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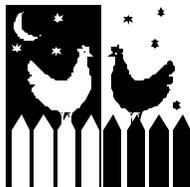
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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Retail demand was light to moderate with features aiding interest. Food service was moderate to good, best into restaurants. Supplies were in good balance to well cleared on 3 pound product in the East, at least sufficient for remaining sizes elsewhere. In the parts structure, bone-in breasts were no more than adequate and clearing well. All other items were generally in good balance and moving. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range, but mostly desirable.

The 12-CITY Weighted Average Price for 02/20/01 was 57.21, compared to 57.22 last week, and 52.67 a year ago.

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 61.75 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 57.25 cents last year on the 23th of February, 2000.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

### DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)

BREASTS - B/S	145.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	75.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	92.50
LEG QUARTERS	23.00
WINGS	87.00

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### CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE	
WEEK ENDING 02/17/01	2001	2000
EGGS SET	179,182	178,218
CHICKS PLACED	141,284	143,311
		PREVIOUS YEAR
		+01
		-01

### BROILER EGGS SET IN 15 SELECTED STATES UP 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set 179 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 17, 2001.

This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

### BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 141 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 17, 2001.

Placements down 1 percent from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through February 17, 2001 were 1.00 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 31-Mar-01 IS ESTIMATED AT 147.2 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 149.0 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 153.4 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 157.1 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 54.75 CENTS PER POUND.

**WESTERN** The market tone was fully steady. Offerings in fair balance with current needs. Sellers held product with a renewed sense of confidence. Buyers interest was fair and selective with attractive discounts difficult to find. Demand by stores fairly good overall best to cover ads, restaurant demand moderate. Floor stocks adequate. The market tone was fully steady to firm on white meat items and generally steady on dark meat items.

**SOUTHERN** Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Although supplies were sufficient to well cleared, demand was still light to moderate with interest best where retail ads and fast food promotions were active. In the parts structure, trading was fair to good with availability close balanced to adequate for all items. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were light to heavy, but mostly desirable.

**MIDWEST** Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment was steady to instances fully steady. Offerings of additional whole birds and Wogs were in balance for trade needs. Retail movement was inactive to light with interest on features varied. Food service demand was mostly moderate with restaurants providing the best movement. Floor stocks were adequate to ample with sizes mixed. Parts trading was limited for the generally adequate supplies. The market tone was mostly steady with undertone firm on wings and whole breasts.

**NORTHEAST** Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was generally fair to moderate during midweek trading. Offerings of the 3 pound birds were in good balance, and the remainder of sizes were at least sufficient. Movement into retail and distributive channels was about moderate, with feature activity stimulating the best interest. The market tone was steady to fully steady, with the 3 pound sizes in the strongest position. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts continued no more than adequate to balanced, and boneless-skinless breasts were at least adequate to available. Wings were clearing well, and the balance of parts were more than sufficient.

**DELMARVA** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds varied, but was sufficient in keeping the bulk of seller offerings in good balance to well cleared, particularly on the 3 pound sizes. Live supplies were moderate to light; weights were mixed and irregular in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher at 57 to 71 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady. In the parts complex, breast items, mainly boneless skinless were noted as available. Other items were in generally good balance. ACTUAL SLAUGHTER WEEK ENDING 02/17/2001 WAS 11,319,596 @ 4.93 LBS.

\*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	50-67
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	58.85
NO. OF BOXES	11,216

\*7 of 8 plants reporting.

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-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	876	120.00-205.00	140-150	144.68
TENDERLOINS	180	135.00-205.00	140-145	146.11
BREAST - LINE RUN	85	75.00-79.00	76-78	76.86
FRONT HALVES	110	72.50-78.00	-	74.66
LEGS	96	29.00-40.00	29-30	31.25
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	349	16.00-20.00	18-19	17.99
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,530	18.50-24.00	21-23	21.84
WINGS (WHOLE)	304	85.00-89.00	86-88	87.03
WINGS (CUT)	485	98.00-116.00	99-101	101.70
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS	83	81.00-95.00	-	87.64

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR FEBRUARY 21, 2001 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
44.25-49.00	46.33	45.48

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 ranged fair to moderate, and was generally noted as typical of midweek trading. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts were at least adequate to available at times, and bone-in breasts remained no more than adequate to balanced. Wings were usually adequate to well cleared, and dark meat cuts were more than sufficient. Movement through retail and distributive channels was mostly moderate, but was better where attractive features stimulated additional interest. The market tone was steady to 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 NEGOTIATED TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	135	136.82	501,100
TENDERLOINS	130-135	134.46	94,369
BREAST - WITH RIBS	69-70	75.98	236,480
BREAST - LINE RUN	69	72.77	188,000
LEGS	32-33	35.71	195,000
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21	19.90	526,246
DRUMSTICKS	27-28	34.55	138,380
THIGHS	29-30	34.40	108,460
B/S THIGHS	87-88	89.27	48,200
WINGS (WHOLE)	81-82	90.77	336,870
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.86	64,880
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	34.01	45,040
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.75	66,960

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (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.

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		AVG ACTUAL WTS	
	02/21	02/20	02/19	02/16	02/19	02/16	02/14	02/12
ALA	3,424	3,843	3,045	3,760	5.04	4.87	3,417	5.01
ARK	5,156	5,024	5,226	4,563	4.97	4.87	5,173	5.22
DELMARVA	2,310	2,312	1,725	2,562	5.01	4.81	2,076	5.04
KY-LA-TN	1,920	1,952	1,614	1,949	4.26	4.37	1,931	4.54
MISS	2,396	2,727	2,797	2,722	4.98	4.81	2,717	5.01
NC	2,548	2,591	2,171	2,830	5.69	5.59	2,559	5.83
TEXAS	2,271	2,278	2,280	2,299	4.96	4.82	2,244	4.94
TOTAL	20,025	20,727	18,858	20,685	5.01	4.90	20,117	5.11
MON-WED	59,829(A)				60,158 (A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 21-Feb 01 and is estimated to be 29,960,000 down 3.89 percent from a week ago and unchanged from a year ago.

(Last week 31,173,000; last year 29,964,000)

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY**

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	82-85
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-90
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	81
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	
<b>SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY</b>	
<b>DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS</b>	
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

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING FEB-21-01

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	02/24/01 (1)	02/17/01
	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	149,551 (2)	154,710
LT HENS	1,882	1,687
HVY HENS	1,348	1,534
CHECK TOTAL	152,781	157,931

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 24-Feb-01 is 151.6 million head compared to 154.1 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 149.9 million head or 1.7 million less than estimated available. For week of 03-Mar-01 the estimated available is 151.3 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS**

SELECTED STORAGE CENTERS

(INCLUDES GOVERNMENT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 19-Feb-01	94,397	66,724
AM 1-Feb-01	92,899	73,442
CHG	1,498	-6,718
PCT CHG	2	-9

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT** (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	02/19/01	02/12/01	02/21/00	02/19/01	02/12/01	02/21/00
<b>PACIFIC COAST LOS ANGELES</b>	4,257	4,745	10,439	5,752	6,062	11,857
<b>ANGELES</b>	113	120	74	2,179	2,268	3,222

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

FOR 02/20/01

	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.501	.651	.20	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-1.30	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	.701	.05	.91	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	1.00	6.50
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	.20
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	4.50
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	2.00	5.50
ROOSTERS lb.	.851	.30	1.09	ROOSTERS ea.	2.00	3.25
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	3.00
TURKEYS lb.	-.55	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	12.00	14.00
DUCKS lb.	.651	.45	1.18	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	.551	.70	1.24	RABBITS ea.	1.25	5.00
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.50	4.00
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	7.50	9.50
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	9.50	11.00
SILKIES ea.	-3.00	3.75	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-1.10	-	-			

TOTAL COOPS 119

**CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS**

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 19, 2001

	RANGE
<b>HENS</b> ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	59-62
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	59-69

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