	5.01	5.03	23,715	4.97		
MON-FRI	98,621(A)						106,467(A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 19-Jan 01 & 20-Jan-01 is estimated to be 33,016,000 up 5.91 percent from a week ago and up 7.7 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,173,000; last year 30,658,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 20-Jan-01 is estimated to be 152,686,000 head down 2.9 percent from a week ago, and up 3.3 percent from a year ago

(Last week 157,211,000 Last year 147,873,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	81-84
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	81
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	294
RABBITS-CUT UP	299

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	103-106
ROASTERS 4# & UP	105-112
HENS OVER 5#	112-119
DUCKS	152-166

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live weight, week ending Jan 06, 2001 (Preliminary),

	(A) Fast food/ Food service	(B) Retail	(C) Deboning
	4.20 Lbs & down	4.21-5.25 Lbs	5.26 Lbs & Up
-----THOUSANDS-----			

Head	27,204	26,407	46,255
Avg Weight	3.74	5.04	6.31
% of total /1	27%	26%	46%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	21,114	21,721	33,679
Avg Weight	3.63	4.73	6.11
% of total /1	28%	28%	44%
Same week, yr ago /2	25,525	37,437	44,153
Avg Weight	3.76	4.74	6.07
% of total /1	24%	35%	41%
To date/2001	27,204	26,407	46,255
To date/2000	25,525	37,437	44,153

/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 13-Jan-2001 (PRELIMINARY)

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

HEAD	157,211 (A)	1,971	1,245	3,216	437
AVG WT	5.09	3.46	7.58	5.05	6.54
LAST WEEK	126,812	1,361	772	2,133	487
YR AGO	156,486	2,149	1,283	3,432	575
AVG WT	5.10	3.35	8.01	5.09	6.87
TO-DATE/2001	284,023	3,332	2,017	5,349	924
TO-DATE/2000	312,073	4,156	2,909	7,065	1,037

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 147.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 159.1 million head or 11.5 million head more than or 108 percent of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: JAN 16, 2001

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.40 - .84	Silkie	4.00 - 4.75ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.38 - .92	Geese 9-14 LBS	.20 - .32
Pekin Ducks	.30 - .44	Pigeons	1.75 - 2.10ea.
Red Fowl 4-4.5 LBS	.40 - .58	White Pigeons	2.25 - 3.00ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.60 - .84	Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.00 - 1.42
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.60 - 1.12	Rabbits 7-11 LBS	.80 - 1.10
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.60 - 1.10	Bunnies	1.50 - 5.00ea.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.60 - .98	Guinea Pigs	.05 - 1.50ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.25 - 1.70	Goats	49.00 - 60.00ea.
Banty Roosters	2.50 - 6.00ea.	Kid Goats	23.00 - 34.00ea.
Banty Hens	2.00 - 3.75ea.	Doves	2.50 - 4.50ea.
Leghorn Hens	.18 - .32	Pullets 4-6 LBS	.60 - .92
Leghorn Roosters	.20 - .42		
		Total Coops Sold	724

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 15-JAN-2001

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	122-126	123-127
MOSTLY	122-124	123-125

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

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	66-67	
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	65-85	68-75

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 were unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Demand was mostly good due to the Chinese New Year next week. Sizes were desirable. Slaughter schedules full-time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.65-5.35, boneless legs at \$2.80-2.95, bone in leg at \$1.45-1.70, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$.50-.75, and leg quarters at \$1.15-1.28, livers at \$1.25-1.50.

PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 15-JAN-2001

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	121-123	124
MOSTLY		

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
DECEMBER	9 153.6	148.2	104	5.17
	16 150.3	146.1	103	5.18
	23 150.1	141.3	106	5.14
	30 117.9	137.1	86	4.87
JANUARY	6 126.8	139.4	91	5.17
	13 159.1	147.6	108	5.09
YEAR TO DATE	287.5	287.0	100	
JANUARY	20 151.9			
	27 152.3			

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

W/E	-----THOUSANDS-----				
	01/20/01	01/13/01	% CHG	01/22/00	% CHG
Broilers	152,686	157,211*	-02	147,873*	+03
Cattle	671	687	-02	704*	-05
Hogs	1,922	1,901	+01	1,902*	+01
Under Federal Inspection					

* ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL Prices were unchanged on light canners. However, values were irregular on heavy canners when compared to a week earlier. Trading was moderate for a moderate to good demand. Offerings were clearing but ranged from occasionally short to mostly adequate for trade requirements. Undertone was steady with some caution noted.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
21-24.5 MAJORITY	35-38 MAJORITY 35.5-37

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
25-26 MAJORITY	36.75-39.5 MAJORITY 37.5-39

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Demand was fair but unaggressive as offerings were adequate for needs. Demand for finished product was still clearing available offerings. The undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate at best for fully adequate supplies of raw fowl. Finished sales were slow. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was weak.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices mostly unchanged. Demand was moderate. Offerings were fully adequate to ample for current needs with increased reports of excess spent fowl going to rendering facilities. Schedules full-time for next week. Trade sentiment 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	(2)
(1) Buyer Loading	(2) Producer Loading	

(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was light to moderate for about adequate to fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules are normal. The undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading was limited and too few to report. Demand was moderate for adequate supplies of spent heavy fowl. Finished sales were slowing but continued to clear inventories produced by normal slaughter schedules. Trade sentiment was about steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked desired schedules. Offerings ample.

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