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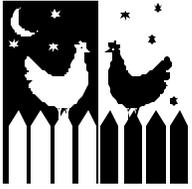
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were mostly trending unchanged for next week. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Retail demand was slow with limited trading. Food service was light to moderate, fairly good into fast food. Supplies were at least sufficient for trade needs with some occasional discounting reported. In the parts structure, wings were tight and clearing. Dark meat was close balanced to well cleared aided by export interest, and breast items were adequate to ample with slow movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were light to heavy, 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 04/23-04/28/01 (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	52.56	27
Los Angeles	67.00			
New York	50.00-52.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	61.00-63.00	49.00-65.00	62.17	81

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.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
615	58.70-64.00	61.92

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	137.00	4,358
BREASTS - WHOLE	70.50	1,103
THIGH MEAT - B/S	94.50	745
LEG QUARTERS	27.00	8,298
WINGS	101.00	3,031

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MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS The Chicago preliminary majority for next week's trading was unchanged from Monday's majority. Trade sentiment mostly steady. Light offerings were sufficient for current trade needs. Retail demand was slow. Fast food ranged fair to good, otherwise food service demand was lackluster. Floor stocks were balanced and weights were desirable to occasionally heavy. Supplies of wings were tight to short of needs, breast items were adequate to fully adequate, other parts were balanced. Trade sentiment firm on wings, otherwise steady.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand entering the weekend was no better than fair with limited trading, but better for food service. Supplies were at least sufficient and more available than early week. In the parts structure, wings remained tight and clearing, dark meat was barely adequate to well cleared, and breast items were more than sufficient and slow to move. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was steady on regular commitments and mixed on new negotiations. Offerings were adequate overall. Buying interest was moderate. Retail demand was moderate to good, best to cover features. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances. Ads noted: Southern California - whole body 69-89, boneless breasts 179-199, boneless thighs 119-199, boneless leg meat 99-118, split breasts 99-159 & 4# IQF bag 388, whole legs 77, 10# bag leg quarters 490, wings 99-119, thighs 63-99, drumsticks 63-99; Northern California - whole body 89, whole cut-up 129, whole legs 99-109, drumsticks 79-99, thighs 99, boneless thigh 249, split breasts 99, boneless breasts 399; Denver - whole body 89, leg quarters 49, IQF 4# bag drumsticks 299, boneless breasts 149-399; Arizona - whole body 49, split breasts 159-199, skinless split breasts 199, boneless breasts 179, breasts tenders 359, boneless thigh 259, IQF 4# bag boneless thigh 499.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly fair and increased only slightly entering the weekend as the majority of purchases centered around regular commitments. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate, however, the 3 pound and smaller birds were usually in the more available position. Movement through retail and distributive channels was limited. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breasts were available, and bone-in breasts were at least adequate. Wings remained the best item and were no more than adequate to instances tight. Dark meat cuts continued to clear well.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair with most buyers content to limit receipts to standing commitments. Seller offerings were fully sufficient in handling needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were light to heavy and generally noted as desirable. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 53 to 67 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. In the parts complex, wings continued to clear easily. Leg items were in good balance and clearing satisfactorily. Bone-in breasts were adequate and continued to move into a closer, better balance. Boneless skinless breasts were ample.

*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	54-73	
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	57.02	
NO. OF BOXES	10,085	
CUMULATIVE		
	04/16/01-04/20/01	56.57
	04/17/00-04/21/00	59.43
NO. OF BOXES		
	04/16/01-04/20/01	44,645
	04/17/00-04/21/00	39,282

*5 of 8 plants reporting.

APR 19

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

APR 20

ITEM	POUNDS			WTD AVG	POUNDS			WTD AVG	WEEKLY		
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY		(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY		(000)	WTD AVG	
BREAST - B/S	788	120.00-205.00	140-147	142.05	788	125.00-205.00	138-145	140.50	4,181	140.20	
TENDERLOINS	158	145.00-230.00	150-155	159.81	165	145.00-230.00	145-150	155.30	677	159.27	
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				412	71.92	
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				360	77.36	
LEGS	126	38.00-44.00	39-41	39.24	126	38.00-44.00	39-41	39.24	630	38.73	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	289	24.00-26.50	25-26	25.88	324	24.00-26.50	24-25	24.83	1,857	25.16	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,488	26.00-29.00	27-28	27.56	1,570	26.00-29.00	27-28	27.55	7,758	27.43	
WINGS (WHOLE)	290	94.00-100.00	98-99	99.09	310	96.00-100.00	96-98	99.02	1,454	99.35	
WINGS (CUT)	594	113.00-124.00	113-116	116.17	652	113.00-126.00	115-118	117.62	2,989	116.18	
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				TFEWR		
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				70	40.00	
B/S THIGHS	50	83.00-94.00	-	92.68	86	89.00-94.00	-	91.44	278	91.76	

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS					WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS						
TRADING FOR APR 19, 2001 F.O.B. DOCK.					TRADING FOR APR 20, 2001 F.O.B. DOCK.					5-DAY	
RANGE			AVERAGE		RANGE			AVERAGE		AVERAGE	
50.00 - 52.75			51.69		49.00 - 52.75			50.67		51.28	

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 interest increased slightly entering the weekend, but was generally noted as moderate and typical of end of the week activity. Boneless-skinless breasts were available, and bone-in breasts were at least adequate. Wings continued to clear well keeping product closely balanced to tight at times. Export draw kept legs and leg quarters clearing well. Movement through retail and distributive channels was mostly fair to moderate at best with limited feature activity noted. The market tone was fully steady to firm on wings, fully steady on dark meat cuts, and about steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, APR 20

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	CURRENT NEG			WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
	TRADING*	WTD	AVG**			TRADING*	WTD	AVG**		
BREAST - B/S	125-130	130.99	682,900	125-130	131.86	460,120	132.40	3,015,760		
TENDERLOINS	135-140	143.26	85,280	135-140	144.95	81,280	143.86	514,570		
BREAST - WITH RIBS	64-65	70.91	267,640	64-65	69.52	172,800	70.48	1,148,200		
BREAST - LINE RUN	64	66.36	225,000	64	66.44	140,400	66.47	822,600		
LEGS	37-38	41.12	230,760	37-38	41.09	199,360	40.40	1,138,960		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	26-27	27.88	542,228	26-27	27.41	185,080	27.67	2,014,749		
DRUMSTICKS	32-33	40.16	139,670	32-33	40.97	97,560	39.57	617,960		
THIGHS	33-34	39.90	112,909	33-34	41.52	81,640	38.87	520,569		
B/S THIGHS	88-89	91.34	51,200	88-89	94.00	38,880	91.58	233,436		
WINGS (WHOLE)	96-97	105.12	410,640	97-98	104.71	185,480	103.40	1,428,760		
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.07	87,040	10-12	12.00	73,520	12.06	381,635		
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	35.00	60,700	30-35	35.01	72,200	34.90	333,785		
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	54.81	89,960	45-50	49.97	103,480	53.46	466,760		

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 WTS	
	04/20	04/19	04/18	04/17	04/18	04/17	04/13	04/11
ALA	3,888	3,873	3,814	3,873	5.14	5.12	2,774	5.09
ARK	5,282	5,071	5,134	5,115	4.89	4.84	4,593	4.89
DELMARVA	2,125	2,324	2,320	2,326	5.18	5.17	1,869	4.57
KY-LA-TN	2,005	1,997	1,895	1,956	4.45	4.50	1,737	4.39
MISS	2,659	2,716	2,669	2,522	5.08	5.23	2,290	5.01
NC	2,532	2,499	2,536	2,553	5.84	5.88	1,935	5.83
TEXAS	2,297	2,299	2,327	2,296	4.92	4.86	2,321	4.49
TOTAL	20,788	20,779	20,695	20,641	5.07	5.08	17,519	4.93

MON-FRI 102,286(A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 20-Apr 01 and 21-Apr-01 is estimated to be 31,101,000 down 0.23 percent from a week ago and up 29.2 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,173,000; last year 24,080,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 21-Apr-01 is estimated to be 148,248,000 head up 2.9 percent from a week ago, and up 1.2 percent from a year ago (Last week 144,057,000 Last year 146,562,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	83-85
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 Apr 07, 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	32,311	21,707	43,360
Avg Weight	3.80	4.68	5.89
% of total /1	33%	22%	45%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	31,444	37,632	40,803
Avg Weight	3.82	4.68	6.07
% of total /1	29%	34%	37%
Same week, yr ago /2	32,524	38,204	44,881
Avg Weight	3.66	4.72	6.10
% of total /1	28%	33%	39%
To date/2001	448,086	366,422	608,969
To date/2000	471,922	448,513	557,001

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 14-Apr-2001 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	144,057(A)	1,651	1,473	3,124	580
AVG WT	4.96	3.48	8.00	5.61	6.44
LAST WEEK	153,854	2,033	1,443	3,476	516
SAME WK YR AGO	154,848	2,259	1,335	3,594	438
AVG WT	5.05	3.44	7.87	5.09	6.45
TO-DATE/2001	2,242,601	28,008	19,605	47,613	7,435
TO-DATE/2000	2,306,771	30,560	20,449	51,009	6,832

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 151.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 145.8 million head or 5.7 million head less than or 96 percent of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: APR 17, 2001

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.20 - 1.38	Silkie	4.00 - 5.50ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.30 - 1.48	Geese	
Pekin Ducks	.50 - .72	9-14 LBS	.20 - .34
Red Fowl 4-4.5 LBS	.40 - .62	Pigeons	3.00 - 3.50ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.50 - .74	White Pigeons	3.00 - 3.35ea.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.60 - 1.00	Rabbits	
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.40 - 1.10	4-6 LBS	1.50 - 1.94
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.40 - 1.00	Rabbits	
Guinea Fowl	2.05 - 2.35	7-11 LBS	1.30 - 1.54
Banty Roosters	3.00 - 6.00ea.	Bunnies	2.00 - 6.50ea.
Banty Hens	3.00 - 4.25ea.	Guinea Pigs	1.00 - 4.50ea.
Leghorn Hens	.20 - .32	Doves	5.00 - 6.50ea.
Leghorn Roosters	.30 - .42	Chukars	3.00 - 3.10ea.
		Pullets 4-6 LBS	.60 - .72
		Total Coops Sold	605

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 16-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	66-67
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	65-85	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 were unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Demand was moderate to instances good.

Sizes were desirable. Slaughter schedules 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 16-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
MARCH 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
14	145.8	151.5	96	4.96
YEAR TO DATE	2,269.9	2,253.5	101	
APRIL 21		153.5		
28		156.2		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	04/21/01	04/14/01	% CHG	04/22/00	% CHG
Broilers	148,248	144,057	+03	146,562	+01
Cattle	633	627	+01	673	-06
Hogs	1,796	1,876	-04	1,700	+06
Under Federal Inspection					
* ACTUAL					

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL Prices were generally unchanged on the lights and heavies when compared to a week earlier. Offerings were becoming more available on the heavy canners but continued to clear satisfactorily. Offering of light canners were adequate. Demand was light to moderate. 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	34-39 MAJORITY 34-37.5

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
24-27.5 MAJORITY 24-25	34-39.5 MAJORITY 36-39

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Demand was generally fair. Offerings were at least adequate for the mostly normal processing schedules. Sales of canner product was clearing. The market tone was steady.

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

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices unchanged. Offerings were at least ample for the fair demand. Many producers were looking for alternative sites of disposal for their spent hens with little success. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked full schedules. Offerings ample.

LIVE HENS

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

HEAVY	RANGE	MAJORITY
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
Southeast Heavy f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	(2)
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 for adequate to fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as mostly normal. Offerings increased in availability but continued to clear satisfactorily. The undertone was cautiously steady.

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

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