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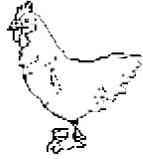
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was steady to weak, but mostly about steady to barely steady. Retail demand was seasonally slow to fair with light features, and food service was fair to instances fairly good. Supplies were adequate to ample with smaller sizes in the most balanced position. In the parts structure, trading was light and selective with present inventories usually sufficient for needs. Breast items were irregular, but mostly available, and wings were fully adequate. Leg items were ample and building with export problems still a major concern. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable with some locations trending heavier.

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 March 14, 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	183.50
BREASTS - B/S	133.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	68.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	84.50
LEG QUARTERS	22.50
WINGS	74.00

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SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was about steady. Demand into all areas was mostly slow and unaggressive to at times moderate where fast food promotions were effective; otherwise, market conditions were being closely monitored and needs assessed. Supplies were more than sufficient to handle limited needs. In the parts structure, leg items remained in the longest positions with supplies greatly outweighing buying interest. Breast items were usually in balance and moving, and wings were readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was very light as dealers were cautious and maintained closely balanced floorstocks. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate to available. Movement into retail and distributive channels was seasonally slow. The market tone was no better than steady to barely steady. In the parts complex, breast items were at least sufficient. Wings were fully adequate. Legs and leg quarters were ample.

MIDWEST Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady to barely steady. Offerings of whole birds and Wogs were adequate for the noncommittal buyer interest. Movement into retail accounts was lackluster, slow to instances fair at best. Food service demand was irregular and spotty, slow to fairly good. Floor stocks were in balance to long. Weights were generally desirable and trending heavier. Trading on parts items remained light with current inventories noted as sufficient for trade needs. Supplies of breasts items were in best balance with leg quarters burdensome and wings adequate to ample. The market tone was steady to cautiously steady on breast items, barely steady on wings and weak on leg quarters.

WESTERN The market tone was barely steady. Offerings were ample with heavy weight whole body in the longest position. Sellers held small weight product with a degree of confidence. Discounts were offered to help place excess product but had yet to effectively impact buying interest. Demand was fair for whole body and fairly good for parts best to cover promotional activities in progress. Floor stocks adequate overall. Trade reported leg quarters as weak to instances very weak, breast were generally steady with balance of parts about steady.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES	WEEK ENDING 03/09/02		PERCENT CHANGE
	2002	2001	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	186,560	184,834	+01
CHICKS PLACED	151,592	146,406	+04
19 STATES			
EGGS SET	208,625	-	-
CHICKS PLACED	170,812	-	-

BROILER EGGS SET IN 15 SELECTED STATES UP 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set 187 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 9, 2002. This was up 1 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 4 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 152 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 9, 2002. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through March 9, 2002 were 1.49 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 209 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 9, 2002. Broiler growers in the 19 States placed 171 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 9, 2002. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through March 9, 2002 in the 19 States totaled 1.68 billion.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 20-Apr-02 IS ESTIMATED AT 156.5 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 155.9 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 151.5 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 145.8 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 58.43 CENTS PER POUND.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

MARCH 13, 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			WTD	ITEM	POUNDS			WTD
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG		(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG
BREAST - B/S	848	118.00-193.00	122-130	126.93	BREAST - B/S	838	118.00-193.00	122-130	132.48
TENDERLOINS	141	130.00-204.00	-	143.56	TENDERLOINS	101	130.00-204.00	-	148.93
BREAST - LINE RUN	116	65.00-69.00	66-68	67.70	BREAST - LINE RUN	79	67.50-68.00	66-68	67.56
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	88	31.00-41.00	31-33	31.91	LEGS	88	30.00-41.00	30-31	31.00
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	376	15.00-21.00	15-17	17.09	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	426	14.00-21.00	14-15	14.97
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,216	17.00-25.50	20-21	20.61	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,136	16.00-25.50	19-21	20.49
WINGS (WHOLE)	305	61.00-78.00	73-75	74.90	WINGS (WHOLE)	305	61.00-76.00	73-74	73.59
WINGS (CUT)	473	79.00-87.00	79-84	80.95	WINGS (CUT)	301	79.00-87.00	79-84	81.13
DRUMSTICKS	95	41.00-52.00	-	41.74	DRUMSTICKS	68	41.00-50.00	-	48.94
THIGHS	28	41.00-47.00	-	42.71	THIGHS	28	41.00-47.00	-	45.29
B/S 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
39.00 - 44.50	41.71	38.75 - 44.00	39.63	41.45

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 was very light during midweek trading as dealers noted very little incentive to extend floorstocks beyond most immediate needs. Offerings of breast items were at least adequate and were often increasing in availability. Wings were fully adequate. Dark meat cuts, in particular legs and leg quarters, were ample and building. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light and the scattered feature activity usually highlighted the more seasonal items rather than poultry. The market tone was no better than steady on breast items, cautiously steady on wings and barely steady to weak on legs and leg quarters.

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

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD	VOL/LBS	ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD	VOL/LBS
	TRADING*	AVG**					TRADING*	AVG**			
BREAST - B/S	130	131.24	428,990			BREAST - B/S	130	130.08	374,480		
TENDERLOINS	125	125.81	124,010			TENDERLOINS	125	125.24	103,680		
BREAST - WITH RIBS	65-66	71.26	172,920			BREAST - WITH RIBS	65-66	72.25	169,480		
BREAST - LINE RUN	65	67.17	136,480			BREAST - LINE RUN	65	68.19	142,480		
LEGS	36-37	40.29	133,760			LEGS	35-36	38.55	176,520		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21	21.17	590,241			LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	19-20	20.81	331,525		
DRUMSTICKS	38-39	37.80	136,300			DRUMSTICKS	38-39	38.31	84,030		
THIGHS	28-29	33.82	110,370			THIGHS	28-29	34.39	70,840		
B/S THIGHS	85-86	85.69	64,380			B/S THIGHS	85-86	83.67	76,640		
WINGS (WHOLE)	67-68	70.22	337,740			WINGS (WHOLE)	67-68	75.03	261,280		
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.42	31,280			BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.86	46,400		
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	19.55	13,635			LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	20.37	7,160		
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	38.64	34,040			GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	37.47	20,280		

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		AVG	
	03/13	03/12	03/11	03/08	03/11	03/08	03/06	03/04
ALA	4,050	4,035	4,051	3,946	5.16	4.93	3,983	4.94
ARK	5,319	5,282	5,077	4,965	5.05	4.90	5,146	5.00
DELMARVA	1,989	2,294	2,343	2,198	5.13	5.07	2,255	5.21
KY-LA-TN	1,998	1,988	1,965	1,936	4.62	4.38	2,024	4.61
MISS	2,741	2,783	2,711	2,900	4.70	5.14	2,760	5.30
NC	2,629	2,619	2,569	2,489	5.92	5.84	2,561	5.96
TEXAS	2,436	2,412	2,410	2,576	4.99	4.70	2,354	4.34
TOTAL	21,162	21,413	21,126	21,010	5.09	5.00	21,083	5.05
MON-WED 64,130(A)					63,463 (A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 13-Mar 02 and is estimated to be 31,661,000 up 0.08 percent from a week ago and up 3.8 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,637,000; last year 30,495,000)

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 16-02

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	03/16/02 (1)	03/09/02
	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	158,522 (2)	161,063
LT HENS	1,783	1,781
HVY HENS	1,410	1,415
CHECK TOTAL	161,715	164,259

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 16-Mar-02 is 155.6 million head compared to 154.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 158.8 million head or 3.2 million more than estimated available. For week of 23-Mar-02 the estimated available is 154.3 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS	LBS	LBS	LBS
AM 11-Mar-02	149,307	78,189		
AM 1-Feb-02	141,676	77,105		
CHG	7,631	1,084		
PCT CHG	5	1		

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	03/11/02	03/04/02	03/12/01	03/11/02	03/04/02	03/12/01
PACIFIC COAST LOS ANGELES	8,137	7,431	7,099	4,005	3,707	5,981
	62	72	186	2,561	2,519	2,562

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 MARCH 11, 2002

	RANGE
HENS ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	57-60
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	60-69

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

	FOR 3/12/02			FOR 3/12/02		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.60	1.20	.86	HEAVY FOWL	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	1.10	1.40	1.26	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	2.25	11.00
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	.20
PULLETS lb.	1.10	1.20	1.17	PULLETS ea.	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	3.75	10.00
ROOSTERS lb.	1.00	1.70	1.23	ROOSTERS ea.	3.25	6.50
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	6.00
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	1.00	2.55	1.47	DUCKS ea.	5.00	7.00
RABBITS lb.	.75	3.05	1.85	RABBITS ea.	2.50	8.50
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.50	4.75
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	5.00	11.00
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	2.25	4.00
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES lb.	-	-	-	SILKIES ea.	3.00	5.25
GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-	GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-

TOTAL COOPS 142

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending March 8, 2002

	Whole		Legs Necks, Backs & Wings		Livers/ Gizzards
	Chickens	Breasts	W/ Thighs		
Hens					
RAYON					
Low	65.10	130.21	80.13	20.03	15.02
47.58 High	67.61	140.23	90.14	25.04	
20.03	47.58	Mostly	66.61	130.21	80.13
20.03	20.03	47.58			
SAN JUAN					
Low	54.09	140.23	85.14	30.05	20.03
47.58 High	64.10	150.24	100.16	40.06	
25.04	47.58	Mostly	62.60	145.23	95.15
35.06	22.54	47.58			
NEW SAN JUAN					
Low	62.60	130.21	75.12	15.02	15.02
47.58 High	67.61	140.23	85.14	25.04	
20.03	47.58	Mostly	66.11	130.21	80.13
20.03	20.03	47.58			
BECERRA					
Low	59.60	145.23	90.14	35.06	17.53
47.58 High	62.60	155.25	95.15	40.06	
22.54	47.58	Mostly	62.10	150.24	95.15
35.06	20.03	47.58			

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light and unaggressive. Seller offerings were fully sufficient for current inquiry. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were generally desirable. Processing schedules varied and were light in total. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 49 to 63 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly weak. In the parts complex, all items were at least adequate for needs.

*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	45-64
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	51.77
NO. OF BOXES	7,057

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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