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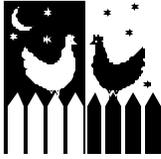
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices were unchanged in the West, higher in the Northeast, irregular elsewhere. Trade sentiment was steady, fully steady to firm in the Northeast. Retail demand improved slightly entering the weekend, but was still no better than moderate and centered on holiday items. Food service was light to fairly good, best into restaurants. Supplies were balanced to well cleared with purchases either limited or trying to be secured for the extended holiday weekend. Processing schedules were mixed with some plants down today and/or Monday in observance of Good Friday and Easter. In the parts structure, breast items were easily adequate or available and at times discounted. Wings and dark meat was close balanced to tight and moving well. 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 04/16-04/21/01 (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	52.60	26
Los Angeles	67.00			
New York	50.00-52.00			

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi 61.00-63.00 53.50-65.00 62.24 76

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.
540	58.46-63.75	61.87

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	140.50	4,003
BREASTS - WHOLE	72.00	1,053
THIGH MEAT - B/S	95.50	690
LEG QUARTERS	26.50	7,738
WINGS	99.00	2,669

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WESTERN REGION The market tone was steady with trading for next week's deliveries at generally unchanged prices. Offerings in fair balance with current needs. Demand by stores light with interest centered on last minute holiday items, restaurants moderate. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers. Dark meat items were firm with balance of parts generally steady. Ads noted:

Southern California - whole body 59, boneless breasts 189-199, boneless leg meat 118, 10# bag leg quarters 290-390, wings 199, thighs 79, drumsticks 79 & 5# bag 245, roasters 98-119; Northern California - split breasts 139, whole legs 109, thighs 99-109, drumsticks 109, roasters 119; Arizona - boneless breasts 199-419, split breasts 99, leg quarters 79-99 & 10# bags 390-690, roasters 99-149.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices for next week's trading into Chicago were unchanged from Monday's final. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady. Additional Wogs and whole bird offerings were balanced for the light trade needs. Retail demand was slow to fair, mostly light and best for other holiday items. Food service was in a full range, mostly light to moderate. Floor stocks balanced with weights irregular, generally in a desirable range. Parts trading was seasonally light. Supplies of wings were in close balance to short, dark meat items barely adequate with whole and split breasts adequate or available. The trade sentiment was fully steady on wings and dark meat items and the remainder of items about steady.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers increased slightly ending the week, however, many dealers were limiting purchases due to closings over the holiday weekend. Offerings of 3 pound birds were closely balanced to instances short of full needs. However, the balance of sizes were usually sufficient. Movement into retail and distributive channels remained limited and generally centered around seasonal items. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm on the 3 pound sizes, at least steady on the balance. In the parts complex, breast items were available with spot discounting noted to clear excess product. Dark meat cuts continued to clear well due to active export interest. Wings were no more than adequate to tight.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was seasonal light, best for other holiday meat items. Supplies were sufficient to close balanced for trade needs. Processing schedules are mixed with some plants down today and/or Monday in observance of Good Friday and Easter. In the parts structure, wings and dark meat continued to show strength with supplies closely cleared to short. Breast items were at least adequate and slow to clear. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to fairly good entering the weekend. Offerings were in good balance to well cleared, as buyers seek to secure adequate product because of the long Holiday weekend. Live supplies were moderate to light; weights were in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were light due to some planned plant closing. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher at 53 to 67 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, wings and leg items were well cleared. Breast items were adequate to 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	50-69	
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	54.79	
NO. OF BOXES	12,322	
CUMULATIVE		
	04/09/01-04/13/01	54.30
	04/10/00-04/14/00	58.65
NO. OF BOXES		
	04/09/01-04/13/01	59,244
	04/10/00-04/14/00	41,554

*7 of 8 plants reporting.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

APR 13

ITEM	POUNDS			WTD AVG
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	
BREAST - B/S	839	120.00-205.00	135-140	139.73
TENDERLOINS	170	145.00-240.00	145-150	159.71
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	127	35.00-43.00	35-36	36.70
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	362	23.00-25.00	24-25	24.28
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,490	25.00-27.00	26-27	26.54
WINGS (WHOLE)	457	97.00-100.00	-	99.60
WINGS (CUT)	526	109.00-121.00	110-112	111.82
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	52	35.00-43.00	-	36.84
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

ITEM	POUNDS			WTD AVG	WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY		(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	823	120.00-205.00	135-148	141.04	4,122	140.47
TENDERLOINS	177	145.00-240.00	145-150	159.32	813	156.24
BREAST - LINE RUN	218	70.00-78.00	-	75.72	547	74.81
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				410	75.93
LEGS	126	37.00-44.00	37-40	38.29	632	36.93
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	361	24.00-26.50	25	25.17	2,334	24.36
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,100	26.00-29.00	27	27.15	7,417	26.51
WINGS (WHOLE)	310	95.00-100.00	98-100	98.89	1,864	99.51
WINGS (CUT)	574	101.00-122.00	110-114	112.07	2,782	111.36
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				110	43.05
THIGHS	10	32.00-44.00	-	39.20	198	37.42
B/S THIGHS	50	87.00-92.00	-	88.00	528	94.57

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

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TRADING FOR APR 12, 2001 F.O.B. DOCK. **TODAY'S**

RANGE	AVERAGE
49.50 - 52.00	50.94

TRADING FOR APR 13, 2001 F.O.B. DOCK. **TODAY'S** **5-DAY**

RANGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE
49.50 - 52.75	51.15	50.12

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 generally quiet entering the holiday weekend as many dealers were either closed today, or were assuming very little product due to closings on Monday. Offerings of breast items were generally available and occasionally discounted to clear. Wings were closely balanced to no more than adequate, and export channels continued to keep dark meat cuts in good shape. Retail and distributive movement increased slightly ending the week, but interest was spotty and selective. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm on wings and dark meat items, about steady on the balance.

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

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD AVG**
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	
BREAST - B/S	125-130	131.23	647,740	
TENDERLOINS	135-140	143.24	180,403	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	64-65	68.47	343,600	
BREAST - LINE RUN	64	65.71	199,800	
LEGS	35-36	39.77	180,360	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	25-26	26.33	462,641	
DRUMSTICKS	31-32	38.96	124,500	
THIGHS	33-34	36.59	142,800	
B/S THIGHS	87-88	87.49	95,680	
WINGS (WHOLE)	92-93	100.74	344,480	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.28	96,280	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	35.24	84,880	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	54.59	112,600	

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	WEEKLY	
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS			WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	125-130	130.36	266,160	131.11	2,645,450		
TENDERLOINS	135-140	146.80	10,280	143.36	546,576		
BREAST - WITH RIBS	64-65	69.59	113,920	69.59	1,451,200		
BREAST - LINE RUN	64	64.66	184,000	65.11	1,003,200		
LEGS	36-37	37.52	91,400	38.32	1,016,440		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	26-27	26.73	214,982	26.53	2,135,096		
DRUMSTICKS	32-33	37.52	51,070	36.89	666,390		
THIGHS	33-34	35.37	170,290	36.11	693,850		
B/S THIGHS	87-88	87.89	16,280	89.40	260,690		
WINGS (WHOLE)	93-94	102.37	176,520	100.10	1,615,690		
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.00	17,400	12.12	334,280		
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	34.86	13,200	35.11	292,145		
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	50.82	7,520	54.11	403,780		

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	
	04/13	04/12	04/11	04/10	04/11	04/10	04/06	04/04
ALA	2,859	3,331	3,198	3,689	5.09	4.88	3,960	5.04
ARK	4,577	5,056	4,784	5,041	4.89	4.81	5,990	4.84
DELMARVA	1,774	2,273	2,142	2,333	4.57	5.10	2,089	4.99
KY-LA-TN	1,819	2,055	1,839	1,961	4.39	4.50	1,737	4.26
MISS	2,202	2,654	2,436	2,297	5.01	4.94	2,659	4.97
NC	1,981	2,574	2,497	2,514	5.83	5.86	2,651	5.92
TEXAS	2,316	2,316	2,217	2,106	4.49	4.76	2,325	4.80
TOTAL	17,528	20,259	19,113	19,941	4.93	4.97	21,411	4.99
MON-FRI	97,893(A)			102,671(A)				

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 13-Apr 01 and 14-Apr-01 is estimated to be 26,224,000 down 15.88 percent from a week ago and down 14.9 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,173,000; last year 30,820,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 14-Apr-01 is estimated to be 141,132,000 head down 8.3 percent from a week ago, and down 8.9 percent from a year ago

(Last week 153,854,000 Last year 154,848,000)

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

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

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live weight, week ending Mar 31, 2001 (Preliminary),

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

	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	31,444	37,632	40,803
Avg Weight	3.82	4.68	6.07
% of total /1	29%	34%	37%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	33,566	21,646	50,691
Avg Weight	3.83	4.67	6.00
% of total /1	32%	20%	48%
Same week, yr ago /2	30,629	33,997	40,399
Avg Weight	3.75	4.60	6.07
% of total /1	29%	32%	38%
To date/2001	415,775	344,715	565,609
To date/2000	439,398	410,309	512,120

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 07-Apr-2001 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	153,854 (A)	2,033	1,443	3,476	516
AVG WT	4.92	3.57	7.88	5.36	6.31
LAST WEEK	150,228	2,043	1,323	3,366	501
SAME WK YR AGO	153,585	2,009	1,345	3,354	507
AVG WT	5.03	3.38	8.03	5.24	6.74
TO-DATE/2001	2,098,544	26,357	18,132	44,489	6,855
TO-DATE/2000	2,151,923	28,301	19,114	47,415	6,394

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 150.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 155.7 million head or 5.6 million head more than or 104 percent of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: APR 10, 2001

	RANGE	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.90 - 1.10	Silkie 4.00 - 5.50ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.86 - .98	Geese 9-14 .20 - .44
Pekin Ducks	.60 - .72	Pigeons 2.50 - 3.00ea.
Red Fowl 4-4.5	.30 - .54	White Pigeons 2.50 - 3.00ea.
Red Fowl 5-6	.50 - .92	Rabbits 4-6 1.30 - 1.76
Crossbred Fowl 5-9	.50 - .94	Rabbits 7-11 1.10 - 1.44
Crossbred Roosters 4-6	.40 - 1.10	Bunnies 1.50 - 12.00ea.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11	.60 - 1.10	Guinea Pigs .25 - 5.50ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.85 - 2.05	Goats 30.00 - 54.00ea.
Banty Roosters	3.00 - 6.25ea.	Kid Goats 12.00 - 35.00ea.
Banty Hens	2.50 - 4.00ea.	Chukars 3.10ea.
Leghorn Hens	.20 - .34	Pullets 4-6 .60 - .82
Leghorn Roosters	.30 - .44	
Total Coops Sold 1154		

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 09-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	137	143
MOSTLY		
MIDWEST	122-126	123-127
MOSTLY	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	66-67
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 remained unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Demand was moderate to at times good. Sizes were in the desirable range 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 \$0.50-.75, livers at \$0.50-1.50, and feet at \$0.90-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 09-APR-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
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
APRIL	7 155.7	150.1	104	4.92
YEAR TO DATE	2124.1	2102.0	101	
APRIL	14	151.5		
	21	153.5		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	04/14/01	04/07/01	% CHG	04/15/00	% CHG
Broilers	141,132	153,854	-08	154,848	-09
Cattle	627	610	+03	663	-05
Hogs	1,876	1,877	0	1,832	+02
Under Federal Inspection					
* ACTUAL					

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL. Prices were irregular on both light and heavy type canners 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 adequate for reduced trade needs. Demand was light to moderately good. The undertone was cautiously steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
23.5-25 MAJORITY	34.5-39 MAJORITY 34.5-38

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
25-27.5 MAJORITY 25	35.5-40 MAJORITY 36-39

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN. Prices were unchanged. Demand was fair. Offerings were adequate for normal to less than normal processing schedules as some locations plan to be closed on Monday. Sales of canners pack continue to clear. Market conditions steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN. Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were good. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN. Prices unchanged. Offerings fully adequate to ample for the mostly light demand. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN. Plants worked light to moderate schedules. Offerings spotty through Easter, ample after.

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 were reported as about normal. Canner interest was still clearing the increased availability of offerings. The undertone was steady with some caution noted.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN. Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were seasonally active. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

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