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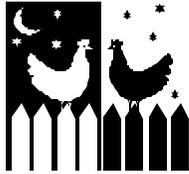
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices were mostly unchanged. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand was slow to moderate, fairly good for food service where fast food promotions were active. Supplies were at least adequate for limited trade needs. In the parts structure, wings were barely adequate to tight and clearing. Dark meat was in good balance to well cleared aided by export interest, and breast items were more than sufficient for the light demand. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 04/23/01-04/28/01 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	53.00-54.00	53.84	16	58.45	34
Chicago	50.00-54.00	53.14	44	55.33	80
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	58.40	25
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	63.17	12
Denver	66.50	66.41	17	66.49	21
Detroit	52.00-55.00	53.59	17	56.62	47
Los Angeles	67.00	64.69	64	63.91	125
New York	51.00-53.00	51.96	25	55.88	51
Philadelphia	50.00-52.00	50.56	8	52.62	21
Pittsburgh	50.50-52.50	51.65	10	57.90	56
St. Louis	52.50-52.75	52.23	19	54.58	46
San Francisco	67.50	66.13	30	65.77	82

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	04/23/01	Change/Last Wk	04/16/01	04/24/00
600	58.95	0.52	58.43	55.89

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	57.00-62.00	61.30	40
Central	57.00-61.00	58.58	67
West	56.00-64.00	63.10	43

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	61.00-63.00	62.17	81
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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
1,145	50.00-64.00	60.68

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	137.00	4,608
BREASTS - WHOLE	71.00	1,583
THIGH MEAT - B/S	94.50	785
LEG QUARTERS	27.00	9,458
WINGS	101.50	3,311

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SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand following the weekend was fair with mixed trading. Supplies were usually sufficient to cover trade needs. In the parts structure, dark meat and wings were well cleared to balanced and continued to show good movement. Breast items were in the longest position with light interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was cautious and selective as dealers found little incentive to build existing floorstocks significantly during this typically slow end of the month period. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate, in addition, the 3 to 3.5 pound birds were often in the longer position. Movement through retail and distributive channels was slow. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, supplies of boneless-skinless breasts were available, and bone-in breasts were at least adequate. Export draw continued to keep dark meat cuts clearing well. Wings were the best item, ranging no more than adequate to short of full needs.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged. The market tone was generally steady. Offerings fully adequate with heavy weight in the longest position. Buying interest moderate. Demand moderate to good, with best interest where features planned or in progress. Dealers reported moderate weekend carryovers. Reported trading on parts: leg quarters 28.5-34 bulk and 30-31.5 4/10s, breasts 72-85 bone-in and 125-131 boneless, wings 104-105, leg meat 87.5-91, thigh meat 85-94. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was down .37 to 58.79 with the volume reported up 3 percent.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices for this week's deliveries were generally unchanged from prior Monday's final and TFEWR into Ohio. The whole bird market tone was steady. Offerings of Wogs and whole birds were fully sufficient. Retail demand was slow to instances moderate. Food service movement was light to fairly good, best into fast food. Floor stocks were balanced, sizes in a full range. Parts demand was limited with dark meat items and wings the best call. Supplies of wings were barely adequate to tight, leg quarters balanced and breast items fully sufficient. The market tone was fully steady on dark meat items and wings with breast items steady.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds varied from light and about normal for the end of the month to instances a bit better than expected. Offerings were fully adequate to ample and all sizes were available. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were light to heavy, mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 53 to 67 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady. In the part complex wings, leg quarters, drums and thighs were in good balance to well cleared. Bone-in breasts were adequate. Boneless skinless breast were fully adequate to 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	52-68
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	55.90
NO. OF BOXES	10,408

*7 of 8 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was mostly light to fair as dealers assessed the market with caution entering the last full week of the month. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts were available, and bone-in breasts ranged balanced to adequate. Wings remained the best item and were no more than adequate to short of full needs. Dark meat cuts continued to clear well as export draw remained active. Movement through retail and distributive channels was slow with very limited immediate feature activity noted. The market tone was firm on wings, fully steady to firm on dark meat items, at least steady on bone-in breasts, about steady on the balance.

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	132.24	561,520
TENDERLOINS	135-140	144.60	85,680
BREAST - WITH RIBS	64-65	71.10	276,560
BREAST - LINE RUN	64	67.09	192,800
LEGS	37-38	40.87	209,960
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	27-28	27.91	465,934
DRUMSTICKS	33-34	40.10	139,630
THIGHS	34-35	39.71	125,890
B/S THIGHS	88-89	92.39	41,280
WINGS (WHOLE)	99-100	106.47	305,160
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.19	72,960
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	34.92	65,600
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	49.98	96,720

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	1,313	115.00-130.00	120-125	123.20
TENDERLOINS	415	140.00-230.00	145	165.74
BREAST - WITH RIBS	170	67.00-84.00	67	71.80
FRONT HALVES	654	71.00-78.00	76-77	75.06
LEGS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	164	24.00-28.00	-	27.02
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,195	27.00-28.00	-	27.47
WINGS (WHOLE)	96	82.00-94.00	94	92.03
DRUMSTICKS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
THIGHS	1,642	33.00-40.00	33	33.01

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	04/23	04/19	04/19	04/16	04/12
ALA	3,750	3,825	5.00	3,735	5.21
ARK	5,343	4,634	4.83	5,141	4.84
DELMARVA	2,347	2,337	4.99	1,224	4.99
KY-LA-TN	2,008	2,009	4.45	1,804	4.48
MISS	2,642	2,733	5.01	2,643	5.01
NC	2,549	2,507	5.86	1,882	5.77
TEXAS	2,313	2,312	4.78	2,280	4.83
TOTAL	20,952	20,357	4.99	18,709	5.03
MON	20,952 (A)	18,709 (A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 23-Apr 2001 is estimated to be 31,347,000 up 11.65 percent from a week ago and up 13.13 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 28,075,000, last year 27,710,000)

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.

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	832	120.00-205.00	135-145	139.39
TENDERLOINS	90	145.00-230.00	145-150	163.89
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	121	38.00-41.00	38-39	38.87
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	281	24.00-27.00	24-25	25.01
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,690	26.00-29.00	27-28	27.53
WINGS (WHOLE)	283	98.00-101.00	99-100	99.93
WINGS (CUT)	587	112.00-126.00	116-119	117.80
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS	46	92.00-94.00	-	93.57

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR APRIL 23, 2001 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
49.50 - 53.50	51.26	51.29

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 23-APR-2001 TO 27-APR-2001, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	115.00 - 140.00	125.00 - 130.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	66.00 - 82.00	66.00 - 70.00
LEGS	39.00 - 47.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	22.00 - 34.00	26.00 -
DRUMSTICKS	33.00 - 46.00	-
THIGHS	34.00 - 46.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	97.00 - 107.00	100.00 -
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	79-99
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	82-105
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	93-99
FROZEN DUCKS	139-154
FROZEN SQUABS	589

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

FRESH FRYERS	83-85
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	81
DUCKS	139

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

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.

20-APR-2001

CHICKEN

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

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	20.00	-	200,000	-
WTD AVERAGE	20.00			

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

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

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	15.50-19.00	16.50-19.00	1,106,000	316,000
WTD AVERAGE	16.25	18.01		
15-20%				
RANGE	11.00-20.00	12.00-15.00	2,030,000	924,000
WTD AVERAGE	14.67	13.09		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	11.00-12.25	240,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		11.63		

* 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.

20-APR-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	-	15.00	20,400	-
WTD AVERAGE		15.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	15.00-19.00	10.50-14.00	2,407,200	1,387,200
WTD AVERAGE	16.92	11.78		
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 Trading levels were slightly higher compared to th past week. Demand was moderate to good for spent heavy hens. Finished sales were fair with scheduling sufficient to cover sales requirements. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLTR

WEEK OF 23-APR-01	CENTS/LB	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
	RANGE		
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-12	7.5-9	8.88

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged to slightly lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as mostly normal. Finished product supplies increased in availability and clearances were irregular. The undertone was cautiously steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

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

WEEK OF 23-APR-01	CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
	RANGE		
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.75-9.75	8-9	8.78

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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