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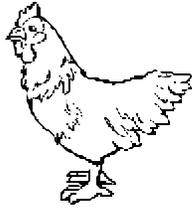
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices for nest week's trading were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Trade sentiment was mostly about steady. Retail demand was light to fair with food service moderate to fairly good, best into fast food. Supplies were at least adequate to available for current trade needs. In the parts structure, breast items were in close balance to tight and well cleared. Wings and leg items were available at most locations. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, 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 03/04/02-03/09/02 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
(Including branded product)				
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	45.00-48.00	45.00-65.25	47.26	23
Los Angeles	68.00			
New York	46.00-48.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	60.00-63.00	46.00-68.00	62.51	82

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.
696	59.40-64.75	62.67
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	181.50	1,048
BREASTS - B/S	130.50	4,323
BREASTS - WHOLE	61.00	1,023
THIGH MEAT - B/S	83.50	720
LEG QUARTERS	24.50	7,748
WINGS	77.50	2,834

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MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS The preliminary majority prices for next week's trading into the Chicago area were unchanged from Monday's final. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady. Offerings of whole birds and Wogs were mostly light and spotty, but sufficient for trade needs. Movement into all channels was less than desired for the most part with some players indicating improvement for first of the month business and fast food continued best call. Floor stocks were adequate to ample. Weights were desirable to heavy. Offerings of parts items were light, although leg quarters and wings were more than fully sufficient. Breast items remained the best call with dark meat items and wings mixed, mostly slow. The market tone was fully steady on breast items and barely steady to weak on leg quarters and wings.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was about steady. Demand entering the weekend ranged light to moderate with mixed trading and limited feature activity. Supplies were at least adequate with heavier weights more available. In the parts structure, breast items were adequate to short and well cleared. Leg items were fully adequate and wings were readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The preliminary majority prices in all areas were unchanged from last week's level. Trading for next week's deliveries reported at generally unchanged prices. Offerings were easily adequate to cover buying interest. Demand was moderate; best where promotions in progress. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances. The market tone was mixed on parts with breast fully steady, wings and leg quarter weak. Ads noted: Southern California - whole body 69-79, whole cut-up 118, seasoned boneless breast 399, boneless breast 147-399, boneless breast IQF 4# 899, split breast 149-179, boneless thigh meat IQF 3# bag 297, thigh 67-129, boneless leg meat 119-138, whole leg 99-129, leg quarter 59-79, drumstick 67-129 and 10# bag 288, wings 169, Cornish hen 98; Colorado - whole body 139, thigh 99-139, drumstick 99-139, split breast 229, boneless breast 379.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers increased slightly entering the weekend but was generally no better than moderate. Offerings were mixed and irregular, but were at least adequate to available overall. Movement into retail and distributive channels was limited. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items remained no more than adequate to tight at times, with bone-in breasts in the closer position. Leg quarters were increasingly available. Wings were ample.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds varied from plant to plant, and was about moderate overall. Seller offerings differed by size, but were at least adequate. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were irregular in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to light. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent lower at 49 to 63 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. In the parts complex, breast cuts were in good balance to short. Leg items and wings remained available from most shipping points.

*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		46-68
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		52.50
NO. OF BOXES		10,567
CUMULATIVE	02/25/02-03/01/02	52.64
	02/26/01-03/02/01	60.91
NO. OF BOXES	02/25/02-03/01/02	49,944
	02/26/01-03/02/01	56,767

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

MAR 01

ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS				WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,002	120.00-175.00	120-130	128.50	927	104.00-175.00	120-130	123.78	4,455	122.11
TENDERLOINS	146	120.00-190.00	120	134.38	55	120.00-190.00	-	158.18	623	133.30
BREAST - LINE RUN	88	60.00-65.00	60-62	60.80	113	60.00-65.00	61-63	61.73	515	61.23
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				228	63.66
LEGS	86	34.00-44.00	34-36	34.70	86	34.50-44.00	35-36	35.16	430	34.79
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	462	19.00-24.00	19-21	20.54	422	18.00-24.00	19-20	19.92	2,150	20.41
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,297	21.00-26.00	22-25	23.83	977	21.00-25.00	22-23	23.81	5,765	24.12
WINGS (WHOLE)	117	57.00-77.00	-	66.23	282	61.00-82.00	-	78.56	1,330	78.62
WINGS (CUT)	673	79.00-88.00	79-81	80.06	430	79.00-88.00	81-83	82.07	2,316	81.96
DRUMSTICKS	66	44.00-49.00	-	44.45	66	44.00-49.00	-	44.45	384	45.09
THIGHS	26	44.00-50.00	-	45.38	26	44.00-50.00	-	45.38	170	45.06
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				100	84.40

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS					WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS					
TRADING FOR FEB 28, 2002 F.O.B. DOCK.					TRADING FOR MAR 01, 2002 F.O.B. DOCK.					
					RANGE		AVERAGE		5-DAY AVERAGE	
					39.25 - 44.50		41.40		42.17	

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 ranged fair to fairly good entering the weekend, although, dealers continued to keep product in close balance. Offerings of breast items were no more than adequate to tight. Leg quarters were fully adequate and wings remained ample. Movement through retail and distributive channels was moderate to good as continued feature activity maintained momentum. The market tone was fully steady on boneless-skinless breasts, fully steady to firm on bone-in breasts, barely steady on wings and unsettled on leg quarters.

ICE PACKED B/F PARTS, DLIVRD TO 1ST RCVRS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER LB.

FEB 28

MAR 01

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	CURRENT NEG			WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
	TRADING*	WTD	AVG**			TRADING*	WTD	AVG**		
BREAST - B/S	125-130	127.04	431,360	130	129.03	436,650	124.29	1,815,320		
TENDERLOINS	115	113.92	100,320	120	116.89	184,787	113.54	466,707		
BREAST - WITH RIBS	60-61	64.86	236,800	62-63	66.12	198,400	64.24	1,014,480		
BREAST - LINE RUN	60	62.67	151,880	62	64.29	178,600	60.78	731,080		
LEGS	37-38	41.64	160,860	37-38	41.44	179,090	41.48	733,150		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	22-23	23.48	429,351	22-23	23.71	430,811	23.63	2,174,806		
DRUMSTICKS	38-39	39.40	145,500	38-39	38.57	123,030	40.08	539,669		
THIGHS	28-29	33.39	88,640	28-29	36.33	71,730	35.73	350,090		
B/S THIGHS	85-86	85.39	72,200	85-86	84.76	47,800	85.50	259,680		
WINGS (WHOLE)	68-69	71.88	359,240	67-68	73.98	238,612	71.69	1,549,012		
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.36	24,560	10-12	12.21	41,520	12.45	175,240		
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	21.99	7,320	25-30	21.69	14,640	20.83	61,350		
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	38.46	15,439	40-45	38.62	33,880	39.07	135,969		

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		AVG WTS	
	03/01	02/28	02/27	02/26	02/27	02/26	02/27	02/20
ALA	3,849	4,060	3,716	3,895	5.01	5.10	3,813	5.10
ARK	5,205	5,314	5,229	5,184	4.98	5.06	5,228	4.96
DELMARVA	2,204	2,337	2,299	2,301	5.08	5.15	2,040	5.03
KY-LA-TN	1,882	1,977	1,855	1,978	4.53	4.50	2,101	4.62
MISS	2,795	2,817	2,820	2,739	5.29	5.28	2,699	5.31
NC	2,530	2,600	2,564	2,558	5.86	5.96	2,575	5.90
TEXAS	1,886	2,392	2,399	2,394	4.53	4.84	2,379	4.81
TOTAL	20,351	21,497	20,882	21,049	5.05	5.14	20,835	5.11
MON-FRI106,137(A)	103,198(A)							

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 01-Mar 02 and 02-Mar-02 is estimated to be 30,447,000 down 2.62 percent from a week ago and up 4.7 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,265,000; last year 29,070,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 02-Mar-02 is estimated to be 150,864,000 head down 3.3 percent from a week ago, and up 2.1 percent from a year ago

(Last week 155,982,000 Last year 147,804,000)

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 16, 2002 (Preliminary),

	(A) Fast food/ Food service 4.20 Lbs & down	(B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs	(C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs & Up
-----THOUSANDS-----			

Head	33,157	25,412	46,209
Avg Weight	3.78	4.72	6.14
% of total /1	32%	24%	44%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	32,165	17,526	53,890
Avg Weight	3.73	4.77	6.12
% of total /1	31%	17%	52%
Same week, yr ago /2	38,380	25,284	44,430
Avg Weight	3.85	4.74	6.04
% of total /1	36%	23%	41%
To date/2002	217,219	150,237	327,097
To date/2001	238,448	181,196	315,191

/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	155,982 (A)	1,867	1,286	3,153	395
AVG WT	5.15	3.40	7.76	5.18	6.81
LAST WEEK	157,980	1,719	1,186	2,905	458
SAME WK YR AGO	147,690	1,933	1,237	3,170	490
AVG WT	4.99	3.35	7.82	5.09	6.62
TO-DATE/2002	1,215,914	14,555	10,125	24,680	3,501
TO-DATE/2001	1,191,392	14,567	10,121	24,688	3,872

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 157.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 157.9 million head or 0.2 million head more than or 100 percent of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: FEB 26, 2002

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL POULTRY

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.54 - 1.70	Silkie	2.50 - 3.25ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.50 - 1.72	Pigeons	2.85 - 3.50ea.
Pekin Ducks	.40 - .62	White Pigeons	1.35 - 5.40ea.
Red Fowl 4-4.5 LBS	.40 - .64	Rabbits	
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.70 - 1.10	4-6 LBS	1.50 - 2.10
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.70 - 1.24	Rabbits	
Crossbred Roasters		7-11 LBS	1.20 - 1.52
4-6 LBS	.70 - 1.22	Bunnies	3.00 - 11.00ea.
Crossbred Roasters		Guinea Pigs	2.00 - 5.25ea.
7-11 LBS	.70 - 1.34	Goats	40.00 - 52.00ea.
Guinea Fowl	.50 - 1.55	Kid Goats	18.00 - 30.00ea.
Banty Roasters	3.00 - 6.50ea.	Doves	6.00 - 8.50ea.
Banty Hens	2.50 - 3.75ea.	Pullets	
Leghorn Hens	.34 - .48	4-6 LBS	.70 - 1.20
Leghorn Roasters	.30 - .44		
		Total Coops Sold	546

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 25-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)	60-85	68-75

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 unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Demand was moderate to fairly good. Slaughter schedules 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 25-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	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
	23	157.9	157.7	100	5.15
YEAR TO DATE	1230.7	1233.7	100		
MARCH	2	158.1			
	9	157.7			

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

W/E	-----THOUSANDS-----		% CHG	-----THOUSANDS-----		% CHG
	03/02/02	02/23/02		03/03/01		
Broilers	150,864	155,982*	-03	147,804*		+02
Cattle	618	642	-04	634*		-03
Hogs	1,843	1,837	0	1,878*		-02
Under Federal Inspection						
*ACTUAL						

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Trading was mostly fair for a light to moderate demand. 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	32-40 MAJORITY 32-33

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
25-27.5 MAJORITY 25-25.5	32.5-38 MAJORITY 34-35

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

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand for spent fowl was only moderate for at least adequate offerings. Finished sales were fair with processing schedules adequate for needs. Trade sentiment was about steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Offerings fully adequate to ample with demand continuing light to moderate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

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

LIVE HENS

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

<u>HEAVY</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
Southeast Heavy f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	(2)
South Central Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
<u>LIGHT</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
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 about adequate for processors requirements. Demand was mostly fair but generally unaggressive. Processing schedules were normal to less than normal. The undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Negotiations were too few to report. Spent hens were adequate for a fair demand. Processing schedules were normal. Sales of finished product were moderate. Trade sentiment was about steady.

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