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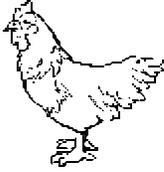
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were mostly unchanged. Trade sentiment was mixed, usually about steady. Retail demand was light to fair with few features present. Food service was fair to fairly good, best into fast food outlets. Supplies were at least sufficient with heavier sizes more available. In the parts structure, breast items were in good balance and clearing well. Wings and dark meat were fully adequate to ample and frequently discounted to help movement. 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 02/25/02-03/02/02 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	50.00-52.00	50.43	7	54.63	30
Chicago	45.00-48.00	47.61	37	49.79	74
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	53.45	20
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	57.20	10
Denver	67.50	67.46	17	67.06	22
Detroit	47.00-49.00	49.10	10	54.50	36
Los Angeles	68.00	65.80	68	64.75	124
New York	46.00-48.00	47.96	24	49.90	44
Philadelphia	47.50-49.00	47.80	10	49.07	23
Pittsburgh	47.00-49.00	47.50	10	54.93	56
St. Louis	47.25-47.50	47.19	20	48.88	37
San Francisco	68.50	67.65	30	68.76	50

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	02/25/02	Change/Last Wk	02/18/02	02/26/01
526	56.06	0.43	55.63	59.64

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	51.00-53.00	52.61	40
Central	50.00-55.00	54.45	61
West	52.00-58.00	57.77	35

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	60.00-63.00	62.05	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.

MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG

LOADS	RANGE	FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,148	45.00-64.75	60.88

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	177.50	1,268
BREASTS - B/S	122.00	4,748
BREASTS - WHOLE	59.50	1,133
THIGH MEAT - B/S	83.50	770
LEG QUARTERS	25.50	9,128
WINGS	80.50	3,014

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity was light and unaggressive as dealers were cautious and selective entering the week. Offerings of the 3 pound birds were at least adequate and the heavier weights were fully adequate to available. Movement through retail and distributive channels was limited. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items were balanced with immediate needs. Leg quarters were fully sufficient. Wings were ample.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was steady at best. Demand following the weekend was light to fair with mixed trading and limited features. Supplies were at least adequate with heavier weights more available. In the parts structure, breast items were better balanced with improved interest. Wings remained more than sufficient with light demand, and dark meat was readily available with mixed movement as export issues continued to play a part. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was generally steady. Offerings ample for the light to moderate buyer interest. Retailer demand just fair. Weekend carryovers moderate. Parts trading for this week: bone in breasts 63-70, mostly 66-67, boneless breasts 105-115, leg quarters 25-27.5 bulk, 26-28 4/10's. The Los Angeles negotiated Wog average was 53.43, down .85 from last week with volume down sharply to 23 loads.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices for this week's deliveries were slightly lower into St. Louis, unchanged into Detroit and Chicago with Ohio TFEWR. Trade sentiment was steady with heavy Wogs discounted. Offerings were fully adequate for trade needs. Movement over the weekend noted as no better than fair at best, occasionally fairly good into fast food outlets. Floor stocks were mostly balanced with sizes desirable. Supplies were available with wings and leg quarters fully adequate to instances ample. The market tone was barely steady to weak on wings and leg quarters with all other items steady.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was generally noted as fair. Seller offerings were fully adequate on all sizes, and were more readily available on the heavier weights. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processing schedules varied, but were moderate in total. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 50 to 64 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady at best. In the parts complex all cuts were at least adequate. Breast items were in decent balance and were clearing satisfactorily at most plants. Leg items were fully adequate to ample. Wings were readily available at some plants.

*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	42-67
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	52.69
NO. OF BOXES	9,552

*8 of 8 plants reporting:

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying interest was mostly light to no better than fair as dealers entered the week cautious and unaggressive. Offerings of breast items ranged balanced to adequate. Leg quarters were fully sufficient. Wings remained ample. Movement through retail and distributive channels was about fair and was best where feature activity was a factor. The market tone was fully steady on breast items, no better than steady on leg quarters and barely 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	115	120.05	244,160
TENDERLOINS	105	110.81	42,360
BREAST - WITH RIBS	55-56	62.55	164,520
BREAST - LINE RUN	55	57.50	129,080
LEGS	37-38	41.03	155,760
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	23-24	24.39	323,557
DRUMSTICKS	38-39	41.70	58,199
THIGHS	28-29	37.02	37,780
B/S THIGHS	85-86	87.30	33,160
WINGS (WHOLE)	69-70	75.83	219,880
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.26	33,200
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	21.48	9,440
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	39.86	25,320

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

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	1,090	100.00-126.00	110-115	110.78
TENDERLOINS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
BREAST - WITH RIBS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
FRONT HALVES	320	56.00-65.00	57-61	57.88
LEGS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,800	19.00-25.00	21	20.93
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,277	22.00-27.00	23-24	23.10
WINGS (WHOLE)	173	60.00-83.00	60	63.01
DRUMSTICKS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
THIGHS	1,965	27.00-39.00	27-28	27.78

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	02/25	02/21	02/21	02/18	02/14
ALA	4,036	4,006	4.98	3,396	4.95
ARK	5,369	5,151	4.97	5,176	4.96
DELMARVA	2,278	2,265	5.12	1,792	5.11
KY-LA-TN	1,986	2,007	4.64	1,975	4.60
MISS	2,812	2,741	5.13	2,813	5.20
NC	2,589	2,590	5.87	2,210	5.97
TEXAS	2,390	2,430	4.76	2,262	4.80
TOTAL	21,460	21,190	5.06	19,624	5.07
MON	21,460(A)			19,624(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 25-Feb 2002 is estimated to be 32,106,000 up 9.03 percent from a week ago and up 8.69 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 29,448,000, last year 29,540,000)

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. **POUNDS**

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	837	104.00-175.00	113-120	115.83
TENDERLOINS	141	110.00-190.00	110-115	129.89
BREAST - LINE RUN	113	60.00-64.00	60-63	61.33
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	86	34.00-44.00	34-36	34.70
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	422	20.00-24.00	20-21	21.44
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,137	22.50-26.00	24-25	24.49
WINGS (WHOLE)	282	61.00-84.00	77-79	79.98
WINGS (CUT)	442	79.00-93.00	85-88	84.87
DRUMSTICKS	66	44.00-49.00	-	44.45
THIGHS	26	44.00-50.00	-	45.38
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR FEBRUARY 25, 2002 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
39.00 - 44.00	42.45	41.93

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 25 FEB - 01 MAR 2002 CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	105.00 - 127.00	110.00 - 120.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	56.00 - 76.00	56.00 - 61.00
LEGS	37.00 - 45.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20.00 - 29.00	23.00 - 25.00
DRUMSTICKS	37.00 - 45.00	-
THIGHS	29.00 - 41.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	53.00 - 77.00	68.00 - 72.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	25.00 - 40.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 48.00	-

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

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	80-88
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	83-90
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	88
FROZEN DUCKS	139-139
FROZEN SQUABS	589

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

FRESH FRYERS	86-88
ROASTERS 4# & UP	85-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	75-75
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	DRY PACK	113-113
	ICE PACK	104-113
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	
	ICE PACK	94-98
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	22-FEB-2002			
	PRICES		VOLUME	
	(Cents per Pound)			
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	15.00-16.00	12.75-15.00	1,226,000	266,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.68	13.73		
15-20%				
RANGE	13.00-15.00	10.00-13.50	1,988,000	316,000
WTD AVERAGE	14.01	11.97		
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 levels were slightly lower compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were normal and provided sufficient product to cover a fair demand. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 25-FEB-02.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-12	8-9	8.83

* 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	22-FEB-2002			
	PRICES		VOLUME	
	(Cents per Pound)			
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	12.00-17.00	13.00	183,600	-
WTD AVERAGE	13.67	13.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	10.00-12.00	10.00-12.50	1,693,200	448,800
WTD AVERAGE	10.64	11.57		
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. Offerings were generally adequate for immediate needs. Demand ranged light to fairly good. Processing schedules were normal to less than normal. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 18-FEB-02.

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.75-10.5	8.5-9	8.75
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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