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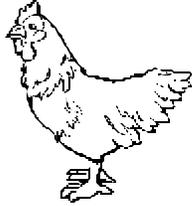
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices for next week were mostly trending unchanged. Trade sentiment was mixed, usually about steady. Retail demand was light to instances moderate where featured. Food service was fair to fairly good, strongest into fast food channels. Supplies were sufficient for smaller sizes, fully adequate to ample on heavier weights with attractive prices present. In the parts structure, trading was slightly higher to support weekend needs, otherwise light. Breast items moved into a better balance, but still able to acquire if needed. Wings were ample and discounted, and dark meat was readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range, 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 02/25/02-03/02/02 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	45.00-48.00	45.00-65.25	47.28	23
Los Angeles	68.00			
New York	46.00-48.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	60.00-63.00	46.00-63.50	62.05	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.
703	57.60-64.75		62.58
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	181.50	1,048	
BREASTS - B/S	123.00	4,388	
BREASTS - WHOLE	59.50	1,093	
THIGH MEAT - B/S	83.50	730	
LEG QUARTERS	25.50	7,898	
WINGS	80.50	2,894	

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MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into the Chicago area were unchanged from Tuesday's final. Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment was steady to cautiously steady. Additional offerings of whole birds and Wogs remained sufficient for the light to fair trade needs. Movement into the retail sector was light to fair overall with the St. Louis area noting moderate orders. Food service demand was mixed with fast food promotions continuing to provide fairly good demand. Floor stocks were in a full range with weights desirable. In the parts complex, trading was light to fair. Offerings of wings and leg quarters were fully adequate to ample and discounted with limited trade interest. Offerings of boneless/skinless breasts and drums were light and remaining items sufficient for trade needs. The market tone was barely steady to weak on wings and leg quarters with all other items steady.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was steady at best. Demand entering the weekend was mostly slow to fair with mixed trading and limited features. Supplies were at least adequate for trade needs. In the parts structure, interest for breast items improved with supplies better balanced, but still available. Wings were fully adequate to ample and moving slowly, and dark meat was usually sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices were unchanged from last week's levels. Early trading reported for next week's deliveries at mainly unchanged prices on regular commitments with new negotiations mixed. Offerings were adequate to ample for full trade needs. Whole body product over 4 pounds often offered at sharp discounts to help stimulate the moderate at best buying interest. Demand was fairly good to cover features otherwise only fair. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers. Ads noted: Southern California - whole body 59, boneless breast 178-399, boneless thigh meat 199-228, boneless leg meat 129-138, split breast 78-119, whole leg 99-129, leg quarter 49-59, thigh 67-129, drumstick 67-129, cornish hens 139; Northern California - whole body 69-99, boneless breast 399, whole leg 99, drumstick 99, thigh 99, leg quarter 79; Colorado - whole body 79, boneless breast 200-399, split breast 100; Arizona - boneless breast 188-399, boneless thigh 188, split breast 99-239, leg quarter 79, thigh 99 and IQF 4# 399-499, drumstick 99 and IQF 4# 399-499.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers increased slightly entering the weekend, but overall was no better than fair. Offerings of the 3.5 pound and larger birds were available and the smaller sizes were at least sufficient. Retail and distributive movement was light and unaggressive. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, boneless-skinless breasts were balanced and bone-in breasts were well cleared. Leg quarters were fully adequate. Wings were ample and available at slight discounts.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds increased slightly entering the weekend. Offerings remained fully sufficient in handling the seasonally no better than fair call, especially on the over 3 pound sizes. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were light to heavy, mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to light. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 50 to 64 cents. Trade sentiment was no better than steady. In the parts complex, breast items while remaining fully adequate continued to move into closer balance. Leg cuts and wings 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		44-68
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		51.25
NO. OF BOXES		12,211
CUMULATIVE	02/18/02-02/22/02	52.28
	02/19/01-02/23/01	59.05
NO. OF BOXES	02/18/02-02/22/02	47,102
	02/19/01-02/23/01	50,016

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

FEB 21

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

FEB 22

ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS				WEEKLY		
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG	
BREAST - B/S	837	103.00-175.00	110-116	114.26	842	105.00-175.00	113-120	117.28	3,348	114.94	
TENDERLOINS	107	110.00-190.00	-	132.43	115	110.00-190.00	110-115	130.87	529	128.15	
BREAST - LINE RUN	146	59.00-63.00	60-61	60.89	113	58.00-61.00	59-60	59.47	537	60.55	
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				284	60.90	
LEGS	89	34.00-46.00	34-36	35.21	86	34.00-44.00	34-36	34.70	353	35.99	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	441	20.00-26.00	21	21.46	422	20.00-24.00	20-21	21.44	1,703	22.01	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,266	22.00-28.00	24-26	24.34	1,297	22.50-26.00	24-25	24.85	4,885	25.30	
WINGS (WHOLE)	296	66.00-84.00	82-83	81.67	282	66.00-84.00	80-82	80.60	1,205	82.00	
WINGS (CUT)	450	83.00-89.00	84-87	86.28	436	83.00-91.00	85-89	87.25	1,741	87.95	
DRUMSTICKS	69	46.00-49.00	-	46.39	64	44.00-49.00	-	44.31	271	45.75	
THIGHS	27	46.00-50.00	-	47.04	26	44.00-50.00	-	45.38	107	48.64	
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				84	84.07	

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS					WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS						
TRADING FOR FEB 21, 2002 F.O.B. DOCK.					TRADING FOR FEB 22, 2002 F.O.B. DOCK.					5-DAY	
RANGE					RANGE					AVERAGE	
39.25 - 45.00					39.00-43.50					42.00	
AVERAGE					AVERAGE					AVERAGE	
41.36					42.00					41.63	

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 as dealers assumed product entering the weekend, however, most continued to keep floorstocks as closely balanced as possible. Offerings of breast items were better balanced, particularly boneless-skinless. Leg quarters were readily available. Wings remained ample and were usually trading below the market, however, the sharper discounting was becoming less prevalent. Movement through retail and distributive channels was about moderate, with most draw noted into planned features. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm on breast items, barely steady on leg quarters and barely steady to instances weak on wings. ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER 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	110-115	117.44	393,840	115	116.00	374,480	115.96	2,075,090	
TENDERLOINS	105	108.26	118,920	105	109.64	67,440	108.82	484,690	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	55-56	61.74	191,360	55-56	62.24	203,160	62.42	860,880	
BREAST - LINE RUN	55	56.23	165,160	55	56.32	121,200	56.37	682,480	
LEGS	37-38	41.17	154,200	37-38	41.39	155,280	41.01	800,860	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	24-25	24.20	477,591	23-24	24.07	468,950	24.61	2,365,220	
DRUMSTICKS	38-39	41.02	95,870	38-39	39.57	113,900	39.88	536,770	
THIGHS	28-29	34.47	69,750	28-29	36.50	123,640	35.60	431,060	
B/S THIGHS	85-86	85.44	63,760	85-86	84.94	78,240	84.03	424,870	
WINGS (WHOLE)	70-71	78.09	286,000	69-70	77.32	246,360	77.83	1,376,360	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.21	30,640	10-12	12.31	42,640	12.19	175,160	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	22.23	6,920	25-30	20.63	9,280	20.24	56,510	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	39.69	19,520	40-45	37.88	32,520	39.53	130,070	

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	
	02/22	02/21	02/20	02/19	02/20	02/19	02/15	02/13
ALA	3,866	4,065	3,864	3,824	5.10	5.16	3,735	4.77
ARK	5,430	5,293	5,081	5,066	4.96	5.05	4,852	4.71
DELMARVA	2,170	2,265	2,342	2,103	5.03	5.03	2,198	5.10
KY-LA-TN	2,226	1,938	1,935	1,778	4.62	4.56	1,915	4.49
MISS	2,691	2,718	2,733	2,791	5.31	5.27	2,944	5.10
NC	2,565	2,628	2,592	2,634	5.90	5.96	2,491	5.86
TEXAS	2,372	2,375	2,406	2,400	4.81	4.90	2,664	4.86
TOTAL	21,320	21,282	20,953	20,596	5.11	5.15	20,799	4.95
MON-FRI105,124(A)	103,516 (A)							

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 22-Feb 02 and 23-Feb-02 is estimated to be 31,897,000 up 2.20 percent from a week ago and up 12.2 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,211,000; last year 28,419,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 23-Feb-02 is estimated to be 151,403,000 head down 4.2 percent from a week ago, and up 2.5 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 157,980,000 Last year 147,690,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, 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#	75
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	DRY PACK 113
	ICE PACK 104-113
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK -
	ICE PACK 94-98
DUCKS	152-166

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending February 9, 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	32,165	17,526	53,890
Avg Weight	3.73	4.77	6.12
% of total /1	31%	17%	52%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	36,117	19,445	49,841
Avg Weight	3.86	4.72	6.10
% of total /1	34%	18%	47%
Same week, yr ago /2	35,049	21,803	46,960
Avg Weight	3.91	4.79	5.99
% of total /1	34%	21%	45%
To date/2002	184,062	124,825	280,888
To date/2001	200,068	155,912	270,761

/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 15-Feb-2002 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	157,980(A)	1,719	1,186	2,905	458
AVG WT	5.03	3.70	7.90	5.42	6.71
LAST WEEK	155,316	1,862	1,249	3,111	439
SAME WK YR AGO	150,590	1,585	1,487	3,072	463
AVG WT	4.97	3.36	7.90	5.55	6.70
TO-DATE/2002	1,059,932	12,688	8,839	21,527	3,106
TO-DATE/2001	1,043,702	12,634	8,884	21,518	3,382

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 155.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 159.9 million head or 4.0 million head more than or 103 percent of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: FEB 19, 2002

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL POULTRY

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.40 - 1.60	Silkie	3.00 - 5.00ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.40 - 1.56	Geese 9-14	-
Pekin Ducks	.40 - .62	Pigeons	2.85 - 3.25ea.
Red Fowl 4-4.5	.50 - .74	White Pigeons	3.85 - 4.85ea.
Red Fowl 5-6	.90 - 1.24	Rabbits 4-6	1.30 - 1.84
Crossbred Roosters 5-9	.80 - 1.32	Rabbits 7-11	1.30 - 1.48
Crossbred Roosters 4-6	.70 - .98	Bunnies	3.00 - 10.50ea.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11	.70 - .94	Kid Goats	25.00 - 32.00ea.
Guinea Fowl	.85 - 1.65	Doves	8.00 - 11.50ea.
Banty Roosters	2.00 - 6.00ea.	Pullets 4-6	.80 - 1.24
Banty Hens	2.00 - 3.75ea.		
Leghorn Hens	-	Total Coops Sold	488
Leghorn Roosters	.30 - .48		

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 18-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 remain unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Demand was usually moderate. Slaughter schedules full-time. Sizes were in the desirable range. 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 18-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 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
16	159.9	155.9	103	5.03
YEAR TO DATE	1072.8	1076.0	100	
FEBRUARY 23		157.7		
MARCH 2		158.1		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

W/E	-----THOUSANDS-----				
	02/23/02	02/16/02	% CHG	02/24/01	% CHG
Broilers	151,403	157,980*	-4.2	147,690	2.5
Cattle	645	652	-1	631*	+2
Hogs	1,843	1,867	-1	1,860*	-1

Under Federal Inspection

* ACTUAL

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

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
24-25 MAJORITY	30-40 MAJORITY 32-33

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
25-28 MAJORITY 25-25.5	32.5-38 MAJORITY 34-35

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Demand was fair for the adequate to the fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal to less than normal. Canner movement was fair with offerings at least adequate. The undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished product movement was fair. Schedules were as desired. Trade sentiment was about steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices unchanged. Demand was mostly light to instances moderate with rendering operations absorbing excess spent fowl at this call. Offerings fully adequate to ample. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Some down time reported for the holiday but otherwise plants worked full schedules. Offerings ample.

LIVE HENS

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

HEAVY	RANGE	MAJORITY
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(2)
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR	(1)

LIGHT	RANGE	MAJORITY
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 generally sufficient for trade requirements. Demand ranged light to fairly good. Processing schedules were normal to less than normal. The undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair with slaughter schedules sufficient for requirements. Trade sentiment was about steady.

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