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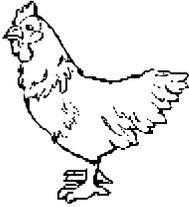
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices for next week were trending unchanged to higher. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm in the East, mostly steady elsewhere. Retail demand was fair to fairly good, best where consumer purchasing was up where winter weather was harsh. Food service covered the full range, best where fast food promotions were present. Supplies were usually sufficient; however, due to recent snow storms in the South altering schedules and delaying deliveries in the East, offerings were close to short. Parts were also affected by the snow limiting availability, but increased trading, especially into retail outlets. Wings were tight, breast items were balanced to closely cleared, and dark meat mostly sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate with weights mixed, 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 01/07/02-01/12/02 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

AREAS	(Including branded product) MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	47.00-50.00	47.00-65.25	49.77	24
Los Angeles	68.00			
New York	49.00-51.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	62.00-63.50	50.00-64.00	62.71	81

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 62.75 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
688	57.00-65.00	62.38
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:	WTD. AVG.	VOLUME

ITEM	(CENTS PER POUND)	(000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	184.00	1,295
BREASTS - B/S	127.50	4,591
BREASTS - WHOLE	54.00	1,064
THIGH MEAT - B/S	84.50	765
LEG QUARTERS	27.50	8,368
WINGS	90.00	3,141

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MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into Chicago were 1 cent higher from last Monday's final majority price. Whole fryer trade sentiment was generally steady. Additional offers of whole fryers limited but in balance with buyers current needs. Demand into retail channels was slow to fairly good with improvement expected for next week. Food service demand in a full range, light to good, best where fast food promotions are in progress. Floor stocks were adequate to close with buyers closely watching delivery schedules. Weights were desirable. Parts demand mostly moderate with best activity on wings. Supplies of wings were barely adequate to short, leg quarters adequate to barely adequate, balance of items adequate. The market tone was fully steady to firm on wings, steady on leg quarters and about steady on all other items.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was at least steady. Demand was fair to fairly good and improved entering the weekend to cover expected needs. Due to this week's holiday and snow storm down time, supplies were less available to short; however, some plants planned Saturday schedules to help compensate. In the parts structure, wings were tight and sought. Breast items were in a better balance and moved more confidently, and dark meat was also in a better position, particularly leg quarters, but still obtainable if needed. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was steady. Offerings in good balance. Retailer demand fair. Floor stocks adequate. Parts generally steady. Ads this week: Southern California- California grown wholebody 59-99, cutup 129, Boneless breasts 177 fresh, IQF 3lbs 768, boneless thigh IQF 3lbs 648, boneless leg meat 138, whole legs 87, thighs or drums 87-149 fresh, IQF 4lbs 358, chicken corn dogs 24oz 299, all fresh chicken 50%off; Northern California- California grown wholebody buy 1 get 1 free, cutup 119, boneless breasts 199-399, thighs or drums 79, roaster 109.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers ranged fair to fairly good entering the week-end as dealers attempted to cover needs following plant closures and shipping disruptions due to inclement weather in the Southern region. Offerings of all sizes were closely balanced to no more than adequate. Movement through retail and distributive channels had improved as consumer activity was spurred by developing winter weather. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm. In the parts complex, breast items were closely cleared. Dark meat cuts were sufficient. Wings were short of full needs.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was generally noted as good. Seller offerings were well cleared to short of needs most often due to recent planned and unplanned curtailments in processing. Live supplies were moderate; weights varied in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were very heavy when combined with several operations slated for Saturday. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher at 53 to 67 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly firm. In the parts complex, wings remained short of an active buying interest. Other items were about adequate to fully 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	47-69	
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	54.88	
NO. OF BOXES	11,811	
CUMULATIVE		
	12/31/01-01/04/02	54.06
	01/01/01-01/05/01	53.79
NO. OF BOXES		
	12/31/01-01/04/02	44,694
	01/01/01-01/05/01	54,760

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

JAN 03

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

JAN 04

ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS				WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	847	103.00-157.00	122-127	123.60	858	103.00-157.00	122-127	125.92	3,341	125.39
TENDERLOINS	81	105.00-190.00	-	139.57	233	105.00-190.00	120	147.79	548	140.36
BREAST - LINE RUN	75	56.00-64.00	56-58	57.07	78	55.00-59.00	57-59	58.49	303	57.43
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				252	59.92
LEGS	88	32.50-48.00	33-35	33.91	88	32.50-46.00	-	33.73	387	34.03
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	436	21.00-27.00	21-22	21.77	436	21.00-25.00	21-22	21.61	1,672	21.60
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,290	23.00-29.00	25-27	25.81	1,295	23.00-29.00	25-27	25.81	4,695	25.68
WINGS (WHOLE)	281	86.00-90.00	87-89	87.92	285	88.50-93.00	91-93	91.96	1,130	89.03
WINGS (CUT)	409	98.00-111.00	98-101	102.86	474	98.00-114.00	101-103	104.08	1,611	102.09
DRUMSTICKS	48	45.00-49.00	-	45.94	71	45.00-49.00	-	48.50	263	45.77
THIGHS	62	44.00-50.00	-	45.97	27	46.00-50.00	-	48.96	200	46.28
B/S THIGHS	30	84.00-89.00	-	85.67	30	84.00-88.00	-	85.33	129	85.49

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR JAN 03, 2002 F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
39.00 - 44.50	40.64

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 and ranged fair to fairly good overall as dealers assumed product for weekend needs. In addition, inclement weather in the Southern region had produced shipping delays and was limiting product availability in some areas of the Northeast. Offerings of bone-in breasts ranged adequate to closely cleared, and boneless-skinless breasts were better balanced. Legs and leg quarters were sufficient. Wings were tight. Movement through retail and distributive channels was improving as consumer activity is spurred by the threat of wintery weather moving into the area. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm on breast items and wings, at least steady on the balance.

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

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			CURRENT NEG			WEEKLY	
	TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	115	120.13	278,880	115-120	123.05	322,630	120.95	1,321,060
TENDERLOINS	100	105.65	23,080	100	99.85	58,481	100.38	228,178
BREAST - WITH RIBS	45-46	52.47	179,080	46-47	52.04	202,530	51.12	880,130
BREAST - LINE RUN	45	47.13	138,800	46	47.89	224,840	47.16	626,040
LEGS	37-38	42.01	136,480	37-38	42.38	130,360	41.61	602,760
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	23-24	25.18	447,021	23-24	25.32	404,274	25.10	1,969,002
DRUMSTICKS	38-39	41.74	88,100	38-39	39.00	114,360	40.88	448,210
THIGHS	28-29	36.81	85,460	28-29	37.53	85,320	36.36	363,600
B/S THIGHS	83-84	86.41	31,680	83-84	87.20	44,680	86.99	164,180
WINGS (WHOLE)	89-90	97.09	221,320	90-91	98.51	184,480	95.63	965,760
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.26	34,480	10-12	12.17	45,280	12.15	159,120
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	34.91	13,000	30-35	37.58	12,160	36.29	53,560
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	59.44	21,400	55-60	58.78	18,240	57.97	101,130

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		ACTUAL WTS	
	01/04	01/03	01/02	01/01	01/02	01/01	12/28	12/26
ALA	4,719	4,118	3,391	Holiday	5.01	Holiday	5,421	5.21
ARK	6,627	5,432	5,259	Holiday	5.13	Holiday	7,117	5.15
DELMARVA	3,630	2,221	2,272	Holiday	5.23	Holiday	3,891	6.38
KY-LA-TN	2,193	2,034	1,891	Holiday	4.79	Holiday	3,166	4.66
MISS	3,555	2,803	2,791	Holiday	5.15	Holiday	4,256	5.36
NC	1,549	2,607	2,499	Holiday	6.16	Holiday	4,373	5.23
TEXAS	2,427	2,445	2,323	Holiday	5.11	Holiday	5,417	5.09
TOTAL	24,700	21,660	20,426	388	5.22	5.02	33,641	5.29
MON-FRI	80,759(A)				17.03		76,308(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 04 & 05-Jan-02 is estimated to be 36,954,000 down 26.80 percent from a week ago and down 6.1 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 50,482,000; last year 39,344,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 05-Jan-02 is estimated to be 128,832,000 head up 11.8 percent from a week ago, and up 1.6 percent from a year ago

(Last week 115,281,000 Last year 126,812,000)

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

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	84-86
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 93-94
	DRY PACK 95-102
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 104-113
	DRY PACK 113
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK 91
	ICE PACK 98
DUCKS	152-166

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending December 22, 2001 (Preliminary),

	(A) Fast food/ Food service	(B) Retail	(C) Deboning
	4.20 Lbs & down	4.21-5.25 Lbs	5.26 Lbs & Up
-----THOUSANDS-----			
Head	19,781	31,665	26,482
Avg Weight	4.05	4.58	5.92
% of total /1	25%	41%	34%

COMPARISONS

Last week	16,831	18,672	25,932
Avg Weight	3.55	4.58	6.18
% of total /1	27%	30%	42%
Same week, yr ago /2	24,254	21,621	25,187
Avg Weight	3.74	4.72	6.05
% of total /1	34%	30%	35%
To date/2001	1,545,384	1,364,433	2,173,340
To date/2000	1,646,591	1,643,082	2,047,819

/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 29-Dec-2001 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	115,281(A)	1,176	818	1,994	378
AVG WT	5.23	3.46	7.98	5.31	6.73
LAST WEEK	159,450	1,942	1,419	3,361	492
SAME WK YR AGO	116,494	1,359	719	2,078	383
AVG WT	5.14	3.99	8.16	5.44	6.69
TO-DATE/2001	7,949,708	92,154	71,478	163,632	26,090
TO-DATE/2000	7,936,807	97,001	73,682	170,683	23,579

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 141.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 116.7 million head or 24.9 million head less than or 84 percent of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY -

"DUE TO THE NEW YEAR'S DAY HOLIDAY, NO SALES WERE REPORTED FOR JANUARY 01, 2002."

BEGINNING JANUARY 8, 2002, ALL POULTRY WILL BE AI TESTED.

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 31-DEC-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
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ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	61-65	64-65
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	65-85	68-73

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 unchanged. Trade sentiment at least steady. Demand was usually 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 31-DEC-2001

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS MOSTLY	116-124	125

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO**ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
NOVEMBER 24	115.0	149.1	77	4.98
DECEMBER 1	159.0	152.5	104	5.18
8	158.8	154.1	103	5.26
15	156.6	152.0	103	5.08
22	161.4	145.7	111	4.95
29	116.7	141.6	82	5.23
YEAR TO DATE	8046.4	8005.4	101	
JANUARY 5		144.2		
12		150.6		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

W/E	-----THOUSANDS-----				
	01/05/02	12/29/01	% CHG	12/23/00	% CHG
Broilers	128,832	115,281*	+12	126,812*	+02
Cattle	558	498	+12	577*	-03
Hogs	1,575	1,517	+04	1,700*	-07

Under Federal Inspection

* ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL Majority prices were irregular on the light canners, unchanged on the heavies when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings were generally adequate on both lights and heavies. Undertone was generally steady on both lights and heavies.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
24.5-26 MAJORITY	30.5-38 MAJORITY 32-35

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
25-28 MAJORITY 26.5-27	32.5-40 MAJORITY 35-36

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Demand was slow to fair for the at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules were less than normal. Canners movement was mostly moderate and clearing. The undertone was about steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings of spent leghorn fowl. Processing schedules were less than capacity and provided adequate supplies for needs. Trade sentiment was about steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices unchanged. Offerings at least fully adequate with demand mostly moderate. Slaughter schedules full-time for next week. Trade sentiment steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked reduced holiday schedules but more than last week. Offerings ample.

LIVE HENS

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

<u>HEAVY</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(2)
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
<u>LIGHT</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
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 but reduced offerings. Processing were reported as normal for next week. Canner supplies were about adequate and clearing. The market tone was at least steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Trading was too few to report. Spent hen demand was fair for adequate offerings from the field. Schedules were reduced but provided adequate supplies for a fair call for finished product. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

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