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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were higher in the Northeast, mostly unchanged elsewhere. Trade sentiment was mostly steady, steady to firm in the East. Retail demand following the holiday was slow to light, food service was light to fairly good. Supplies were well balanced to tight with some plants down today in continuing observance of the Easter holiday. In the parts structure, trading was mixed, best for wings followed by dark meat items. Availability of wings was tight to balanced, leg items were close balanced, and breast items were more than sufficient for trade needs. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range, but 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 04/16-04/21/01 **US GRADE A** **COMPOSITE**  
(cents per lb) (Includes branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	53.00-55.00	53.53	16	56.75	26
Chicago	50.00-54.00	53.02	43	54.32	76
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	57.80	23
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	63.60	10
Denver	66.50	66.50	16	64.67	18
Detroit	52.00-55.00	53.50	18	55.72	44
Los Angeles	67.00	64.79	63	64.21	120
New York	51.00-53.00	52.04	25	55.42	49
Philadelphia	50.00-52.00	50.63	8	52.08	19
Pittsburgh	50.50-52.50	51.67	9	57.57	54
St. Louis	52.25-52.50	52.12	19	53.82	41
San Francisco	67.50	66.60	29	64.72	88

### Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	04/16/01	Change/Last Wk	04/09/01	04/17/00
568	58.43	0.01	58.42	56.13

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

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	57.00-62.00	61.27	41
Central	56.00-61.00	57.70	63
West	57.00-62.00	61.06	39

### Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	61.00-63.00	62.24	76
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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
1,113	50.00-63.75	60.72

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice pack parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	140.50	4,253
BREASTS - WHOLE	72.00	1,533
THIGH MEAT - B/S	95.50	730
LEG QUARTERS	26.50	8,898
WINGS	99.00	2,949

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**SOUTHERN** Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand following the holiday weekend was mixed and mostly one of market assessments and refilling. Supplies were close balanced due to reduced schedules and down time for Easter. In the parts structure, wings were tight and sought, and dark meat was closely cleared with strong movement. Breast items were at least sufficient with light interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole birds was very light entering the week as holiday downtime remained a factor in the market, and locations that were in operation adopted a cautious and selective posture. Offerings of all sizes ranged adequate to balanced. Movement into retail and distributive channels was slow. The market tone was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, boneless-skinless breasts were available, and bone-in breasts were at least sufficient. Dark meat cuts and wings were well cleared. The balance of parts were generally sufficient.

**WESTERN** Final majority prices were unchanged. Trading for this week's deliveries were at mainly unchanged prices on regular commitments with new negotiations unchanged to higher. Offerings generally adequate with heavy weights in the longest position. Buying activity was moderate overall. Demand increased for whole body bagged product where store features planned, fast food moderate overall. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. Limited parts trading was reported: leg quarters bulk 31-33.5, breasts bone-in 78-80 and boneless 131-135, thigh meat 85-94. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was up 1.76 to 59.16 with the volume reported at 29 loads down 3 percent.

**MIDWEST** Final majority prices for this week's deliveries were unchanged from the previous Monday and TFEWR into Ohio. The market tone was steady. Retail demand was mostly slow, food service was light to fairly good, best into fast food. Floor stocks were adequate and sizes were desirable to instances heavy. Limited part demand centered on wings. Supplies of wings were adequate to tight, leg quarters were well cleared and breast items were at least adequate. Trade sentiment on breast items was about steady, wings were steady to firm and leg quarters were mostly steady.

**DELMARVA** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was generally light to fair at best, but was sufficient in keeping the available offerings well balanced to tight. Live supplies were light to moderate; weights were mixed and irregular. Processing schedules were very light as several plants were closed in observance of the Religious Holiday. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 53 to 67 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, activity was also light to fair. Leg items and wings were generally noted as well cleared. Breast cuts were adequate.

\*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	50-68
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	57.89
NO. OF BOXES	3,825

\*7 of 8 plants reporting.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying activity was mostly of a light and spotty nature entering the week as several dealers remained closed in observance of the holiday, subsequently, other locations were limiting orders to most immediate needs only. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts were available, and bone-in breasts were at least sufficient. Wings and dark meat lines remained balanced with demand. Movement through retail and distributive channels was slow. The market tone was generally steady.

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

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	125-130	134.66	893,540
TENDERLOINS	135-140	143.99	153,730
BREAST - WITH RIBS	64-65	69.05	244,120
BREAST - LINE RUN	64	66.83	108,000
LEGS	36-37	39.15	207,160
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	26-27	27.75	406,475
DRUMSTICKS	32-33	39.18	114,670
THIGHS	33-34	36.79	122,300
B/S THIGHS	87-88	90.83	48,720
WINGS (WHOLE)	93-94	102.32	273,540
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.18	74,795
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	35.17	61,000
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	54.44	85,320

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-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	873	115.00-135.00	125-130	126.47
TENDERLOINS	111	148.00-225.00	-	190.93
BREAST - WITH RIBS	130	65.00-83.00	65	66.38
FRONT HALVES	480	76.00-77.00	76-77	76.58
LEGS	NO TRADING REPORTED	-	-	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	86	24.00-26.00	25-26	25.17
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,333	25.00-25.25	-	25.24
WINGS (WHOLE)	64	82.00-95.00	95	92.98
DRUMSTICKS	NO TRADING REPORTED	-	-	-
THIGHS	1,258	33.00	-	33.00

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	04/16	04/12	04/12	04/09	04/05
ALA	3,724	3,216	5.21	3,538	5.04
ARK	5,295	4,897	4.84	4,993	4.75
DELMARVA	1,226	2,260	4.99	1,964	5.01
KY-LA-TN	1,816	1,844	4.48	2,002	4.47
MISS	2,687	2,606	5.01	2,670	4.97
NC	1,976	2,552	5.77	2,441	5.76
TEXAS	2,285	2,303	4.83	2,279	4.76
TOTAL	19,009	19,678	5.03	19,887	4.95
MON	19,009 (A)			19,887(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 16-Apr 2001 is estimated to be 28,440,000 down 4.70 percent from a week ago and down 6.91 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 29,842,000, last year 30,550,000)

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS** F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-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	1,016	110.00-205.00	135-140	137.64
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
BREAST - LINE RUN	78	70.00-78.00	-	71.61
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	126	37.00-44.00	38-39	38.29
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	481	24.00-26.50	25-26	24.80
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,600	26.00-29.00	27-28	27.15
WINGS (WHOLE)	270	98.00-100.00	-	99.47
WINGS (CUT)	516	111.00-122.00	112-114	115.25
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR APRIL 16, 2001 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
50.00 - 52.75	51.20	50.54

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 16-APR-2001 TO 20-APR-2001, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	117.00 - 140.00	125.00 - 130.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	65.00 - 82.00	66.00 - 70.00
LEGS	33.00 - 46.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	22.00 - 32.00	24.00 - 26.00
DRUMSTICKS	33.00 - 46.00	-
THIGHS	31.00 - 46.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	92.00 - 102.00	95.00 - 97.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 17.00	-
LIVERS	25.00 - 46.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 48.00	-

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY,  
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	79-86
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	82-86
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

**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.

**CHICKEN** 13-APR-2001  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 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	-	15.00	20,400	-
WTD AVERAGE		15.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	15.00-20.00	10.00-12.25	1,509,600	816,000
WTD AVERAGE	16.88	11.01		
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 slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate to good for fully adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were fair with current schedules adequate for needs. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
 FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 16-APR-01

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.5-11.5 CENTS/LB.	8-9	8.83

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**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.

**CHICKEN** 13-APR-2001  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 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	16.00-19.00	18.00-19.00	716,000	156,000
WTD AVERAGE	17.31	18.70		
15-20%				
RANGE	12.25-20.00	11.50-15.50	1,599,000	519,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.18	12.83		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	12.50-13.00	320,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		12.69		

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Prices ranged unchanged but majority values were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for adequate to ample offerings. Processing schedules were reported as generally normal. Interest for canners was still clearing the increased availability. The undertone was steady with some caution noted.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
 FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 16-APR-01

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-9.75 CENTS/LB.	8-9.25	8.91
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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