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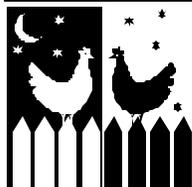
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices were mostly unchanged to higher. Trade sentiment was steady at best, but fully steady in the West. Demand into all channels was slow to moderate, mostly fair at best, with purchasing for most immediate needs only. Supplies were at least adequate, longest for heavier weights. In the parts structure, wings were more than sufficient and readily available. The remaining items were at least adequate with light trading. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable to heavy.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 02/05/01-02/10/01 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	51.50-53.00	52.09	17	55.02	32
Chicago	47.00-51.00	50.22	46	52.67	76
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	56.62	19
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	60.46	12
Denver	66.50	66.50	16	66.16	19
Detroit	49.00-52.00	50.80	15	54.02	40
Los Angeles	67.00	65.28	60	61.72	136
New York	50.00-52.00	50.97	30	53.74	58
Philadelphia	49.00-51.00	49.13	8	50.46	20
Pittsburgh	49.00-50.00	49.42	12	55.60	58
St. Louis	49.50-49.75	49.31	16	51.53	35
San Francisco	67.50	66.71	29	67.28	65

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	02/05/01	Change/Last Wk	01/29/01	02/07/00
570	56.96	-0.07	57.03	54.69

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	54.00-60.00	59.83	43
Central	54.00-58.00	56.51	62
West	50.00-62.00	57.58	46

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	61.50-63.00	62.14	81
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 61.75 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
1,142	47.00-63.00	60.41

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

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	141.00	4,750
BREASTS - WHOLE	72.00	1,560
THIGH MEAT - B/S	88.00	780
LEG QUARTERS	22.50	9,448
WINGS	91.50	3,106

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SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand was light to fair, best for retail ads and fast food promotions, with first of the month activity not as strong as hoped. Supplies were usually sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, all items were at least adequate with movement light to fair. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole birds was light entering the week as dealers cautiously assessed the market and limited purchases to most immediate needs. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate to available, however, the 3.5 pound and heavier birds were usually in the longest position. The market tone was no better than steady to instances weak. Movement into retail and distributive channels was slow. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were usually sufficient, and boneless skinless breasts were more than adequate. Wings were fully adequate, and the balance of parts were usually available.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices 1 cent higher than last Monday's reported levels. Trading for this week's deliveries were at generally higher prices on regular commitments and unchanged at best on new negotiations. Offerings adequate on smaller weights with heavy weights ample. Demand by stores in some areas were fairly good to cover planned feature activities, elsewhere just fair. Demand by restaurants moderate. Dealers reported moderate to heavier than desired carryovers. All parts trading for delivery into California for this week: leg quarters 4/10's mainly 23.5, bulk 20.5-21.5, breasts bone-in 74-81, boneless 128-140, whole legs mainly 42, boneless leg meat 67-69, boneless thigh meat 75-85. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was 51.57 up .15 with the reported volume up 13 percent.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER The preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into Chicago were unchanged from last Monday's final. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady. Offerings of additional Wogs readily available, whole birds sufficient for a limited and nonaggressive trade interest. Demand into all sectors was light to moderate at best with most operations noting typical Friday movement. Floor stocks were adequate to long with weights desirable to heavy. Offerings of parts items were irregular, mostly light to moderate for the very light trade needs. Supplies of wings, boneless/skinless breasts and leg quarters were fully adequate with all other items balanced to tight. The trade sentiment was fully steady on bone-in breasts, barely steady to weak on wings and boneless/skinless breasts, and about steady on the balance.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was about moderate through the weekend. Fill-in orders were slow and usually held to standing commitments. Seller offerings were fully adequate to ample with the 2.5 and 3.0 sizes in the closer balance. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavier than desired. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 52 to 66 cents. Trade sentiment was steady to weak. In the parts complex, leg quarters were generally noted as in good balance. Breast items were at least adequate. Wings were in excess of 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.

	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
RANGE	42-66
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	54.65
NO. OF BOXES	8,313
*7 of 8 plants reporting.	

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying was limited entering the week as dealers cautiously assessed the market and maintained a hand-to-mouth posture. Offerings of bone-in breasts were about adequate, with buyer resistance noted where premiums were sought. Boneless-skinless breasts were more than sufficient. Dark meat parts were at least adequate, and wings were readily available. Movement into retail and distributive channels was slow. The market tone was no better than steady on bone-in breasts, cautiously steady on boneless skinless breasts, barely steady to weak on wings, about steady on the balance.

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

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	135	136.76	534,960
TENDERLOINS	130-135	135.26	62,000
BREAST - WITH RIBS	68-69	73.88	195,240
BREAST - LINE RUN	68	71.33	216,000
LEGS	32-33	34.62	222,800
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21	20.72	463,670
DRUMSTICKS	27-28	34.18	78,080
THIGHS	29-30	32.02	92,340
B/S THIGHS	83-84	85.52	22,360
WINGS (WHOLE)	85-86	94.20	183,340
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.15	34,880
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	33.45	16,240
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	43.36	31,120

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	800	100.00-130.00	120-125	122.50
TENDERLOINS	225	115.00-195.00	-	153.75
BREAST - WITH RIBS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
FRONT HALVES	560	63.00-73.00	63-67	68.93
LEGS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	177	17.00-19.00	17	17.57
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,456	18.50-20.00	18.5-19	18.78
WINGS (WHOLE)	129	70.00-91.00	70-73	73.78
DRUMSTICKS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
THIGHS	1,561	25.00-40.00	28	28.03

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	02/05	02/01	02/01	01/29	01/25
ALA	3,979	3,693	4.88	3,866	4.69
ARK	5,325	4,982	4.91	5,189	4.84
DELMARVA	2,275	2,254	4.94	2,294	4.89
KY-LA-TN	2,000	1,855	4.44	1,958	4.53
MISS	2,468	2,782	5.07	2,708	4.94
NC	2,593	2,339	5.78	2,408	5.71
TEXAS	2,286	2,238	4.75	2,284	4.76
TOTAL	20,926	20,143	4.97	20,707	4.90
MON	20,926(A)		20,707(A)		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 05-Feb 2001 is estimated to be 31,308,000 up 0.76 percent from a week ago and up 2.32 percent from a year ago. (Last week 31,073,000, last year 30,598,000)

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	901	120.00-215.00	139-145	140.04
TENDERLOINS	185	135.00-210.00	135-140	146.49
BREAST - LINE RUN	80	66.00-73.50	-	71.80
FRONT HALVES	70	61.50-68.00	-	64.75
LEGS	126	27.00-40.00	28-30	28.57
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	349	16.50-20.00	17-18	17.13
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,535	18.00-24.00	21-23	22.23
WINGS (WHOLE)	305	85.00-94.00	89-90	91.91
WINGS (CUT)	633	98.00-117.00	99-101	104.41
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR FEBRUARY 06, 2001 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
39.00 - 44.00	40.94	40.87

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 BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO:

IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 05-FEB-2001 TO 09-FEB-2001, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	125.00 - 165.00	130.00 - 135.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	60.00 - 81.00	68.00 - 73.00
LEGS	27.00 - 42.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17.00 - 23.00	18.00 - 20.00
DRUMSTICKS	28.00 - 49.00	-
THIGHS	28.00 - 45.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	75.00 - 90.00	83.00 - 86.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	25.00 - 46.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 48.00	-

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

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	80-86
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	82-87
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	81
FROZEN DUCKS	139
FROZEN SQUABS	589

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

FRESH FRYERS	82-85
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

FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	108
	ICE PACK	93-98
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	116
	DRY PACK	104-111
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	93
	DRY PACK	91
DUCKS		152-172

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

02-FEB-2001

CHICKEN

— PRICES ——— VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	20.00	-	320,000	320,000
WTD AVERAGE	20.00			

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

— PRICES ——— VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	15.50-20.00	15.00-17.25	688,000	208,000
WTD AVERAGE	16.26	15.63		
15-20%				
RANGE	15.00-20.00	12.50-15.00	2,056,000	676,000
WTD AVERAGE	17.12	13.40		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	11.00	160,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		11.00		

* INCLUDES THE STATES OF CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

02-FEB-2001

CHICKEN

— PRICES ——— VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

— PRICES ——— VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE		12.00-14.00	81,600	-
WTD AVERAGE		13.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	15.00-16.00	10.00-14.00	1,305,600	163,200
WTD AVERAGE	15.50	11.64		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES OF CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were lower compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were slow to no better than moderate. Slaughter schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady at best.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLTR WEEK OF 05-FEB-01

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5-10.75 CENTS/LB.	6-8	7.84

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged to lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for about adequate to ample offerings. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was barely steady to steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 05-FEB-01

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5-9.25	6.5-8.25	7.64

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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