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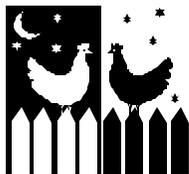
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices were lower in the East, mostly unchanged elsewhere. Trade sentiment was steady, but no better than steady to weak in the East. Retail demand was improved in some areas, but still reported as unaggressive to fair. Food service was light to fairly good, best into fast food. Supplies of heavy weights were adequate to long, smaller sizes balanced to tight. In the parts structure, wings were adequate to barely adequate, breast items were at least sufficient and dark meat was mixed, closest for leg quarters. Trading was fair to fairly good. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were light to heavy, 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 04/02/01-04/07/01 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	50.50-52.00	50.58	18	54.48	30
Chicago	50.00-54.00	52.81	43	54.97	79
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	57.80	22
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	63.60	10
Denver	66.50	66.50	16	66.40	20
Detroit	52.00-55.00	53.81	16	56.20	43
Los Angeles	67.00	64.81	68	63.30	133
New York	49.00-51.00	50.15	26	53.11	47
Philadelphia	47.00-49.00	48.33	9	51.57	22
Pittsburgh	48.00-50.50	49.25	8	57.07	52
St. Louis	52.25-52.50	52.20	20	53.91	41
San Francisco	67.50	66.62	34	65.66	65

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	04/02/01	Change/Last Wk	03/26/01	04/03/00
564	57.91	-0.29	58.20	54.35

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	57.00-59.00	58.73	37
Central	56.00-61.00	58.17	66
West	56.00-63.00	61.52	48

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	61.50-63.00	62.33	84
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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.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,122	48.00-65.00	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	144.00	4,758
BREASTS - WHOLE	74.00	1,573
THIGH MEAT - B/S	92.50	775
LEG QUARTERS	25.50	9,478
WINGS	98.50	3,225

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SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was light to moderate with some reports of increased first of the month interest and weekend business. Supplies were in balance for trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was slow to fairly good. Wings were close balanced and clearing, breast items were mixed, but at least sufficient, and dark meat was adequate to well cleared due to export business. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole birds was mostly fair entering the week as dealers cautiously assessed the market. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate to available, however, the 3.5 pound and heavier birds were usually in the longest position. Movement through retail and distributive channels was limited. The market tone was no better than steady to weak. In the parts complex, supplies of breast items were readily available. Drums and thighs were more than sufficient, although, leg quarters were clearing well. Wings were generally adequate.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged. Trading for this week's deliveries were at generally unchanged prices. Offerings began the week easily adequate to cover the fair buying interest. Demand remained good by stores where features planned or in progress otherwise only fair, fast food fairly good overall. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. Trade sentiment was fully steady on dark meat and generally steady on balance of parts. Reported trading on parts: leg quarters bulk 26-30 and 4/10s 29.5-30, breasts bone-in 75-90 and boneless 134-147, thigh meat 85-94, leg meat 77-80.5. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was at 58.00 up .28 with the volume reported up 18 percent to 34 loads.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices for this week's deliveries were unchanged from last Monday's majorities and TFEWR into Ohio. Whole fryer market tone was steady. Offerings of additional product were in a full range with heavy weights long and lighter weights tight for current trade needs. Retail demand was light to fair at best with food service moderate to fairly good and best into fast food accounts. Floor stocks were adequate to more than desired. Sizes desirable to heavy. Parts trading remained light overall with wings and leg quarters best call. Trade sentiment fully steady on wings and leg quarters, mostly steady on balance of parts items.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was disappointingly light to fair at best with the bulk of activity centered around standing commitments. Seller offerings remained readily available on all sizes. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were in a full range of light to heavy, mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 51 to 65 cents. Trade sentiment was generally unsettled and no better than steady. In the parts complex, all items were at least adequate. Leg items, particularly leg quarters were held with varying degrees of confidence.

*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	44-68
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	53.21
NO. OF BOXES	10,287

*7 of 8 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying interest was generally no better than fair entering the week as buyers assumed a cautious and selective posture. Offerings of breast items were generally available. Supplies of dark meat items were at least adequate, however, leg quarters were clearing well. Wings were usually sufficient. Movement into retail and distributive channels was limited, with best interest centering around spot feature activity. The market tone was no better than steady.

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

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	130	135.22	641,290
TENDERLOINS	130-135	139.14	106,640
BREAST - WITH RIBS	65-66	73.90	205,280
BREAST - LINE RUN	65	67.54	209,200
LEGS	33-34	37.59	219,280
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	22-23	23.80	420,463
DRUMSTICKS	31-32	36.74	121,130
THIGHS	32-33	35.29	149,040
B/S THIGHS	87-88	91.02	44,720
WINGS (WHOLE)	90-91	96.91	363,790
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.12	71,400
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	34.32	63,040
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	56.84	97,640

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	1,309	120.00-145.00	125-130	127.84
TENDERLOINS	518	136.00-215.00	140-145	148.34
BREAST - WITH RIBS	129	65.00-83.00	65	71.65
FRONT HALVES	960	65.00-80.00	78-79	75.58
LEGS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	48	22.00-23.00	23	22.57
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,752	24.00-26.00	24-24.5	24.52
WINGS (WHOLE)	82	78.00-93.00	93	92.56
DRUMSTICKS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
THIGHS	1,757	30.00-39.00	30	30.04

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	04/02	03/29	03/29	03/26	03/22
ALA	3,797	3,613	4.94	3,826	5.10
ARK	5,344	5,184	4.86	4,992	4.87
DELMARVA	2,294	2,283	4.98	2,349	4.88
KY-LA-TN	1,849	1,957	4.44	1,980	4.40
MISS	2,705	2,767	5.03	2,672	4.99
NC	2,210	2,488	5.81	2,457	5.75
TEXAS	2,306	2,290	4.90	2,284	4.75
TOTAL	20,505	20,582	4.99	20,560	4.97
MON	20,505(A)		20,560(A)		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 02-Apr 2001 is estimated to be 30,678,000 down 0.56 percent from a week ago and up 0.39 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 30,852,000, last year 30,559,000)

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	559	120.00-210.00	140-145	141.51
TENDERLOINS	64	140.00-220.00	140-145	166.88
BREAST - LINE RUN	82	72.00-75.00	-	74.27
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	86	33.00-41.00	33-36	34.95
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	351	23.00-25.00	23-24	23.25
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,675	24.00-26.00	25-26	25.38
WINGS (WHOLE)	249	93.00-96.00	-	95.41
WINGS (CUT)	583	108.00-119.00	108-111	111.51
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	52	92.00-93.50	-	93.21

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR APRIL 02, 2001 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
49.00 - 55.00	51.46	51.24

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 04/02-04/06/01

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	113.00 - 170.00	125.00 - 135.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	68.00 - 85.00	68.00 - 74.00
LEGS	34.00 - 42.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20.00 - 28.00	23.00 - 24.00
DRUMSTICKS	24.00 - 40.00	-
THIGHS	31.00 - 41.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	89.00 - 101.00	93.00 - 95.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	15.00 - 17.00	-
LIVERS	25.00 - 46.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 45.00	-

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 102
	ICE PACK 89-94
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK 123
	ICE PACK 104-117
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK 123
	ICE PACK 91-117
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.

30-MAR-2001

CHICKEN

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

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	20.00	-	240,000	-
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	17.00	956,000	212,000
WTD AVERAGE	17.16	17.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	12.25-18.00	11.00-15.00	1,688,003	768,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.82	12.66		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	12.50	160,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		12.50		

* 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.

30-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	15.00	196,800	156,000
WTD AVERAGE	18.00	15.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	15.00-18.00	10.00-14.00	1,958,400	1,305,600
WTD AVERAGE	16.52	11.82		
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 higher on spent hens moving to slaughter for next weeks kill. Demand was moderate to good for raw materials. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLTR

WEEK OF 02-APR-01	CENTS/LB	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
	RANGE		
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-11.25	7-9	8.04

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate to good for about adequate to ample offerings. Processing schedules for current week were in a range of less than normal to normal. Interest for canners was still clearing the slightly increased availability of offerings. The undertone was mostly steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

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

WEEK OF 02-APR-01	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
	CENTS/LB.		
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-9.5	8-9	8.35

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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