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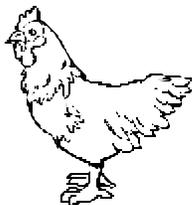
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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices for next week were trending unchanged. Trade sentiment was irregular, but overall no better than steady. Retail demand was seasonally slow to fair at best, and food service was light to moderate, instances fairly good. Supplies of heavier sizes were adequate to ample, lighter weights sufficient. Schedules for next week's Presidents Day holiday was mixed which could balance availability and increase interest where product was needed for extended weekend. In the parts structure, trading was limited to fair. Wings were in the longest position with discounts reported. The remaining items were at least adequate with mixed movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range.

**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 02/18/02-02/23/02 (cents per lb)

### US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	45.00-48.00	45.00-65.50	47.67	23
Los Angeles	68.00			
New York	46.00-48.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	60.00-63.00	47.00-63.50	61.83	82

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 63.00 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.
697	57.60-65.00	62.78

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	183.00	1,208
BREASTS - B/S	123.50	4,388
BREASTS - WHOLE	61.00	1,093
THIGH MEAT - B/S	85.50	730
LEG QUARTERS	26.50	7,888
WINGS	84.00	2,885

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**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into the Chicago area were unchanged from Monday's final. Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Additional offerings of whole birds and Wogs were abundant on heavy weights, adequate on lighter weight product. Movement into retail accounts mostly slow to instances fair at best. Food service demand was mixed, light to fairly good. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. Weights continued desirable to heavy. Limited trading on parts item noted with supplies of all items available and slow to clear. The market tone was steady on whole breasts, steady to barely steady, undertone weak on the balance of items.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was steady at best. Demand entering the weekend was light to moderate, best for ads and promotions. Supplies were at least adequate for trade needs. Processing schedules for next week's President's day holiday was mixed, but mostly full time. In the parts structure, wings continued fully adequate to ample with jumbo sizes under most pressure. Breast items were in a better balance, but still readily available, and dark meat was usually sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** The market tone was about steady. Trading reported for next week's deliveries at generally unchanged prices. Offerings were easily adequate for current needs with heavy weight whole body in the longest position. Buying interest was moderate and centered on regular commitments. Demand was moderate overall; best to cover extended holiday weekend needs. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers. Ads noted: Southern California - whole body 79-89, whole cut-up 87-139, boneless breast 167-229 and 4# bag IQF 799, boneless thigh meat 199, boneless leg meat 138, split breast 99-199 and 4# bag IQF 599, leg quarter 10# bag 490, thigh 98-99, drumstick 98-99, roaster 98, cornish hen 149; Northern California - whole body 89-99, whole cut-up 119-139, boneless breast 349-399, whole leg 99, thigh 98-99, drumstick 98-99, roaster 98; Arizona - whole body 89, boneless breasts 299 and 3# bag IQF 699-899, split breast 99-249, boneless thigh meat 179-259, leg quarter 89.

**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was about fair to moderate entering the holiday weekend. Offerings of the 3.5 pound and larger birds were available and the 3 pound and lighter sizes were at least adequate. Retail and distributive movement was seasonally light. The market tone was no better than steady. In the parts complex, boneless-skinless breasts were at least adequate but in a better balance than previous week's trading. Bone-in breasts were sufficient. Wings were ample.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds increased slightly, mainly in spots where buyers looked to insure adequate stocks through the holiday extended weekend, and others adjusted deliveries due to closings in observance of Presidents' Day. Offerings were fully adequate to ample and were more readily available on the 3.5 and 4.0 pound sizes. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were lower at 50 to 64 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady. In the parts complex, all cuts were at least adequate for current inquiry.

\*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		47-67
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		53.21
NO. OF BOXES		10,817
CUMULATIVE	02/11/02-02/15/02	54.01
	02/12/01-02/16/01	55.66
NO. OF BOXES	02/11/02-02/15/02	52,903
	02/12/01-02/16/01	47,498

\*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

FEB 15

ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS				WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	852	102.00-175.00	110-117	115.45	857	102.00-175.00	110-117	115.56	4,275	115.45
TENDERLOINS	137	110.00-190.00	110-115	127.52	141	110.00-190.00	110-115	127.02	683	127.57
BREAST - LINE RUN	144	58.00-65.00	59-61	61.24	134	59.00-63.00	60-61	60.85	602	61.29
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				385	60.41
LEGS	89	36.00-46.00	36-38	37.01	89	36.00-46.00	36-38	37.01	445	37.01
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	401	23.00-27.00	23-24	23.51	401	23.00-27.00	23-24	23.51	2,005	23.51
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,186	25.00-29.00	26-27	26.48	1,306	25.00-29.00	26-27	26.46	6,300	26.60
WINGS (WHOLE)	296	70.00-86.00	82-85	83.70	296	70.00-86.00	83-85	83.70	1,480	84.78
WINGS (CUT)	395	88.00-98.00	89-91	90.75	458	87.00-97.00	88-90	90.19	2,231	91.24
DRUMSTICKS	69	46.00-50.00	-	46.52	69	46.00-50.00	-	46.52	342	46.29
THIGHS	27	46.00-51.00	-	47.30	27	46.00-51.00	-	47.30	135	47.27
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				205	85.51

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TRADING FOR FEB 07, 2002 F.O.B. DOCK. **TODAY'S**

RANGE	AVERAGE
40.50 - 45.00	42.01

TRADING FOR FEB 15, 2002 F.O.B. DOCK. **TODAY'S** **5-DAY**

RANGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE
40.50 - 44.50	41.76	41.98

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 activity increased slightly moving into the weekend and overall dealers were content as plant closings for the approaching holiday and sufficient clearances throughout the week have kept most lines of product in supportable positions. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts were adequate but remained better balanced. Bone-in breasts were at least sufficient. Dark meat cuts ranged adequate to fully adequate. Wings remained the longest item with discounting prevalent to stimulate interest. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone was barely steady on wings, steady on the balance. ICE PACKED B/F PARTS, DLIVRD TO 1ST RCVRs IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER LB.

FEB 14

FEB 15

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD	CURRENT NEG			WTD	WEEKLY	
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	110-115	119.87	421,600		110-115	116.70	507,320	116.05	2,322,710	
TENDERLOINS	100	110.92	71,440		100	109.45	88,720	109.53	447,550	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	55-56	62.51	169,320		55-56	61.20	233,240	61.12	1,174,560	
BREAST - LINE RUN	55	56.09	129,800		55	56.54	161,040	56.19	758,560	
LEGS	38-39	42.04	118,440		38-39	40.94	141,800	41.73	659,120	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	24-25	25.22	372,903		24-25	25.56	395,712	25.43	2,099,769	
DRUMSTICKS	38-39	40.43	87,110		38-39	37.99	176,510	39.65	612,050	
THIGHS	28-29	36.56	56,510		28-29	36.56	74,740	35.70	371,840	
B/S THIGHS	85-86	85.85	87,000		85-86	87.55	28,440	85.15	337,850	
WINGS (WHOLE)	74-75	84.97	330,000		74-75	79.63	274,520	80.92	1,555,585	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.31	28,800		10-12	12.15	44,480	12.19	180,200	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	19.26	7,320		25-30	21.57	12,760	20.85	54,025	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	40.16	21,520		40-45	38.81	33,720	39.36	145,720	

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)**

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY,**

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG		AVG	
	02/15	02/14	02/13	02/12	WTS	ACTUAL	WTS	02/08
ALA	3,746	3,948	3,753	4,010	5.05	5.04	3,949	5.03
ARK	5,019	5,063	4,898	5,212	4.95	4.97	5,566	4.96
DELMARVA	2,235	2,324	2,292	2,115	5.12	5.04	2,281	5.12
KY-LA-TN	1,938	1,906	1,957	1,940	4.62	4.70	1,964	4.56
MISS	2,996	2,800	2,460	2,818	5.31	5.18	2,749	5.25
NC	2,542	2,435	2,448	2,584	5.97	5.91	2,545	5.94
TEXAS	2,628	2,475	2,400	2,382	4.82	4.95	2,327	4.98
TOTAL	21,104	20,951	20,208	21,061	5.11	5.11	21,381	5.12
MON-FRI105,393(A)	104,550(A)							

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

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	86-88
ROASTERS 4# & UP	85-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.  
 Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 15-Feb 02 and 16-Feb-02 is estimated to be 31,574,000 down 1.59 percent from a week ago and up 3.0 percent from a year ago.  
 (Last week 32,084,000; last year 30,668,000)  
 Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 16-Feb-02 is estimated to be 152,276,000 head down 2.0 percent from a week ago, and up 1.1 percent from a year ago  
 (Last week 155,316,000 Last year 150,590,000)

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**

**DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

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

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED** Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending February 2, 2002 (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	36,117	19,445	49,841
Avg Weight	3.864	4.72	6.10
% of total /1	34%	18%	47%

**COMPARISONS**

Last week	27,554	24,621	43,088
Avg Weight	3.764	4.77	6.11
% of total /1	29%	26%	45%
Same week, yr ago /2	33,818	29,037	44,630
Avg Weight	3.774	4.86	6.11
% of total /1	31%	27%	42%
To date/2002	151,897	107,299	226,998
To date/2001	165,019	134,109	223,801

/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 09-Feb-2002 (PRELIMINARY)

YOUNG LIGHT HEAVY TOTAL  
CHICKENS HENS HENS HENS DUCKS  
-----THOUSANDS-----

HEAD	155,316(A)	1,862	1,249	3,111	439
AVG WT	5.09	3.36	7.70	5.10	6.67
LAST WEEK	153,992	2,032	1,325	3,357	411
SAME WK YR AGO	152,518	1,956	1,346	3,302	532
AVG WT	5.12	3.50	7.74	5.23	6.54
TO-DATE/2002	901,952	10,969	7,653	18,622	2,648
TO-DATE/2001	893,112	11,049	7,397	18,446	2,919

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 157.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 157.2 million head or 0.0 million head less than or 100 percent of estimated fryers available.

**EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: FEB 12, 2002**

\*\*\*AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL POULTRY\*\*\*

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.50 - 1.64	Silkie	2.25 - 2.75ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.20 - 1.54	Pigeons	2.85 - 3.50ea.
Pekin Ducks	.40 - .60	White Pigeons	4.00 - 4.85ea.
Red Fowl 4-4.5 LBS	.40 - .62	Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.20 - 1.98
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.70 - 1.10	Rabbits 7-11 LBS	1.20 - 1.44
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.70 - 1.52	Bunnies	1.00 - 6.50ea.
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.80 - 1.10	Guinea Pigs	2.00 - 4.00ea.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.80 - 1.14	Goats	40.00 - 62.00ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.00 - 1.50	Kid Goats	30.00 - 42.00ea.
Banty Roosters	3.50 - 6.50 ea.	Doves	6.00 - 9.00ea.
Banty Hens	2.75 - 4.00 ea.	Pullets 4-6 LBS	.80 - 1.58
		Total Coops Sold	436

**EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 11-FEB-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	137	143
MOSTLY		

MIDWEST	122-126	123-127
MOSTLY		

**ROASTERS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	60-65	63-65
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	55-85	61-65

**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 remained unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Demand was moderate to instances good.

Slaughter schedules were full-time. Sizes were desirable. 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 11-FEB-2001

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	116-124	125
MOSTLY		

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT	
JANUARY	5	119.7	144.2	83	5.20
	12	161.5	150.6	107	5.10
	19	160.5	155.0	104	5.24
	26	158.1	155.7	102	5.16
FEBRUARY	2	155.9	157.4	99	5.22
	9	157.2	157.2	100	5.09
YEAR TO DATE		912.9	920.1	99	
FEBRUARY	16		155.9		
	23		157.7		

**BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**

W/E	-----THOUSANDS-----				
	02/16/02	02/09/02	% CHG	02/17/01	% CHG
Broilers	152,276	155,316*	-02	150,590*	+01
Cattle	652	633	+03	640*	+02
Hogs	1,867	1,843	+01	1,935*	-04
Under Federal Inspection					
*ACTUAL					

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET**

Majority prices were irregular but usually unchanged to slightly lower on both light and heavy canners when compared to a week earlier. Trading was fair for the mostly light to moderate demand. Offerings were adequate to at least adequate for trade needs. The undertone was about steady.

CENTS/POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, W/O FREIGHT COST

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b>
<b>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>(WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
24-25 MAJORITY	31.5-40 MAJORITY 32-33

CENTS/POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b>
<b>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>(WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
25-28.5 MAJORITY 25-26	33.5-38.5 MAJORITY 34.5-35

**EASTERN LIGHT**

Prices were unchanged. Demand was light to fair for the at adequate to at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal to less than normal. Interest for finished product was clearing available supplies. The undertone was steady.

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN**

Negotiations were too few to report. Demand was fair for adequate offerings. Finished sales were moderate. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN**

Prices unchanged. Demand was light to moderate with offerings fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

**LIVE HENS**

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

<b>HEAVY</b>	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(2)
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
<b>LIGHT</b>	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
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. Offerings were at least adequate for immediate needs. Demand was mostly fair. Processing schedules were normal to less than normal. The undertone was steady to about steady.

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN**

Trading was too few to report prices. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

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

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