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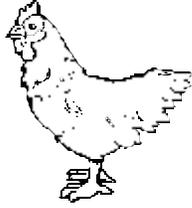
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices for next week's trading was trending mostly unchanged. Trade sentiment ranged steady to barely steady, mostly about steady with caution noted. Retail demand was seasonally slow to fair, occasionally moderate where features were effective. Food service was light to good with best movement into fast food for promotions. Supplies were at least adequate with heavier weights in the most available position. In the parts structure, trading increased slightly to cover some weekend needs, but demand overall remained fair at best and selective. Breast items were at least adequate or available, and wings were fully sufficient. Leg items were in heaviest supply with interest light even at lower levels. 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 03/18/02-03/23/02 (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	47.35	23
Los Angeles	68.00			
New York	46.00-48.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	60.00-63.00	46.00-64.00	62.42	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.
744	56.80-64.50	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	182.50	1,279
BREASTS - B/S	132.00	4,405
BREASTS - WHOLE	67.00	1,085
THIGH MEAT - B/S	82.50	783
LEG QUARTERS	21.00	8,016
WINGS	71.50	3,205

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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 cautiously steady. Offerings of whole birds and Wogs were mixed with heavy weight product readily available. Retail movement was on the lighter side for end of the week, mostly slow to instances moderate. Food service demand was in a full range, best into fast food accounts. Floor stocks were well cleared to ample. Weights mostly desirable. Trading on parts items continued light overall for immediate needs: some better interest for out front orders, although buyers and sellers haggling over product values. Supplies of all items were fully adequate for trade needs. The market tone was cautiously steady with a weak undertone on all items.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was steady at best. Demand entering the weekend was light to fair for retail, better into food service, particularly fast food promotional activity. Supplies were at least adequate to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, breast items were in balance to less available and moving. Leg items were adequate to ample and frequently discounted to help clear, and wings were readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices unchanged from last week. Reported trading for next week's deliveries were at mainly unchanged prices on regular commitments; however, new negotiations of heavy weight WOGs at unchanged to lower prices and small sizes unchanged to instances higher prices. Offerings of small sizes remained in fair balance while heavy weight product was ample to cover trade needs. Sharp discounts reported on excess product to help stimulate buying interest. Demand was fair for whole body and fairly good for parts, best to cover features in progress. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances. The market tone was weak on leg quarter with balance of parts about steady. Ads noted: Southern California - whole body 55-129, whole cut-up 79-139, roaster 98, seasoned roaster 139 boneless breast 177-399 and IQF 4# 799, boneless thigh meat 168-199, boneless leg meat 99-159, split breast 99-179, whole leg 169, leg quarter 59-68 and 10# bag 390, thigh 66-169, drumstick 66-169 and 5# bag 295, wing 89-158 and 5# bag 495; Northern California - whole body 99, roaster 119-129, seasoned roaster 98, split breast 99-199, whole leg 99-169, thigh 99-169 drumstick 99; Colorado - whole body 49-89, seasoned roaster 79, boneless breast IQF 3# bag 657, split breast 159, wing 99; Arizona - whole body 59-149, boneless breast 299-309 and 2.5# IQF 699-899, split breast 189 and 4# bag 499-599, leg quarter 79-99.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers remained light and unaggressive entering the weekend as dealers continued very cautious. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate to available, although, the 3 pound birds continued in the better balance. Movement into retail and distributive channels was seasonally slow. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items were adequate to available. Wings were fully sufficient. Dark meat cuts were ample and building.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook birds was fair and today's activity was noted as both increased and typical just prior to entering a weekend. Seller offerings were fully sufficient and were usually more readily available on the heavier weight sizes. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 49 to 63 cents. Trade sentiment remained about steady. In the parts complex, all cuts were at least adequate for current requirements. Leg items and wings remained in heaviest supply.

*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	46-72
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	51.18
NO. OF BOXES	8,804
CUMULATIVE	03/11/02-03/15/02 51.63
	03/12/01-03/16/01 59.10
NO. OF BOXES	03/11/02-03/15/02 48,305
	03/12/01-03/16/01 59,938

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending March 02, 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	36,040	29,555	50,153
Avg Weight	3.81	4.85	6.22
% of total /1	31%	26%	43%

COMPARISONS

Last week	33,933	27,575	42,775
Avg Weight	3.80	4.79	6.18
% of total /1	33%	26%	41%
Same week, yr ago /2	24,475	27,752	36,042
Avg Weight	3.81	4.75	6.05
% of total /1	28%	31%	41%
To date/2002	287,192	207,367	420,025
To date/2001	297,172	233,895	393,638

/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 09-Mar-2002 (PRELIMINARY)

YOUNG LIGHT HEAVY TOTAL
CHICKENS HENS HENS HENS DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----

HEAD	155,103(A)	1,634	1,319	2,953	428
AVG WT	5.21	3.82	7.62	5.52	6.53
LAST WEEK	154,906	1,705	1,341	3,046	396
SAME WK YR AGO	152,138	2,010	1,270	3,280	516
AVG WT	5.18	3.54	7.81	5.19	6.62
TO-DATE/2002	1,525,923	17,894	12,785	30,679	4,325
TO-DATE/2001	1,491,334	18,487	12,652	31,139	4,903

(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 million head or 0.7 million head less than or 100 percent of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: MAR 12, 2002

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL POULTRY

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.34 - 1.46	Silkie	2.00 - 3.85ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.40 - 1.54	Pigeons	2.85 - 4.40ea.
Red Fowl 4-4.5 LBS	.12 - .62	White Pigeons	4.00 - 5.40ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.60 - .94	Rabbits	
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.60 - 1.14	4-6 LBS	1.20 - 1.64
Crossbred Roosters		Rabbits	
4-6 LBS	.70 - 1.04	7-11 LBS	1.20 - 1.38
Crossbred Roosters		Bunnies	3.00 - 14.00ea.
7-11 LBS	.70 - 1.10	Guinea Pigs	1.00 - 6.00ea.
Guinea Fowl	.75 - 1.85	Kid Goats	18.00 - 34.00ea.
Banty Roosters	3.00 - 6.00 ea.	Doves	6.00 - 8.00ea.
Banty Hens	2.50 - 3.50 ea.	Pullets	.60 - .74
Leghorn Hens	.18 - .32		

Total Coops Sold 802

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 11-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	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. Slaughter schedules full-time to slightly reduced 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 11-MAR-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
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
	9 157.0	157.7	100	5.21
YEAR TO DATE	1544.5	1549.5	100	
MARCH	16	155.6		
	23	154.3		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

W/E	-----THOUSANDS-----				
	03/16/02	03/09/02	% CHG	03/17/01	% CHG
Broilers	151,646	155,103*	-02	152,987*	-01
Cattle	647	637	+02	657*	-02
Hogs	1,890	1,832	+03	1,847*	+02

Under Federal Inspection

* ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL Majority prices were unchanged on both light and heavy canners when compared to a week earlier. Trading was mostly fair and product was clearing satisfactorily. Demand ranged light to good. 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)
23-25 MAJORITY 23.25-23.5	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	32.25-38 MAJORITY 34-34.5

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Demand was mostly fair. Offerings were generally sufficient for trade needs. Processing schedules were about normal. Interest for finished product was clearing available supplies. The undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was moderate for about adequate to adequate offerings. Processing schedules were about normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices unchanged. Offerings adequate to instances fully adequate for the moderate to instances good demand. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants schedules lighter as some flocks held back for continued egg production for Easter. Offerings after the holiday ample.

LIVE HENS

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

HEAVY	RANGE	MAJORITY
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(2)
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
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 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 Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was moderate for usually adequate offerings. Processing schedules were about normal. Finished product sales were clearing. Trade sentiment was steady.

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