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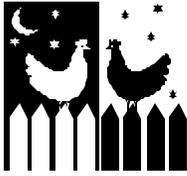
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were unchanged to higher, mostly unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to firm. Retail demand was light to moderate, best for ads. Food service was in a full range, but generally moderate to good. Supplies were sufficient to close balanced, well cleared for larger sizes in the East. In the parts structure, trading was light to moderate. Breast items were mostly balanced, closer balanced for bone-in, but more available for boneless skinless. Wings were mixed, but at least adequate and moving, and dark meat was mostly sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, mostly desirable to slightly lighter than desired.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 02/19/01-02/24/01 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	55.00-56.00	55.94	16	58.85	26
Chicago	47.00-51.00	50.63	43	52.11	77
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	56.72	19
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	55.93	7
Denver	66.50	66.50	16	65.00	20
Detroit	49.00-52.00	50.71	14	54.21	42
Los Angeles	67.00	65.42	59	61.61	152
New York	52.00-54.00	52.62	26	55.48	52
Philadelphia	49.00-51.00	50.13	8	52.58	20
Pittsburgh	51.00-52.00	51.23	13	55.83	58
St. Louis	50.75	49.99	16	52.40	35
San Francisco	67.50	66.40	31	68.29	52

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	02/19/01	Change/Last Wk	02/12/01	02/21/00
560	57.21	-0.01	57.22	52.67

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	59.71	42
Central	54.00-58.00	55.99	63
West	51.00-60.00	57.90	46

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	61.50-63.00	62.13	82
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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
1,106	47.00-62.75	60.38

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	144.00	4,705
BREASTS - WHOLE	74.00	1,544
THIGH MEAT - B/S	92.00	760
LEG QUARTERS	23.00	9,198
WINGS	86.50	3,076

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SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand was light to moderate with increased trading, best for features. Supplies were sufficient to close balanced for trade needs. In the parts structure, breast items were adequate to short and clearing well, wings were improved and moving, and dark meat was usually sufficient with mixed interest. 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 mostly fair to moderate at best. Offerings of the 2.5 and 4 pound sizes were at least adequate, however, the 3 pound sizes were in good balance to well cleared. Movement into retail and distributive channels was about fair. The market tone was fully steady instances firm on the 3 pound birds, steady to fully steady on the remainder of weights. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were no more than adequate to balanced, but boneless-skinless breasts were at least adequate to available. Drums and thighs were generally sufficient. Wings were at least adequate, but clearing satisfactory.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged with trading on regular commitments at mainly unchanged prices and new negotiations unchanged to higher. Offerings in better balance. Demand by stores where features planned good, elsewhere just fair. Demand by restaurants moderate. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. Reported trading on parts for delivery into California this week: unchanged on leg quarters at 23.5 for bagged 4/10s and 20.5-21.5 for bulk, unchanged on boneless breasts at 125-135, higher on bone-in breasts at 75-83, higher on boneless leg meat 68-72. This week's Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was up .85 to 52.85 with the volume reported 6 percent lower than last week.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices for this week's deliveries were higher into St. Louis, TFEWR into Ohio and unchanged elsewhere from last Monday's final majority. Whole fryer market tone was steady to firm. Offerings of WOGs and whole birds were limited, but adequate for trade needs. Movement into retail channels was slow to instances fair with best interest where features active. Food service demand was in a full range, mostly moderate. Floor stocks were adequate to ample with sizes mixed. Parts supplies were mostly balanced for the limited demand. Trade sentiment was unsettled on wings and about steady on the balance of items.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was mostly fair and centered mainly on the closely cleared supply on 3 pound and heavier weights. Smaller sizes were generally noted as adequate. Live supplies were moderate to light; weights were often lighter than desired. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Yesterdays schedules were very light as several plants closed for the Holiday. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 to 4 cents higher at 56 to 70 cents. Trade sentiment remained generally firm. Boneless skinless breasts were fully adequate. Other cuts were in generally good balance or well cleared.

*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	
	02/20/2001	02/19/2001
RANGE	49-67	49-66
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	58.03	56.63
NO. OF BOXES	5,314	9,453

*4 of 8 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was about fair, however, most dealers remained cautious and were limiting orders to regularly committed product. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts were usually available, but, bone-in breasts were often balanced to no more than adequate. Wings were about adequate to well cleared. Drums and thighs were sufficient to better balanced today. Movement through retail and distributive channels was limited, with best interest usually centering around feature activity. The market tone was fully steady on bone-in breasts and 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	NEG	WTD
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	135	134.14	633,520
TENDERLOINS	130-135	131.03	118,020
BREAST - WITH RIBS	69-70	75.78	264,920
BREAST - LINE RUN	69	72.69	260,000
LEGS	32-33	35.30	250,040
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21	20.09	697,633
DRUMSTICKS	27-28	33.71	186,650
THIGHS	29-30	32.87	167,350
B/S THIGHS	86-87	89.20	55,510
WINGS (WHOLE)	81-82	90.41	357,680
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.05	60,000
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	33.57	52,545
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.84	79,310

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	1,243	115.00-135.00	125-130	125.91
TENDERLOINS	204	130.00-195.00	-	144.56
BREAST - WITH RIBS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
FRONT HALVES	440	64.00-76.00	71-74	72.27
LEGS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	848	16.00-19.00	17	17.08
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,845	19.00-21.00	19-19.5	19.44
WINGS (WHOLE)	83	73.00-87.00	81-85	82.20
DRUMSTICKS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
THIGHS	1,445	27.00-33.00	28	27.93

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	02/19	02/15	02/15	02/12	02/08
ALA	3,099	3,804	4.92	3,821	4.95
ARK	5,347	4,988	4.84	4,645	4.83
DELMARVA	1,714	2,273	4.88	2,244	4.96
LA-TENN	1,660	1,978	4.42	1,948	4.50
MISS	2,708	2,794	4.84	2,636	4.98
NC	2,235	2,592	5.71	2,418	5.68
TEXAS	2,314	2,299	4.86	2,256	4.77
TOTAL	19,077	20,728	4.93	19,968	4.95
MON	19,077 (A)		19,968 (A)		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 19-Feb 2001 is estimated to be 28,541,000 down 4.75 percent from a week ago and down 7.0 a year ago.

(Last week 29,964,000, last year 30,687,000)

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. **POUNDS**

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
				AVG
BREAST - B/S	896	120.00-205.00	140-145	143.85
TENDERLOINS	200	135.00-205.00	135-140	145.50
BREAST - LINE RUN	95	75.00-79.00	-	75.42
FRONT HALVES	105	71.00-77.00	-	73.33
LEGS	126	29.00-40.00	29-30	29.84
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	429	16.00-20.00	18-19	18.41
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,620	19.00-24.00	22-23	22.05
WINGS (WHOLE)	664	85.00-89.00	86-88	85.93
WINGS (CUT)	616	87.00-116.00	98-100	100.45
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	123	76.00-95.00	-	82.09

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR FEBRUARY 19, 2001 — F.O.B. DOCK.

	TODAY'S	5-DAY
RANGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE
43.50 - 48.50	45.87	44.77

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 02/19-02/23/01

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	125.00 - 165.00	125.00 - 135.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	68.00 - 84.00	69.00 - 74.00
LEGS	30.50 - 42.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	18.00 - 24.00	19.00 -
DRUMSTICKS	32.00 - 45.00	-
THIGHS	30.00 - 39.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	82.00 - 90.00	83.00 - 84.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	15.00 - 17.00	-
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	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

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

16-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	15.50-18.00	15.00-17.00	783,000	266,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.83	16.16		
15-20%				
RANGE	12.25-18.00	12.50-18.00	2,084,000	824,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.33	15.94		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	11.00	120,000	-
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.

16-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		15.00	102,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		15.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	15.00-21.00	11.00-12.50	1,448,400	530,400
WTD AVERAGE	16.73	11.45		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES OF AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were generally unchanged compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLTR

WEEK OF 19-FEB-01	CENTS/LB	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING		5-10	7-9	8.14

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were irregular when compared to a week earlier. Offerings were about adequate to ample as processing schedules were normal to less than normal as some were on holiday schedules. Demand was light to moderately good. The undertone was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

WEEK OF 19-FEB-01	CENTS/LB.	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING		5-9	7-9	7.81

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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