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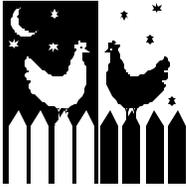
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices are trending unchanged for next week's trading. Trade sentiment was about steady in the East, steady elsewhere. Retail demand was unaggressive as interest shifted towards more traditional items for upcoming Easter holiday. Food service was moderate. Supplies were generally adequate, ample for heavier sizes. In the parts structure, dark meat items and wings were balanced to tight and moving, and breast items were at least adequate and slow to clear. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable to heavy.

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 04/09-04/14/01 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Including branded product)		WTD	COMPOSITE
	MAJORITY	RANGE	AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	50.00-54.00	49.00-64.50	52.46	25
Los Angeles	67.00			
New York	49.00-51.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	61.50-63.00	53.00-65.00	62.30	79

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	PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT	
	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
551	57.16-63.75	61.88

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	141.50	2,308
BREASTS - WHOLE	71.00	983
THIGH MEAT - B/S	92.50	530
LEG QUARTERS	25.50	5,233
WINGS	98.00	1,529

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MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into Chicago were unchanged from last Monday's final. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady. Offerings of additional product were fully sufficient with most dealers satisfied through regular commitments. Retail and food service demand was lackluster overall, occasionally fair to fairly good with a lack of retail shopper interest reported in all areas. Floor stocks were mostly balanced, weights desirable to heavy. In the parts complex, trading was slow for the mostly adequate supplies. Dark meat items and wings were balanced to tight with breast items fully adequate and slow to clear. Buyer price resistance was noted on wings and leg quarters. The market tone was steady to fully steady on wings and dark meat items, steady to barely steady on breast items with tenderloins steady to firm.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was seasonally light with limited trading as more traditional holiday items received best interest. Supplies were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, dark meat items were balanced to closely cleared, and wings were no more than adequate and moving well. Breast items were irregular, less available for tenders, but at least adequate with little interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was generally steady. Trading on regular commitments were at mainly unchanged prices, however, new negotiations on heavy weights were unchanged to lower and small sizes unchanged to higher. Offerings adequate to ample for the fair buying interest. Sizes were in a full range with heavy weights in the longest position. Retail demand fair to fairly good, best to cover store ads and fast food features. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers. Trade sentiment barely steady on breasts and fully steady on dark meat items. Ads noted: Southern California - whole body 59-79, whole cut-up 99, boneless breasts 167-499, boneless thighs 168, boneless leg meat 118, split breasts 97-199, leg quarters 10# bag 390, wings 79-99, thighs 69-99, drumsticks 69-99 and 5# bag 245, roasters 129, cornish hens 149, (IQF 3# bag - boneless breasts 507-531, 4# bag breasts tenders 999); Northern California - whole body 189-199, whole cut-up 99, cornish hens 219-229, boneless breasts 299-499, split breasts 99-149, drumsticks 79, thighs 79, (IQF 4# bags - split breasts 595, drumsticks 399, thighs 350-399; Arizona - whole body 99-119, whole cut-up 99-139, drumsticks 59, thighs 59, boneless breasts IQF 3# bag 699-899.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was generally no better than fair entering the weekend as dealers continued with a cautious and selective posture. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate to available. Movement into retail and distributive channels was spotty as traditional holiday items became the focal point of consumer interest. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items were readily available and occasionally discounted to stimulate movement. Dark meat cuts, particularly leg quarters and thighs were clearing well. Wings were usually sufficient to balanced.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds increased a bit, but remained no better than fair as the bulk of buying interest had shifted to other items traditionally sought for the upcoming holiday. Offerings ranged adequate to ample and were in the better, closer balance on the 2.5 and 3.0 pound sizes. Live supplies were seasonally moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were irregularly light to moderate with some operations curtailed today and spot activity noted for Saturday. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 51 to 65 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. Wings and leg items cleared well. Boneless skinless and bone-in breasts were readily available.

*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		48-68
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		54.58
NO. OF BOXES		11,596
CUMULATIVE	04/02/01-04/06/01	54.27
	04/03/00-04/07/00	54.85
NO. OF BOXES	04/02/01-04/06/01	57,741
	04/03/00-04/07/00	41,250

*7 of 8 plants reporting.

APR 05

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

APR 06

ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS				WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	933	120.00-210.00	135-140	142.17	670	120.00-210.00	135-140	142.67	3,859	142.81
TENDERLOINS	167	145.00-220.00	145-150	157.78	85	145.00-220.00	145-150	165.29	631	158.99
BREAST - LINE RUN	118	73.00-77.00	-	74.36	118	73.00-77.00	-	74.36	518	74.60
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				453	76.16
LEGS	166	34.00-43.00	35-37	36.43	126	34.00-43.00	35-38	35.70	555	35.63
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	781	22.00-25.00	23-24	23.85	431	22.00-25.00	23	23.10	2,465	23.37
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,637	24.00-27.00	25-26	25.51	1,637	24.00-27.00	25-26	25.51	8,301	25.45
WINGS (WHOLE)	301	96.00-99.00	97-98	98.20	261	97.00-99.00	-	98.53	1,325	97.72
WINGS (CUT)	627	108.00-119.00	109-112	111.91	611	107.00-119.00	109-113	111.77	2,919	111.38
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				80	42.65
THIGHS	132	37.00-43.00	-	37.55	52	38.00-43.00	-	39.15	290	37.39
B/S THIGHS	52	92.00-93.50	-	93.21	52	92.00-93.50	-	93.21	250	93.04

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

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TRADING FOR APR 05, 2001 F.O.B. DOCK. **TODAY'S**

RANGE	AVERAGE
44.50 - 52.00	48.93

TRADING FOR APR 06, 2001 F.O.B. DOCK. **TODAY'S** **5-DAY**

RANGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE
44.25 - 51.50	48.39	49.95

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 was cautious and selective entering the weekend as dealers attempted to keep floorstocks closely balanced with most immediate needs. Offerings of breast items were readily available and occasionally discounted to stimulate movement. Dark meat cuts continued to clear well, and wings were usually balanced to adequate. Retail and distributive draw was limited as interest began to center around seasonal holiday items. The market tone was no better than steady to barely steady on breast items, fully steady on dark meat cuts, about steady on wings.

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

APR 05 ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	CURRENT NEG			WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	APR 06 WEEKLY	
	TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS			TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS			WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	130	132.23	657,720	130	132.19	610,560	133.64	3,216,490				
TENDERLOINS	135-140	144.44	94,680	135-140	144.45	123,063	141.36	562,611				
BREAST - WITH RIBS	64-65	72.10	298,760	64-65	69.24	312,480	72.22	1,353,880				
BREAST - LINE RUN	64	65.77	286,200	64	65.57	190,800	66.85	1,099,200				
LEGS	34-35	37.69	212,880	34-35	37.83	263,240	37.62	1,213,880				
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	24-25	24.70	605,856	25-26	25.27	567,091	24.63	2,643,676				
DRUMSTICKS	31-32	35.08	204,340	31-32	34.66	200,550	35.50	929,413				
THIGHS	32-33	34.88	163,870	33-34	36.53	109,450	35.66	686,099				
B/S THIGHS	87-88	91.96	54,440	87-88	89.82	67,880	90.73	269,420				
WINGS (WHOLE)	90-91	99.02	343,180	90-91	98.16	370,660	98.47	1,850,564				
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.07	79,720	10-12	12.06	92,680	12.04	395,500				
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	35.37	66,325	30-35	34.94	81,240	34.61	343,200				
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	58.40	96,653	50-55	55.12	109,480	56.74	501,073				

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		ACTUAL WTS	
	04/06	04/05	04/04	04/03	04/04	04/03	03/30	03/28
ALA	3,908	3,804	3,453	3,877	5.04	5.11	3,888	5.14
ARK	5,586	5,136	4,995	5,047	4.84	4.88	4,670	4.90
DELMARVA	2,128	2,287	2,322	2,303	4.99	5.13	2,024	4.92
KY-LA-TN	1,774	1,995	1,688	2,011	4.26	4.52	1,964	4.42
MISS	2,892	2,677	2,685	2,583	4.97	4.98	3,292	5.00
NC	2,722	2,567	2,381	2,482	5.92	5.90	2,497	5.82
TEXAS	2,304	2,310	2,309	2,342	4.80	4.92	2,316	4.93
TOTAL	21,314	20,776	19,833	20,645	4.99	5.06	20,651	5.03
MON-FRI103,726(A)	102,064(A)							

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 06-Apr 01 and 07-Apr-01 is estimated to be 31,888,000 up 2.29 percent from a week ago and up 2.3 percent from a year ago.

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

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 07-Apr-01 is estimated to be 149,778,000 head unchan percent from a week ago, and down 2.5 percent from a year ago (Last week 150,228,000 Last year 153,585,000)

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	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

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

	(A) Fast food/ Food service	(B) Retail	(C) Deboning
	4.20 Lbs & down	4.21-5.25 Lbs	5.26 Lbs & Up
-----THOUSANDS-----			

Head	33,566	21,646	50,691
Avg Weight	3.83	4.67	6.00
% of total /1	32%	20%	48%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	29,392	27,981	40,701
Avg Weight	3.75	4.82	6.08
% of total /1	30%	29%	42%
Same week, yr ago /2	35,074	40,542	34,114
Avg Weight	3.69	4.80	6.11
% of total /1	32%	37%	31%
To date/2001	384,331	307,083	524,806
To date/2000	408,769	376,312	471,721

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 31-Mar-2001 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	150,228(A)	2,043	1,323	3,366	501
AVG WT	5.02	3.49	7.89	5.22	6.45
LAST WEEK	150,141	1,953	1,396	3,349	506
SAME WK YR AGO	156,244	1,911	1,314	3,225	433
AVG WT	4.97	3.56	7.69	5.24	6.40
TO-DATE/2001	1,944,690	24,324	16,689	41,013	6,339
TO-DATE/2000	1,998,338	26,292	17,769	44,061	5,887

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 150.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 152.1 million head or 1.6 million head more than or 101 percent of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: APR 03, 2001

	RANGE	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.80 - 1.04	Silkie 4.00 - 5.25ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.72 - .96	Geese 9-14 LBS .20 - .34
Pekin Ducks	.50 - .74	Pigeons 3.00 - 3.85ea.
Red Fowl 4-4.5 LBS	.60 - .96	White Pigeons 3.00 - 3.70ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.80 - 1.10	Rabbits
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.50 - 1.08	4-6 LBS 1.40 - 2.00
Crossbred Roasters		Rabbits
4-6 LBS	.60 - 1.12	7-11 LBS 1.20 - 1.56
Crossbred Roasters		Bunnies 3.00 - 11.50ea.
7-11 LBS	.60 - 1.20	Guinea Pigs .50 - 5.00ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.90 - 2.05	Goats 30.00 - 54.00ea.
Banty Roasters	3.00 - 6.50ea.	Kid Goats 25.00 - 62.00ea.
Banty Hens	2.50 - 4.50ea.	Doves 3.50 - 6.00ea.
Leghorn Hens	.32 - .50	Pullets 4-6 LBS .70 - .82
Leghorn Roasters	.30 - .64	
		Total Coops Sold 1,228

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 02-APR-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 MOSTLY	137	143
MIDWEST MOSTLY	122-126	123-127
	122-124	123-125
ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED		
RANGE	MOSTLY	
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	65-67	
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	65-83	65-75
SQUABS: 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 unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Demand was generally moderate to instances fairly good. Sizes were desirable and slaughter schedules were 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 02-APR-2001

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS MOSTLY	121-123	124

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
FEBRUARY	24 149.5	151.6	99	4.99
MARCH	3 149.6	151.3	99	5.01
	10 154.0	151.3	102	5.18
	17 154.8	152.7	101	5.09
	24 152.0	152.3	100	5.06
	31 152.1	150.5	101	5.02
YEAR TO DATE	1,968.4	1,951.9	101	
APRIL	7	150.1		
	14	151.5		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	04/07/01	03/31/01	% CHG	04/08/00	% CHG
Broilers	149,778	150,228	0	153,585	-03
Cattle	610	648	-06	665	-08
Hogs	1,882	1,862	+01	1,824	+03

Under Federal Inspection

* ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Majority prices were irregular on light canners and unchanged to higher on heavy type when compared to a week earlier. Supplies and offerings increased and were more available on heavy canners but product was still clearing. Offerings of light canners were sufficient for trade needs. Demand was in a full range of light to good, but not as active as a week earlier. The undertone was generally steady, although some caution was noted.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS**(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)**

24-25 MAJORITY

HEAVY CANNER HENS**(WITHOUT NECKS)**

35-38.5 MAJORITY

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS**(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)**

25-27 MAJORITY 25

HEAVY CANNER HENS**(WITHOUT NECKS)**

36-40 MAJORITY 37-40

EASTERN LIGHT Prices were unchanged. Demand was fair. Offerings were adequate for normal to less than normal processing schedules, as some plants are scheduled to be closed for good Friday. Sales of canners pack continue to clear. Market conditions were steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of light hens. Finished sales were fair and cleared normal processing volume. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices unchanged. Offerings were at least fully adequate with demand usually light to instances moderate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

LIVE HENS

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

HEAVY	RANGE	MAJORITY
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(2)
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
LIGHT	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern Light	0-0	(1)
Eastern Light	0-0	(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 to good for adequate to ample offerings. Processing schedules for next week were reported as generally normal. Interest for canners was still clearing the increased availability of offerings. The undertone was mostly steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report. Demand was at least moderate for adequate offerings of heavy fowl. Processing schedules were sufficient for a moderate call on finished product. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked mainly moderate schedules. Offerings spotty through Easter.

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