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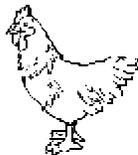
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was generally no better than steady. Retail demand was light to fair with limited feature activity. Food service was fair to fairly good, best into fast food outlets. Supplies were sufficient on the smaller sizes; heavier sizes were readily available. In the parts structure, breast items were in close balance and clearing well. Wings and dark meat items were fully adequate to ample and competitively priced to stimulate interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 62.75 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 62.00 cents last year on February 28, 2001.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	179.00
BREASTS - B/S	128.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	61.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	85.00
LEG QUARTERS	25.00
WINGS	79.00

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SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was about steady to steady. Demand into retail and food service was fair to moderate, best for fast food and where retail ads were in progress. Supplies were generally sufficient, with heavier sizes fully adequate. In the parts structure, breast items were in better balance and clearing satisfactorily. Wings were more than sufficient for trade needs. Dark meat ranged adequate to readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.

NORTHEAST Midweek trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was noted as light to fair for the cautious and selective interest. Offerings of the 3.5 to 4 pound birds were readily available and the balance of sizes were at least adequate. Retail and distributive movement was limited. The market tone was no better than steady. In the parts complex, breast items were closely cleared. Leg quarters were fully sufficient and wings were ample.

MIDWEST Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment remained steady. Offerings of whole birds and Wogs were fully adequate for the typical midweek interest with smaller sizes in good balance. Retail and food service movement was mostly fair at best. Floor stocks were adequate to ample. Weights were in a desirable range. Supplies of breast items were limited, wings and leg quarters fully adequate to ample with trading slow overall. The market tone was steady to fully steady on breast items, barely steady to weak on leg quarters and wings.

WESTERN The market tone was about steady. Offerings easily adequate. Retailer demand just fair. Floor stocks adequate. Parts fully steady on breasts, weaker on wings and leg quarters.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES	WEEK ENDING 02/23/02		PERCENT CHANGE
	2002	2001	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	187,326	184,325	+02
CHICKS PLACED	150,308	142,593	+05
19 STATES			
EGGS SET	210,175	-	-
CHICKS PLACED	170,512	-	-

BROILER EGGS SET IN 15 SELECTED STATES UP 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set 187 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 23, 2002. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 5 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 150 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 23, 2002. Placements were up 5 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through February 23, 2002 were 1.19 billion, up 4 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Four Additional States in Weekly Program

Beginning May 16, 2001 four additional States were added to the weekly program for broiler eggs set in incubators and broiler chicks placed for meat production. The four additional States are Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, and Oklahoma. Data collection and weekly estimates began with the week ending April 7, 2001.

Commercial hatcheries for the 19 States set a total of 210 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 23, 2002. Broiler growers in the 19 States placed 171 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 23, 2002. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through February 23, 2002 in the 19 States totaled 1.34 billion.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 06-Apr-02 IS ESTIMATED AT 154.5 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 152.3 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 150.5 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 152.1 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 57.91 CENTS PER POUND.

FEBRUARY 26, 2002

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

FEBRUARY 27, 2002

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	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	847	104.00-175.00	113-120	121.11
TENDERLOINS	140	115.00-190.00	-	131.07
BREAST - LINE RUN	113	60.00-64.00	60-62	61.33
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	86	34.00-44.00	34-36	34.70
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	342	19.00-24.00	20-21	20.61
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,177	22.00-26.00	23-25	24.18
WINGS (WHOLE)	282	61.00-84.00	78-80	79.98
WINGS (CUT)	423	79.00-88.00	81-84	83.16
DRUMSTICKS	120	44.00-49.00	-	46.50
THIGHS	66	44.00-50.00	-	44.55
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	842	104.00-175.00	112-120	119.89
TENDERLOINS	141	110.00-190.00	110-115	128.09
BREAST - LINE RUN	88	60.00-65.00	60-62	60.80
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	86	34.00-44.00	34-36	34.70
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	502	16.00-24.00	19-21	19.70
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,177	21.00-26.00	23-25	24.29
WINGS (WHOLE)	367	61.00-87.00	78-81	80.51
WINGS (CUT)	348	79.00-81.00	80-81	80.37
DRUMSTICKS	66	44.00-49.00	-	44.45
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

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

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
38.50 - 44.50	42.22	37.50 - 44.50	42.08	42.02

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 was light to fair and noted as typical of midweek trading. Offerings of breast items were closely cleared. Leg quarters were readily available and wings were ample. Movement through retail and distributive channels ranged fair to fairly good with best draw noted into boneless-skinless breast features. The market tone was fully steady to firm on breast items, barely steady on wings and leg quarters and no better than steady on the balance.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES FEBRUARY 26, 2002 FEBRUARY 27, 2002

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	115-120	122.65	292,720
TENDERLOINS	110	108.42	90,440
BREAST - WITH RIBS	56-57	62.74	201,400
BREAST - LINE RUN	56	58.11	133,160
LEGS	37-38	41.30	119,600
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	22-23	23.32	631,175
DRUMSTICKS	38-39	40.68	142,460
THIGHS	28-29	36.35	87,020
B/S THIGHS	85-86	84.35	58,720
WINGS (WHOLE)	69-70	66.89	448,640
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.42	28,800
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	20.49	16,505
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	39.01	31,850

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	120-125	120.05	410,430
TENDERLOINS	110	111.94	48,800
BREAST - WITH RIBS	58-59	64.51	213,360
BREAST - LINE RUN	58	59.80	138,360
LEGS	37-38	42.08	117,840
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	22-23	23.55	359,912
DRUMSTICKS	38-39	41.54	70,480
THIGHS	28-29	36.67	64,920
B/S THIGHS	85-86	86.57	47,800
WINGS (WHOLE)	69-70	73.92	282,640
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.85	47,160
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	19.21	13,445
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	39.31	29,480

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (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.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		AVG WTS	
	02/27	02/26	02/25	02/22	02/25	02/22	02/20	02/18
ALA	4,000	4,040	4,031	3,813	5.15	4.91	3,864	5.03
ARK	5,349	5,310	5,153	5,228	5.11	4.67	5,081	5.07
DELMARVA	2,405	2,275	2,271	2,040	5.19	5.08	2,342	5.25
KY-LA-TN	1,841	1,978	1,982	2,101	4.61	4.59	1,935	4.55
MISS	2,854	2,754	2,812	2,699	5.28	5.06	2,733	5.35
NC	2,651	2,592	2,531	2,575	5.94	5.78	2,592	6.06
TEXAS	2,392	2,388	2,407	2,379	4.86	4.72	2,406	4.83
TOTAL	21,492	21,337	21,187	20,835	5.17	4.94	20,953	5.15
MON-WED 64,289 (A)					61,173(A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 27-Feb 02 and is estimated to be 32,154,000 up 2.26 percent from a week ago and up 10.7 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,442,000; last year 29,054,000)

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

	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

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

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 23-02

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	03/02/02 (1)	02/23/02
	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	157,826 (2)	156,661
LT HENS	1,858	2,035
HVY HENS	1,387	1,388
CHECK TOTAL	161,071	160,084

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 02-Mar-02 is 158.1 million head compared to 149.6 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 158.1 million head or 0.0 million less than estimated available. For week of 09-Mar-02 the estimated available is 157.7 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 25-Feb-02	134,327	76,681
AM 1-Feb-02	112,107	69,729
CHG	22,220	6,952
PCT CHG	20	10

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	02/25/02	02/18/02	02/26/01	02/25/02	02/18/02	02/26/01
PACIFIC						
COAST	5,168	6,941	4,701	4,276	3,613	6,096
LOS ANGELES	77	106	104	2,467	2,203	2,266

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 25, 2002

	RANGE
HENS ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	58-60
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	60-69

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

	LOW HIGH AVG			FOR 2/26/02		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	1.05	1.50	1.22	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	5.25
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	3.00	4.00
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	2.75	5.50
BROILERS lb.	.80	1.00	.84	BROILERS ea.	-	7.00
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.35	.40
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	6.75
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	2.75	5.75
ROOSTERS lb.	.80	1.60	1.21	ROOSTERS ea.	2.75	8.00
GEESE lb.	-	.75	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	12.00	18.00
DUCKS lb.	.85	1.65	1.45	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	1.30	1.75	1.56	RABBITS ea.	2.50	4.25
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.00	7.25
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	5.25	6.25
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	3.00	3.50
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES lb.	-	-	-	SILKIES ea.	2.75	4.00
GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-	GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-

TOTAL COOPS 158

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending February 22, 2002

	Whole	Legs	Necks, Backs	Livers/	
	Chickens	Breasts	W/Thighs	& Wings	
RAYON					
Low	46.41	129.74	79.84	19.96	42.41
High	61.38	139.72	89.82	24.95	42.41
Mostly	55.89	139.72	79.84	19.96	42.41
SAN JUAN					
Low	49.40	119.76	64.87	22.45	42.41
High	59.38	134.73	79.84	32.43	42.41
Mostly	54.89	124.75	67.36	24.95	42.41
NEW SAN JUAN					
Low	45.41	124.75	74.85	14.97	44.91
High	60.88	139.72	84.83	24.95	44.91
Mostly	54.89	124.75	74.85	19.96	44.91
BECERRA					
Low	47.40	119.76	64.87	24.95	39.92
High	57.88	129.74	74.85	29.94	39.92
Mostly	54.89	124.75	67.36	27.44	39.92

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds remained light to no better than fair. Seller offerings were fully adequate to ample with 3.5 and 4.0 pound sizes offered at highly competitive prices in an effort to stimulate buyers interest. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 50 to 64 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady. In the parts complex, breast items were short of buyer needs. Leg items and wings continued to be readily available and generally slow to clear.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

	RANGE	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
RANGE	45-64	
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	52.00	
NO. OF BOXES	9,026	

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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