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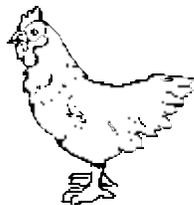
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Trade sentiment was about steady to steady. Demand was light to fair, moderate to fairly good for feature activity and fast food promotions. Supplies were generally sufficient for trade needs with smaller sizes increasing in availability. In the parts structure, bone-in breast were in close balance to closely cleared. Wings were available. Leg items especially leg quarters were readily available and competitively priced. 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 03/11/02-03/16/02 (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	47.30	23
Los Angeles	68.00			
New York	46.00-48.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	60.00-63.00	48.00-64.00	62.55	80

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.
693	60.00-64.75	62.66
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	1,263
BREASTS - B/S	132.50	4,528
BREASTS - WHOLE	66.50	1,043
THIGH MEAT - B/S	83.00	780
LEG QUARTERS	23.00	8,326
WINGS	73.50	3,228

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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 market tone was steady. Offerings of light weight whole birds and Wogs limited and moderate on heavier weight product. Buyers were generally cautious and taking a wait and see position. Retail features and fast food promotions provided fairly good movement, otherwise demand was slow to fair at best. Floor stocks were adequate to ample with sizes desirable. Offerings of leg quarters and wings plentiful and discounted, bone-in breasts limited and boneless/skinless breast adequate. The market tone was steady to fully steady on whole breasts, barely steady to weak wings and leg quarters with all remaining items about steady.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was generally no better than steady. Demand entering the weekend was fair to moderate, best for retail ads and fast food promotions. Supplies were more than sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, bone-in breast were balanced and clearing well. Leg items were fully adequate to ample with some discounting noted. Wings were available. In production areas, a live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices unchanged from last Fridays' level. Offerings were ample with smaller size whole body product in the closest position. Buying interest selective when securing product for other than regular commitments with market conditions being closely monitored. Demand was fairly good overall, best for parts. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers. The market tone was weak on leg quarters, fully steady on breasts. Ads noted: Southern California – whole body 57-99, boneless breast 167-399, boneless leg meat 119-139, split breast 99, whole leg 129, leg quarter 77 and 10# bag 290, wing 119, thigh 67-129, drumstick 67-129 and 5# bag 295, Cornish hens 169; Northern California – whole body 79, whole cut-up 119, boneless breast 169-369, whole leg 89, thigh 88-129, drumstick 129; Arizona – whole body 89-129, whole cut-up 99, boneless breast 149-499 and 4# IQF 899-1199, split breast 149-269, leg quarter 49-69, thigh 79-149 and 4# IQF 276, drumstick 79-149 and 4# IQF 276; Colorado – boneless breast 199-299, thigh 59 and split breast 99.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers increased slightly entering the weekend, but was mostly fair overall. Offerings of the 2.5 pound sizes were readily available and the larger birds were more than sufficient. Movement into retail and distributive channels was light. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were no more than adequate to tight at times. Boneless-skinless breasts were adequate. Wings were fully sufficient. Legs and leg quarters were fully adequate and increasing in availability.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was generally no better than fair entering the weekend. Seller offerings remained at least adequate, although sizes continued to vary from plant to plant. 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 unchanged at 49 to 63 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items were adequate to well cleared. Legs and particularly leg quarters were readily available. 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	52.34	
NO. OF BOXES	10,178	
CUMULATIVE		
	03/04/02-03/08/02	51.87
	03/05/01-03/09/01	60.55
NO. OF BOXES		
	03/04/02-03/08/02	53,625
	03/05/01-03/09/01	61,494

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

MAR 07

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

MAR 08

ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS				WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	873	122.00-187.00	122-128	127.00	847	118.00-187.00	122-128	125.86	4,375	127.67
TENDERLOINS	140	130.00-204.00	-	143.66	152	130.00-204.00	-	142.58	797	144.22
BREAST - LINE RUN	86	64.00-68.00	64-67	64.51	123	65.00-69.00	65-67	66.69	540	64.92
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				291	65.21
LEGS	88	33.00-42.00	33-35	33.82	88	34.00-41.00	34-35	34.64	440	34.53
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	426	16.00-23.00	17-18	18.11	446	15.00-21.00	18	18.04	2,125	18.46
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,176	21.00-25.50	22-24	23.12	1,216	20.00-25.50	20-23	21.66	5,850	22.79
WINGS (WHOLE)	TOO FEW TO REPORT				305	61.00-78.00	73-75	74.90	1,250	76.67
WINGS (CUT)	374	75.00-87.00	75-79	79.28	436	77.00-87.00	79-81	80.61	2,068	80.44
DRUMSTICKS	68	42.00-52.00	-	43.18	61	41.00-52.00	-	41.14	385	43.46
THIGHS	28	40.00-47.00	-	42.00	68	26.00-47.00	-	32.88	222	40.50
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				115	81.96

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
 TRADING FOR MAR 07, 2002 F.O.B. DOCK.

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RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
39.75 - 44.50	41.43

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
39.00 - 45.00	43.25	42.09

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 entering the weekend, however, business was noted as no better than moderate overall. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts were at least adequate. Bone-in breasts remained in good balance to closely cleared. Wings were sufficient. Legs were increasingly available and leg quarters were ample. Movement through retail and distributive channels was mostly fair to moderate and was best for the occasional feature. The market tone was fully steady on bone-in breasts, steady on boneless-skinless breasts, cautiously steady on wings and barely steady to weak on legs and leg quarters.

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

MAR 07

ITEM	CURRENT NEG	WTD	VOL/LBS
	TRADING*	AVG**	
BREAST - B/S	130	130.56	419,100
TENDERLOINS	125	126.25	53,280
BREAST - WITH RIBS	65-66	71.81	185,280
BREAST - LINE RUN	65	68.57	111,120
LEGS	37-38	40.12	158,240
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	21-22	22.80	647,571
DRUMSTICKS	38-39	39.49	117,130
THIGHS	28-29	35.58	74,170
B/S THIGHS	85-86	85.04	69,120
WINGS (WHOLE)	67-68	70.53	334,200
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.42	23,880
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	19.64	11,680
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	39.16	26,200

ITEM	CURRENT NEG	WTD	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
	TRADING*	AVG**			
BREAST - B/S	130	131.24	372,720	131.58	1,851,750
TENDERLOINS	125	125.82	306,000	124.47	671,890
BREAST - WITH RIBS	65-66	71.11	162,760	70.12	972,720
BREAST - LINE RUN	65	67.94	126,480	67.43	617,440
LEGS	36-37	39.68	155,320	40.72	813,840
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21	21.94	363,052	22.53	2,810,574
DRUMSTICKS	38-39	38.88	95,780	39.52	577,190
THIGHS	28-29	34.25	111,810	35.24	430,250
B/S THIGHS	85-86	82.44	46,680	84.11	243,104
WINGS (WHOLE)	67-68	76.63	281,360	71.60	1,775,940
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.13	31,040	12.22	156,250
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	20.95	8,600	20.32	55,535
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	37.96	25,520	38.29	154,710

MAR 08

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	
	03/08	03/07	03/06	03/05	03/06	03/05	03/01	02/27
ALA	4,332	4,075	3,983	3,998	5.11	5.17	4,157	5.01
ARK	5,380	5,366	5,146	5,215	4.93	4.99	5,215	4.98
DELMARVA	2,160	2,283	2,255	2,294	5.16	5.13	2,209	5.08
KY-LA-TN	1,929	2,008	2,024	1,908	4.44	4.28	1,824	4.53
MISS	2,786	2,822	2,760	2,776	5.31	5.33	2,731	5.29
NC	2,482	2,634	2,561	2,573	5.90	5.96	2,645	5.86
TEXAS	2,590	2,397	2,354	2,403	4.96	4.89	1,907	4.53
TOTAL	21,659	21,585	21,083	21,167	5.11	5.13	20,688	5.05
MON-FRI107,797(A)	104,901(A)							

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 08-Mar 02 and 09-Mar-02 is estimated to be 32,404,000 up 4.38 percent from a week ago and up 4.9 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,044,000; last year 30,895,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 09-Mar-02 is estimated to be 153,363,000 head down 1.0 percent from a week ago, and up 0.8 percent from a year ago

(Last week 154,906,000 Last year 152,138,000)

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

	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 23, 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	33,93327,575	42,775
Avg Weight	3.804.79	6.18
% of total /1	33%26%	41%
COMPARISONS		
Last week	33,15725,412	46,209
Avg Weight	3.784.72	6.14
% of total /1	32%24%	44%
Same week, yr ago /2	34,24924,947	42,405
Avg Weight	3.804.72	6.07
% of total /1	34%25%	42%
To date/2002	251,152177,812	369,872
To date/2001	272,697206,143	357,596

/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 02-Mar-2002 (PRELIMINARY)

YOUNG LIGHT HEAVY TOTAL
CHICKENS HENS HENS HENS DUCKS

-----THOUSANDS-----

HEAD	154,906 (A)	1,705	1,341	3,046	396
AVG WT	5.10	3.37	7.84	5.34	6.85
LAST WEEK	155,982	1,867	1,286	3,153	395
SAME WK YR AGO	147,804	1,910	1,261	3,171	515
AVG WT	5.01	3.46	7.98	5.26	6.46
TO-DATE/2002	1,370,820	16,260	11,466	27,726	3,897
TO-DATE/2001	1,339,196	16,477	11,382	27,859	4,387

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 158.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 156.8 million head or 1.3 million head less than or 99 percent of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: MAR 05, 2002

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL POULTRY

RANGE

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Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.60 - 1.74	Silkie	2.00 - 4.00ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.50 - 1.64	Pigeons	3.75 - 5.25ea.
Red Fowl 4-4.5 LBS	.40 - .72	White Pigeons	4.25 - 5.20ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.60 - .98	Rabbits	
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.60 - 1.04	4-6 LBS	1.30 - 1.94
Crossbred Roosters		Rabbits	
4-6 LBS	.70 - .94	7-11 LBS	1.00 - 1.42
Crossbred Roosters		Bunnies	6.00 - 12.50ea.
7-11 LBS	.40 - 1.00	Guinea Pigs	1.00 - 6.00ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.10 - 1.80	Doves	5.00 - 7.00ea.
Banty Roosters	3.00 - 6.00ea.	Pullets 4-6 LBS	.70 - .98
Banty Hens	2.50 - 4.50ea.		
Leghorn Roosters	.30 - .64	Total Coops Sold	638

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 04-MAR-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 MOSTLY	137	143

MIDWEST MOSTLY	122-126	123-127
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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 remained unchanged. Trade sentiment mostly steady. Demand was usually moderate.

Slaughter schedules full-time to reduced at times due to some light weight birds. 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 04-MAR-2001

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS MOSTLY	116-124	125

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO

ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT	
JANUARY	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
MARCH	2	156.8	158.1	99	5.10
YEAR TO DATE		1387.5	1391.8	100	
MARCH	9		157.7		
	16		155.6		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

-----THOUSANDS-----

W/E	03/09/02	03/02/02	% CHG	03/10/01	% CHG
Broilers	153,363	154,906*	-01	152,138*	+01
Cattle	616	608	+01	620*	-01
Hogs	1,794	1,843	-03	1,844*	-03

Under Federal Inspection

* ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL Majority prices were unchanged to slightly lower when compared to a week earlier. Trading was mostly fair for a mostly moderate demand. Offerings were about adequate to 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)
23.5-25 MAJORITY	32-38 MAJORITY 32-32.5

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 34-34.5

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Demand was fair for the for the irregular but generally sufficient offerings. Processing schedules were generally 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 was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent leghorn fowl. Finished sales were clearing product at a fair rate. Schedules were usually normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Fully adequate to ample offers for the fair demand. 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.

HEAVY	RANGE	MAJORITY
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
Southeast Heavy f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	(2)
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. Demand was moderate for the about adequate to adequate offerings. Processing schedules were normal to less than normal. Movement of finished product was clearing available product. The undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

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