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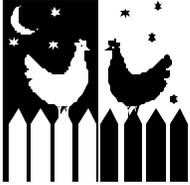
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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices for next week's deliveries were trending lower in the Northeast, unchanged in the West and Midwest. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak in the Northeast, mostly steady elsewhere. Demand was light to fair. Food service was fair to fairly good; best for fast food and where feature activity was noted. Supplies were readily available in the Northeast, at least adequate elsewhere. In the parts structure, wings and leg items were in good balance and held with confidence. Boneless skinless breasts were at least adequate to available. Other items were generally sufficient. 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 03/12-03/17/01 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Including branded product)		COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
	Delivered to First Receivers			
Chicago	50.00-54.00	50.00-64.50	52.92	26
Los Angeles	67.00			
New York	55.00-57.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	62.00-63.50	51.00-65.00	62.39	84

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 62.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

### PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
589	58.06-63.75	61.85

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	144.50	4,650
BREASTS - WHOLE	74.50	1,075
THIGH MEAT - B/S	91.00	740
LEG QUARTERS	23.00	8,298
WINGS	93.50	2,900

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**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Preliminary majority prices in Chicago for next week's deliveries were unchanged from last Monday's final. Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment was steady. Additional product offerings were more than sufficient for the limited trade interest. Movement into all channels was as expected, light to fair into retail and light to fairly good into food service accounts. Floor stocks were clearing satisfactorily with sizes desirable. Supplies of wings were barely adequate to short, leg quarters were balanced and receiving additional interest from export channels, and the remainder of items were adequate to occasionally long. The market tone was fully steady on wings and leg quarters, steady on all other items.

**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was limited entering the weekend as dealers remained cautious and selective. Offerings of all sizes were fully adequate to ample and often available at discounted levels. Movement into retail and distributive channels was no better than fair, with best interest centering around spot refills. The market tone ranged barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breasts were at least adequate to available, but in a manageable position. Bone-in breasts were generally sufficient. Dark meat items were in a better balance due to renewed export interest, and wings were well cleared.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Preliminary majority prices were unchanged. Reported trading for next week's deliveries at mainly unchanged prices on regular commitments with new negotiations at mixed levels. Offerings adequate. Buyers' interests fair and centered on regular needs. Retail demand fair to fairly good best for parts. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers. Ads noted: Southern California - whole body 59-78, leg quarters 67 (260-490 10# bag), whole legs 89, wings 99-199, thighs 67-99 (236 4# bag), drumsticks 69-99 (236 4# bag & 245 5# bag), split breasts 99-179, boneless leg meat 118, boneless thigh 168, boneless breasts 177-358, game hens 98; Northern California - whole body 59, whole legs 109, boneless breasts 269-499, boneless thighs 249 (IQF 4# bag 549), drumsticks 99, thighs 99, split breasts 169 (IQF 4# bag 600), ducks 199; Denver - drumsticks 79-99, thighs 79-99, boneless breasts IQF 4# bag 676-899; Arizona - boneless breasts 299-389 (IQF 3# bag boneless breasts or tenders 799-899), split breasts 88-229, drumsticks 59, thighs 59.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand was light to fair, best for features and food service. Supplies were usually sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure trading was fair to good with planned feature activity aiding movement. Wings were in close balance and clearing well. Boneless skinless breasts were adequate to available. Tenders ranged adequate to tight. Dark meat items were in good balance. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was disappointing lighter than expected entering the weekend. Offerings were fully adequate to ample and slow in clearing, particularly on the 3 pound and heavier sizes. Live supplies were moderate; weights were in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent lower at 57 to 71 cents. Trade sentiment remained barely steady to weak. Leg items were well balanced to closely cleared. Bone-in breasts and wings were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Boneless skinless breasts were available and difficult to place.

\*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		50-69
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		60.82
NO. OF BOXES		11,706
CUMULATIVE	03/05/01-03/09/01	60.55
	03/06/00-03/10/00	51.66
NO. OF BOXES	03/05/01-03/09/01	61,494
	03/06/00-03/10/00	39,313

\*7 of 8 plants reporting.

MAR 08

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

MAR 09

ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS				WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	893	120.00-210.00	140-150	144.42	884	120.00-210.00	140-150	145.15	4,450	148.32
TENDERLOINS	173	140.00-215.00	140-145	149.39	65	140.00-215.00	140-145	165.00	560	154.75
BREAST - LINE RUN	249	74.00-79.00	75-77	75.60	TOO FEW TO REPORT				581	75.04
FRONT HALVES	110	76.00-83.00	-	79.82	TOO FEW TO REPORT				551	79.57
LEGS	106	30.00-40.00	31-33	31.70	108	33.00-60.00	33-34	48.52	552	34.93
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	309	16.00-20.00	18-19	18.35	396	17.00-21.00	18-19	18.58	1,842	18.16
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,576	18.00-24.00	21-23	21.85	1,577	18.00-25.00	22-23	22.28	7,649	21.97
WINGS (WHOLE)	2,251	91.00-97.00	94-96	94.95	302	92.00-97.00	92-94	94.81	3,396	94.26
WINGS (CUT)	566	87.00-118.00	104-106	106.19	566	87.00-117.00	105-107	106.91	2,943	106.99
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				TFEWR	
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				115	30.61
B/S THIGHS	139	78.00-95.00	-	87.48	57	93.00-95.00	-	93.53	402	89.66

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TRADING FOR MAR 08, 2001 F.O.B. DOCK. **TODAY'S**

RANGE	AVERAGE
46.00 - 51.50	49.09

TRADING FOR MAR 09, 2001 F.O.B. DOCK. **TODAY'S** **5-DAY**

RANGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE
46.50 - 53.00	49.57	48.83

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 interest increased slightly entering the weekend, but was generally noted as typical for end of the week activity. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts were more than sufficient, however, some dealers were reporting improved inquiry. Bone-in breasts were at least adequate for current needs. Dark meat lines had moved into a better balance as renewed call through export channels factors into the market. Wings continued to clear well. Retail and distributive movement was only fair, and best into spot re-fill activity. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm on dark meat cuts and wings, about steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED B/F PARTS, DLVRD TO 1ST RCVRS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER LB

MAR 08 ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	CURRENT NEG			WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	MAR 09 WEEKLY	
	TRADING*	WTD	AVG**			TRADING*	WTD	AVG**			WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	135	137.50	592,480	135	137.21	613,360	137.29	2,897,270				
TENDERLOINS	130-135	136.99	88,760	130-135	136.65	139,639	137.16	522,802				
BREAST - WITH RIBS	68-69	76.09	277,840	68-69	75.47	235,200	76.83	1,489,760				
BREAST - LINE RUN	68	71.55	182,800	68	72.63	172,400	71.03	961,600				
LEGS	32-33	35.80	235,800	33-34	36.21	278,080	36.09	1,170,400				
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21	21.26	639,176	21-22	21.73	499,931	21.41	3,021,744				
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	34.79	165,700	30-31	35.60	156,680	34.98	765,060				
THIGHS	29-30	34.89	357,880	29-30	35.50	123,840	34.82	841,060				
B/S THIGHS	90-91	93.67	40,920	89-90	91.75	58,360	92.93	247,390				
WINGS (WHOLE)	88-89	97.09	565,200	89-90	97.69	326,120	97.17	1,947,540				
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.11	63,740	10-12	12.04	79,840	12.03	335,140				
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	34.13	54,840	30-35	34.77	71,720	34.23	296,870				
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	49.78	83,160	45-50	54.44	102,000	50.96	435,700				

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		AVG WTS	
	03/09	03/08	03/07	03/06	03/07	03/06	03/02	02/28
ALA	3,754	3,809	3,759	3,638	5.03	5.02	3,615	5.07
ARK	4,857	5,253	5,087	5,052	4.93	4.92	4,407	4.89
DELMARVA	2,272	2,331	2,328	2,001	4.90	4.99	2,090	4.96
KY-LA-TN	1,909	1,750	1,869	1,903	4.46	4.59	1,921	4.45
MISS	2,742	2,788	2,646	2,778	4.88	4.99	2,756	4.97
NC	2,665	2,216	2,583	2,574	5.77	5.79	2,541	5.81
TEXAS	2,282	2,317	2,166	2,306	4.83	4.95	2,502	4.91
TOTAL	20,481	20,464	20,438	20,252	4.99	5.04	19,832	5.02
MON-FRI102,389(A)	100,835(A)							

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 09 and 10-Mar-01 is estimated to be 30,642,000 down 1.70 percent from a week ago and down 0.2 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,173,000; last year 30,708,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 10-Mar-01 is estimated to be 148,610,000 head up 0.5 percent from a week ago, and down 4.2 percent from a year ago (Last week 147,804,000 Last year 155,100,000)

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

	RANGE
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

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED** Under federal inspection, classified by live weight, week ending Feb 24, 2001 (Preliminary),

	(A) Fast food/ Food service 4.20 Lbs & down	(B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs	(C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs & Up
	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	34,249	24,947	42,405
Avg Weight	3.80	4.72	6.07
% of total /1	34%	25%	42%
<b>COMPARISONS</b>			
Last week	38,380	25,284	44,430
Avg Weight	3.85	4.74	6.04
% of total /1	36%	23%	41%
Same week, yr ago /2	32,847	24,195	43,049
Avg Weight	3.82	4.78	6.06
% of total /1	33%	24%	43%
To date/2001	272,697	206,143	357,596
To date/2000	270,527	230,920	327,269

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 03-Mar-2001 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	147,804 (A)	1,910	1,261	3,171	515
AVG WT	5.01	3.46	7.98	5.26	6.46
LAST WEEK	147,690	1,933	1,237	3,170	490
SAME WK YR AGO	154,916	2,111	1,361	3,472	433
AVG WT	5.20	3.40	7.79	5.12	6.52
TO-DATE/2001	1,339,196	16,477	11,382	27,859	4,387
TO-DATE/2000	1,383,434	18,255	12,011	30,266	4,160

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 151.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 149.6 million head or 1.7 million head less than or 99 percent of estimated fryers available.

**EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: MAR 06, 2001**

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.68 - .78	Silkie	3.50 - 4.00ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.70 - 1.00	Geese	
Red Fowl 4-4.5 LBS	.30 - .48	9-14 LBS	.20 - .32
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.60 - .92	Pigeons	2.50 - 3.00ea.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.60 - .86	White Pigeons	2.70 - 3.00ea.
Crossbred Roosters		Rabbits	
4-6 LBS	.50 - 1.02	4-6 LBS	1.20 - 1.62
Crossbred Roosters		Rabbits	
7-11 LBS	.60 - 1.00	7-11 LBS	1.10 - 1.34
Guinea Fowl	2.10 - 2.60	Bunnies	2.00 - 9.50ea.
Banty Roosters	3.00 - 5.50ea	Guinea Pigs	.25 - 3.00ea.
Banty Hens	2.50 - 4.00ea.		
Total Coops Sold 305			

**EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 05-MAR-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
<b>ROASTERS:</b> PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED		
<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MOSTLY</b>	
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	65-66	
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	65-83	73-77
<b>SQUABS:</b> 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 was generally steady. Demand ranged light to fair. Sizes were in the mostly desirable to instances heavy. Slaughter schedules were mostly full-time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$5.00-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.35-1.38, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$.50-.75, livers at \$.50-1.50, and feet at \$.90-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 05-MAR-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
JANUARY	27 158.7	152.3	104	4.97
FEBRUARY	3 151.7	152.7	99	4.89
	10 154.4	149.5	103	5.12
	17 152.4	148.8	102	4.97
	24 149.5	151.6	99	4.99
MARCH	3 149.6	151.3	99	5.01
YEAR TO DATE	1355.5	1345.1	101	
MARCH	10	151.3		
	17	152.7		

**BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**

	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	03/10/01	03/03/01	% CHG	03/11/00	% CHG
Broilers	148,610	147,804*	+01	155,100*	-04
Cattle	642	626	+03	671*	-04
Hogs	1,831	1,865	-02	1,902*	-04
Under Federal Inspection					

\* ACTUAL

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL** Majority prices were about unchanged on light canners and irregular on heavy canners when compared to a week earlier. Trading was fair for a demand that ranged from light to good. Offerings were about adequate to adequate with floor stocks clearing at most locations. Undertone was about steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
21-27 MAJORITY 21-23.5	35-38 MAJORITY

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
25-28 MAJORITY 25	36.25-40 MAJORITY 37.75-38

**EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices were unchanged. Demand was moderate for offerings that were irregular but usually sufficient for trade needs. Processing schedules were generally normal. Interest for finished product was clearing available supplies. The undertone was steady.

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Sales were too few to report. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent leghorn hens. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices unchanged. Offerings were fully adequate to instances ample for current processor schedules. Demand continued light to moderate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

### **LIVE HENS**

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

<b>HEAVY</b>	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
Southeast Heavy f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	(2)
South Central Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
<b>LIGHT</b>	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
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 moderate for about adequate to adequate offerings. Processing schedules were in a range of less than normal to normal. Movements of finished product was clearing available offerings. The undertone was steady.

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading was too few to report. Offerings were at least adequate for processing schedules. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plants worked full schedules. Offerings ample.

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