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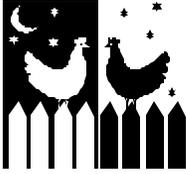
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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Final majority prices were higher in the West, unchanged in in the Northeast and Midwest. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm in the West, steady to fully steady elsewhere. Retail demand was fair to moderate. Food service was fair to good, best for fast food promotions. Supplies were in close balance for lighter sizes, larger sizes were fully sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, bone-in breasts were in close balance to tight. Boneless skinless breasts were well cleared. Dark meat items were about adequate and wings were sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, 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 05/07/01-05/12/01 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	53.00-55.00	54.00	16	57.29	27
Chicago	50.00-54.00	53.29	47	55.29	87
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	58.79	24
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	64.79	11
Denver	67.50	67.38	17	66.54	23
Detroit	52.00-55.00	53.67	18	57.30	52
Los Angeles	68.00	65.71	64	63.56	150
New York	51.00-53.00	52.17	24	56.40	51
Philadelphia	50.00-52.00	50.80	10	52.97	24
Pittsburgh	50.50-52.50	51.80	10	58.15	56
St. Louis	52.75-53.00	52.18	20	53.65	42
San Francisco	68.50	67.61	28	66.96	63

### Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	05/07/01	Change/Last Wk	04/30/01	05/08/00
610	59.10	0.22	58.88	55.76

**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	42
Central	56.00-61.00	58.08	69
West	55.00-67.00	62.46	52

### Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	62.50-63.50	63.09	84
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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 62.50 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
1,155	50.00-64.25	61.18

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

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	208.50	1,408
BREASTS - B/S	140.00	4,753
BREASTS - WHOLE	73.50	1,543
THIGH MEAT - B/S	95.00	765
LEG QUARTERS	28.50	9,653
WINGS	102.50	3,335

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**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was at least steady. Demand was moderate, best where feature activity and fast food promotions were present. Supplies were in close balance on smaller sizes, adequate for the larger sizes. In the parts structure, breast items were in close balance and held with confidence. Dark meat was adequate and clearing. Wings were increasing in availability but clearing satisfactorily. In production areas, live supplies were moderate with weights ranging desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers ranged fair to instances fairly good entering the week. Supplies of the 3 pound and smaller birds were adequate to closely balanced. However, the 3.5 pound and larger birds were at least adequate to available at times. Movement through retail and distributive channels was mostly moderate, and usually best where refill needs following the weekend was a factor. The market tone was generally steady. In the parts complex, boneless-skinless breasts were in good balance with current call, and bone-in breasts were no more than adequate to closely cleared. Continued export activity kept dark meat cuts clearing well, and wings were about adequate.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** The market tone was fully steady with trading on regular commitments at generally higher prices and new negotiations in a mixed range. Offerings of light weights in close balance and confidently held, heavy weights fully adequate with discounts offered. Demand moderate to good. Dealers reported fairly good weekend clearances. Reported trading on parts: leg quarters 32-32.5 4/10s and 29.5-36 bulk, breasts 76-83 bone-in and 131-135 boneless, boneless thigh meat 94-97 and 47 bone-in, boneless leg meat mainly 89-91, whole legs 48, wings 105-108. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was down .63 to 57.51 with the volume reported up 16 percent at 37 loads.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Final majority prices for this week's deliveries were mostly unchanged from last Monday's final and TFEWR into Ohio. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Offerings of additional product were adequate for trade needs. Retail demand was light to moderate. Food service movement was moderate to good, best into fast food promotions and catering. Floor stocks balanced, sizes desirable to heavy. Parts trading was fair to good overall. Supplies were generally balanced with wings more available. The market tone was fully steady to firm on breast items, steady to fully steady on dark meat items and steady to weak on wings.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fairly good to good through the weekend. However, fill-in needs stretched from slow in developing to just fair and often limited to standing commitments, to instances good. Offerings varied by both size and volume but were at least adequate overall. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were irregularly light to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 53 to 67 cents. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Bone-in breasts were in short supply. Boneless skinlessbreasts and wings were adequate. Legs items were in close balance.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

	BRADED U.S. GRADE A
RANGE	50-70
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	56.28
NO. OF BOXES	12,297

\*7 of 8 plants reporting.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying activity was mostly moderate to fairly good as dealers refilled pipelines following the weekend, however, many buyers were assessing the market today and were reluctant to commit to much beyond most immediate needs. Supplies of boneless-skinless breasts were well balanced, and bone-in breasts were no more than adequate to closely cleared. Dark meat lines were clearing well with continued export interest noted. Wings ranged adequate to balanced. Movement through retail and distributive channels was about moderate, with some scattered promotional activity often stimulating additional consumer buying. The market tone was fully steady to firm on breast items, fully steady on dark meat cuts, steady to fully steady on wings.

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	135-140	141.33	545,080
TENDERLOINS	135-140	142.59	139,200
BREAST - WITH RIBS	71-72	76.90	294,040
BREAST - LINE RUN	71	74.13	144,000
LEGS	38-39	39.63	272,840
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	28-29	28.73	614,606
DRUMSTICKS	35-36	41.11	157,960
THIGHS	36-37	41.42	109,300
B/S THIGHS	88-89	92.21	59,600
WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101	106.46	370,440
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.09	90,040
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	39.90	76,160
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.85	110,600

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	876	122.00-140.00	125-130	126.86
TENDERLOINS	319	145.00-230.00	145-155	169.54
BREAST - WITH RIBS		NO TRADING	-	-
FRONT HALVES	520	67.00-76.00	68-72	71.15
LEGS		NO TRADING	-	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	133	25.50-27.00	25.5-26	26.02
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,671	28.00-29.00	28	28.07
WINGS (WHOLE)	59	90.00-101.00	101	100.22
DRUMSTICKS		NO TRADING	-	-
THIGHS	1,760	34.00-40.00	34	34.02

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

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	05/07	05/03	05/03	04/30	04/26
ALA	3,944	3,787	5.09	3,854	5.01
ARK	5,273	5,166	4.89	5,141	4.82
DELMARVA	2,298	2,325	4.98	2,337	5.11
KY-LA-TN	2,043	1,997	4.49	1,855	4.58
MISS	2,881	2,806	5.09	2,589	5.09
NC	2,529	2,651	5.89	2,616	5.95
TEXAS	2,333	2,307	4.84	2,333	4.83
TOTAL	21,301	21,039	5.05	20,725	5.04
MON	21,301(A)			20,725(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 07-May 2001 is estimated to be 31,869,000 up 2.47 percent from a week ago and up 2.26 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,100,000, last year 31,166,000)

**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	847	125.00-215.00	140-145	140.72
TENDERLOINS	166	145.00-235.00	145-150	159.64
BREAST - LINE RUN	97	72.00-75.00	-	73.92
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	185	40.00-47.00	42-44	43.22
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	437	25.00-28.00	26-27	26.81
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,566	27.00-30.00	28-29	28.62
WINGS (WHOLE)	259	100.00-103.00	102-103	102.73
WINGS (CUT)	1,116	113.00-126.00	117-119	120.88
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS	46	93.00-97.00	-	96.13

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR MAY 07, 2001 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
48.50 - 54.50	51.66	50.62

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 07-MAY-2001 TO 11-MAY-2001, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	125.00 - 142.00	130.00 - 135.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	69.00 - 86.00	71.00 - 74.00
LEGS	40.00 - 49.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	25.00 - 34.00	27.00 -
DRUMSTICKS	34.00 - 49.00	-
THIGHS	35.00 - 49.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	92.00 - 107.00	100.00 - 102.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 17.00	-
LIVERS	25.00 - 46.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 45.00	-

**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	84-86
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	DRY PACK	102
	ICE PACK	94-96
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-121
	DRY PACK	123
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	96-96
	DRY PACK	123
DUCKS		152-166

**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.

04-MAY-2001

**CHICKEN**

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

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
<b>15% OR LESS</b>				
RANGE	21.00	-	200,000	200,000
WTD AVERAGE	21.00			

**CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED**

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

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
<b>15% OR LESS</b>				
RANGE	18.00-21.00	16.00-19.00	1,176,000	416,000
WTD AVERAGE	18.54	17.67		
<b>15-20%</b>				
RANGE	12.25-20.00	11.00-15.00	2,278,400	976,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.61	12.64		
<b>20% OR MORE</b>				
RANGE	-	12.00	120,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		12.00		

\* 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.

04-MAY-2001

**CHICKEN**

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

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
<b>15% OR LESS</b>				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

**CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED**

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

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
<b>15% OR LESS</b>				
RANGE	19.00	15.00-16.00	162,400	-
WTD AVERAGE	19.00	15.67		
<b>15-20%</b>				
RANGE	17.00-18.00	11.00-14.00	2,221,600	440,800
WTD AVERAGE	17.50	12.37		
<b>20% OR MORE</b>				
RANGE	-	12.00	40,800	-
WTD AVERAGE		12.00		

\* 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 for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were slow to fair with current processing schedules adequate for needs. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLTR  
WEEK OF 07-MAY-01

	CENTS/LB			
	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-12	8-9	9.05	

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN**

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE  
WEEK OF 07-MAY-01

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
	CENTS/LB.		
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-9.75	8-9	8.73
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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