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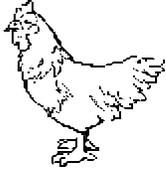
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were unchanged in the West, unchanged to higher elsewhere. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm in the East, mostly steady in the remaining areas. Retail demand was fair to fairly good, best for features and where winter weather stimulated additional purchasing. Supplies were sufficient to short for trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was fair to good, especially into retail for features and areas affected by inclement weather. Wings were tight, breast items better balanced to well cleared, and dark meat was mixed, but mostly available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate with weights mixed, 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 01/07/02-01/12/02 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	54.00-56.00	54.53	16	56.85	24
Chicago	47.00-50.00	50.10	44	51.93	81
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	54.32	19
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	61.61	9
Denver	67.50	67.46	17	64.00	24
Detroit	49.00-51.00	50.54	13	54.47	38
Los Angeles	68.00	66.04	66	63.33	126
New York	49.00-51.00	50.04	23	52.92	45
Philadelphia	49.00-50.50	49.90	10	50.02	21
Pittsburgh	49.50-52.00	49.80	10	56.06	55
St. Louis	49.75-50.00	48.96	19	50.86	35
San Francisco	68.50	67.84	32	65.98	86

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	01/07/02	Change/Last Wk	12/31/01	01/08/01
563	56.85	1.19	55.66	57.43

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	54.00-58.00	56.24	36
Central	52.00-57.00	55.25	59
West	53.50-64.00	59.80	48

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	62.00-63.50	62.71	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 62.75 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
1,022	46.00-65.00	60.85

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	179.50	1,375
BREASTS - B/S	126.50	4,951
BREASTS - WHOLE	54.00	1,104
THIGH MEAT - B/S	84.50	805
LEG QUARTERS	27.50	9,598
WINGS	90.00	3,261

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity ranged fair to fairly good at times entering the week as pockets of inclement weather throughout the Northeast spurred consumer interest. Offerings of all sizes were mixed and irregular, but overall supplies were in good balance to well cleared. Movement through retail and distributive channels was moderate and noted as best for refill activity. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were closely cleared and boneless-skinless breasts were better balanced. Legs and leg quarters ranged balanced to adequate. Wings were short of full needs.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was at least steady. Demand was fair to fairly good, best for ads and fast food promotions. Supplies were no more than adequate as a result of last week's weather and holiday with a few plants that processed over the weekend. In the parts structure, wings were tight of a continued active call, and interest for breast items had increased, aided by retail ads, with supplies better balanced to close. Dark meat was usually sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged. Trading reported for this week's delivery at mainly unchanged prices on regular commitments with new negotiations trading at generally unchanged to higher prices. Offerings overall adequate with lighter weights in the closest position. Buying interest had improved. Demand by stores good to cover features planned or in progress elsewhere only fair, restaurants fairly good overall. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. Parts trading reported on bulk leg quarters 26-28.5 and 4/10s 28.5-32, breast bone-in 52-60 and boneless 115-121. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was up 1.15 to 55.35 with the volume reported at 33 loads up 3 percent.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices for this week's deliveries increased into all areas with Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole fryer market tone was mostly steady. Offerings were limited, especially from areas hit by recent snow storms. Retail demand was mixed, mostly slow to moderate. Fast food promotions were showing a good draw, otherwise moderate movement in the food service sector. Floor stocks adequate to short. Sizes generally desirable with some spot shortages noted in the Michigan and St. Louis areas. Supplies of wings and leg quarters tight, other items available. Trade sentiment was firm on wings and generally steady on the balance of items.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was generally noted as good. Seller offerings were well balanced to short on most sizes. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher at 54 to 68 cents. Trade sentiment was generally firm. In the parts complex, wings continued to clear well. Breast items were in good balance to closely cleared, particularly bone-in supplies. Leg items were adequate to fully adequate except thighs which were long at some points. Tenders were readily available.

***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	49-70
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	55.38
NO. OF BOXES	10,527

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying interest was good over the weekend and moderate to fairly good entering the week as dealers worked to refill pipelines. Limited shipping delays and plant closures were noted as pockets of winter weather developed throughout the region. Offerings of bone-in breasts were closely cleared and boneless-skinless breasts were better balanced. Legs and leg quarters were clearing well. Wings remained short of full needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was good as inclement weather coupled with scattered feature activity spurred consumer buying. The market tone was firm on wings, fully steady on breast items and at least steady on the balance.

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

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	TRADING	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	115-120		122.01	373,850
TENDERLOINS	100		101.65	71,040
BREAST - WITH RIBS	46-47		52.73	206,520
BREAST - LINE RUN	46		48.55	181,920
LEGS	37-38		42.33	194,240
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	23-24		25.41	425,885
DRUMSTICKS	38-39		42.06	93,140
THIGHS	28-29		34.51	90,120
B/S THIGHS	83-84		87.00	37,040
WINGS (WHOLE)	91-92		100.60	276,240
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12		12.32	37,880
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35		36.15	12,609
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60		59.10	25,320

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	1,670	107.00-123.00	110-112	111.49
TENDERLOINS	222	100.00-192.00	100-105	112.68
BREAST - WITH RIBS	200	46.00-48.00	48	47.60
FRONT HALVES	680	57.00-60.00	57	57.53
LEGS		NO TRADING REPORTED		-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	145	20.00-24.00	20	20.69
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,210	22.00-26.50	24-25	24.41
WINGS (WHOLE)		NO TRADING REPORTED		-
DRUMSTICKS	135	38.00-45.50	38	38.84
THIGHS	1,822	24.00-39.00	24-26	25.14

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	01/07	01/03	01/03	12/31	12/27
ALA	4,098	3,852	5.06	2,294	5.07
ARK	5,503	5,297	5.04	2,345	5.02
DELMARVA	2,365	2,153	5.28	1,468	5.22
KY-LA-TN	2,053	2,093	4.67	1,609	4.67
MISS	2,817	2,701	5.15	2,452	5.21
NC	2,557	639	5.87	1,559	6.16
TEXAS	2,415	2,405	4.97	1,273	4.95
TOTAL	21,808	19,140	5.06	13,000	5.17
MON	21,808(A)			13,000(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 07-Jan 2001 is estimated to be 32,627,000 up 67.25 percent from a week ago and up 6.59 percent from a year ago. (Last week 19,508,000, last year 30,610,000)

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	888	103.00-157.00	122-127	124.56
TENDERLOINS	145	105.00-190.00	-	130.24
BREAST - LINE RUN	113	55.00-61.00	57-59	57.21
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	88	32.00-46.00	33-35	33.27
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	356	21.00-25.00	21-22	21.40
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,175	23.00-29.00	25-27	25.71
WINGS (WHOLE)	105	88.50-92.50	89-92	90.43
WINGS (CUT)	451	100.00-113.00	101-105	104.73
DRUMSTICKS	67	46.00-49.00	-	46.31
THIGHS	37	44.00-50.00	-	46.22
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
 TRADING FOR JANUARY 07, 2002 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
39.50 - 43.50	40.70	40.90

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 PARTS 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-JAN-2002 TO 11-JAN-2002, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	110.00 - 127.00	110.00 - 120.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	45.00 - 74.00	46.00 - 51.00
LEGS	36.00 - 45.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	22.00 - 29.00	24.00 -
DRUMSTICKS	36.00 - 45.00	-
THIGHS	25.00 - 43.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	85.00 - 95.00	85.00 - 87.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 42.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 52.00	-

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

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	80-99
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	84-103
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#	
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

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

CHICKEN	04-JAN-2001		04-JAN-2001	
	PRICES (Cents per Pound)		VOLUME	
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	14.00-16.00	13.50-15.00	1,335,900	418,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.87	14.60		
15-20%				
RANGE	15.00-15.50	11.00-14.00	1,327,500	368,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.21	12.52		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

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

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading was generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER
THE WEEK OF 07-JAN-02

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
	CENTS/LB.		AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-11	8-9	9.23

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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	04-JAN-2001		04-JAN-2001	
	PRICES (Cents per Pound)		VOLUME	
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	-	13.50-14.00	142,800	-
WTD AVERAGE		13.86		
15-20%				
RANGE	11.00-12.00	11.00-12.00	1,647,200	872,000
WTD AVERAGE	11.33	11.45		
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

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was at least moderate for adequate but reduced offerings. Processing were reported as normal. Canner supplies were about adequate and clearing. The market tone was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 07-JAN-02.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD	AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-10.5	CENTS/LB.	8.5-9	8.62
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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