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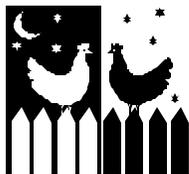
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were lower in the Northeast, unchanged elsewhere. Trade sentiment was generally steady except in the Northeast which was steady to weak. Demand was light to fair with few features. Food service was fair to good, best for fast food promotions. Supplies were usually sufficient with larger sizes in the East ample and often discounted to move. In the parts structure, wings were adequate to close balanced and moving, and leg quarters were mostly sufficient with some increase in interest reported. The remaining items were at least adequate with light movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range of light to heavy, mostly desirable.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 03/19/01-03/24/01 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	54.00-55.00	54.26	17	57.94	27
Chicago	50.00-54.00	53.45	44	55.09	76
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	58.57	21
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	61.58	12
Denver	66.50	66.50	16	65.89	18
Detroit	51.00-52.00	53.20	15	56.11	36
Los Angeles	67.00	65.70	60	62.62	171
New York	52.00-54.00	52.96	28	55.59	48
Philadelphia	49.00-51.00	50.38	8	52.48	20
Pittsburgh	50.50-52.00	51.20	10	56.97	49
St. Louis	52.75-53.00	52.66	18	53.90	39
San Francisco	67.50	66.93	28	68.90	52

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	03/19/01	Change/Last Wk	03/12/01	03/20/00
569	58.43	-0.65	59.08	55.36

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delv'd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	57.00-63.00	61.42	39
Central	56.00-62.00	58.57	61
West	56.00-62.00	60.84	41

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	61.50-63.00	62.20	79
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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 62.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG

LOADS	RANGE	FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,103	46.00-65.00	60.79

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	144.50	4,900
BREASTS - WHOLE	73.00	1,565
THIGH MEAT - B/S	92.50	780
LEG QUARTERS	24.00	9,458
WINGS	96.50	3,193

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SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was about steady. Demand was light to moderate with limited trading. Supplies were more than sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, dark meat was well balanced and moving, and the remaining items were adequate to fully adequate with mixed interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range, but mostly desirable.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole birds was light to no better than fair as dealers purchases centered around regular commitments. Offerings were readily available on 3 pound and heavier sizes, other sizes were more than sufficient. Movement into retail and distributive channels was only fair at best. The market tone ranged no better than steady to weak. In the parts complex, offerings of breast items were at least adequate to available. Dark meat items were adequate. Wings were good balance and clearing.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices unchanged from last week. The market tone was generally steady. Trading for this week's deliveries were at unchanged prices on regular commitments with new negotiations mixed. Offerings in fair balance. Demand by stores fairly good overall, best where features planned. Demand by restaurants fair to fairly good, best by fast food. Dealers reported moderate weekend carryovers. Trading reported on parts for this week's deliveries: leg quarters bulk 25-25.5 4/10s 27-27.5, breasts bone-in 75-84 boneless 135-136.5; (less than truck lot: bulk leg quarters 28-30, leg meat 71-72.5, wings 97 and thigh meat 94). The negotiated Los Angeles WOG average was up .18 to 58.00 with the volume reported down 3 percent to 30 loads.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices for this week's deliveries were unchanged into Chicago, Detroit and St. Louis from last Monday's majorities and TFEWR into Ohio. Trade sentiment on whole fryers was steady. Additional offers of whole fryers limited but adequate for buyer's current needs. Retail demand fair. Food service movement light to occasionally fairly good where fast food features are in progress. Floor stocks adequate. Sizes desirable. Parts demand best on leg quarters and wings. Supplies of wings barely adequate, balance of items adequate. Trade sentiment fully steady on wings, generally steady on balance of parts items.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally slow. Seller offerings were readily available, particularly on the 3 pound and heavier sizes. Live supplies were about moderate; weights were mixed in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to light. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 54 to 68 cents. Trade sentiment remained mostly weak and unsettled. In the parts complex, volumes varied from plant to plant, but all items were at least adequate for 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	49-68
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	56.61
NO. OF BOXES	11,492

*7 of 8 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was fair at best entering the week as dealers assess market conditions. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts were more than sufficient for trade needs, bone-in breasts remained fully adequate. Wings were in good balance and clearing, dark meat items were at least adequate. Movement through retail and distributive channels was slow to fair, best for feature activity. The market tone was barely steady on bone-in breasts, steady at best on the balance.
ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S		135	138.55	681,400
TENDERLOINS	130-135		134.51	95,210
BREAST - WITH RIBS	66-67		73.64	214,480
BREAST - LINE RUN	66		70.35	155,200
LEGS	33-34		36.67	188,000
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	21-22		23.96	389,488
DRUMSTICKS	31-32		36.35	117,480
THIGHS	29-30		33.97	113,280
B/S THIGHS	87-88		91.67	37,080
WINGS (WHOLE)	90-91		99.35	238,400
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12		12.15	68,100
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35		34.52	60,120
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60		59.99	79,280

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

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	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,348	120.00-145.00	125-133	127.27
TENDERLOINS	210	130.00-188.00	-	155.52
BREAST - WITH RIBS	168	67.00-84.00	67	71.66
FRONT HALVES	760	67.00-79.00	78-78.5	76.00
LEGS		NO TRADING REPORTED	-	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	154	17.00-20.00	19.5-20	19.04
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,487	20.00-22.00	21	21.00
WINGS (WHOLE)	137	80.00-90.50	90-90.5	88.49
DRUMSTICKS		NO TRADING REPORTED	-	-
THIGHS	1,080	28.00-29.00	-	28.93

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	03/19	03/15	03/15	03/12	03/08
ALA	3,860	3,675	5.29	3,793	4.98
ARK	5,248	5,238	4.80	5,154	4.86
DELMARVA	2,176	2,283	4.89	2,005	4.90
KY-LA-TN	1,924	1,927	4.42	2,000	4.47
MISS	2,788	2,719	4.95	2,718	4.95
NC	2,536	2,486	5.77	2,384	5.73
TEXAS	2,320	2,328	4.82	2,315	4.80
TOTAL	20,852	20,656	5.00	20,369	4.96
MON	20,852(A)			20,369(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 19-Mar 2001 is estimated to be 31,197,000 up 2.06 percent from a week ago and up 1.45 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 30,566,000, last year 30,752,000)

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	910	120.00-210.00	140-150	146.62
TENDERLOINS	164	140.00-215.00	140-145	149.76
BREAST - LINE RUN	281	75.00-79.00	75-77	75.95
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	86	30.00-41.00	-	30.77
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	389	20.00-23.00	20-22	20.43
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,536	22.00-25.00	23-24	23.97
WINGS (WHOLE)	252	95.00-96.00	-	95.86
WINGS (CUT)	524	107.00-119.00	108-109	109.60
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS	67	90.00-95.00	-	91.42

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

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

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
47.00 - 54.00	50.15	48.81

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 19-MAR-2001 TO 23-MAR-2001, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	112.00 - 170.00	125.00 - 135.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	67.00 - 82.00	69.00 - 75.00
LEGS	32.00 - 42.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	18.00 - 27.00	21.00 - 22.00
DRUMSTICKS	32.00 - 45.00	-
THIGHS	32.00 - 40.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	91.00 - 107.00	92.00 - 94.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	15.00 - 17.00	-
LIVERS	27.50 - 46.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 50.00	-

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

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	89-94
	DRY PACK	102
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-117
	DRY PACK	123
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	91-117
	DRY PACK	123
DUCKS		152-170

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-MAR-2001

CHICKEN

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

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	20.00	-	200,000	200,000
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	14.50-16.00	612,000	212,000
WTD AVERAGE	16.12	15.63		
15-20%				
RANGE	12.25-18.00	11.00-17.00	2,272,000	1,192,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.19	13.89		
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

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-MAR-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	18.00-20.00	13.00-15.00	224,400	81,600
WTD AVERAGE	18.67	13.40		
15-20%				
RANGE	15.00-17.00	10.00-12.00	2,040,000	1,387,200
WTD AVERAGE	15.93	10.75		
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 Trading was slightly higher than the past week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair with current schedules adequate for needs. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLTR

WEEK OF 19-MAR-01	CENTS/LB		
	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-11	6-8	7.73

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for about adequate to short offerings. Processing schedules were in a range of less than normal to normal. Interest for canners was clearing available offerings. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE

WEEK OF 19-MAR-01	CENTS/LB.		
	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5-9	7-9	8.12
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

AT FARM BUYER LOADING 5-9 7-9 8.12

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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