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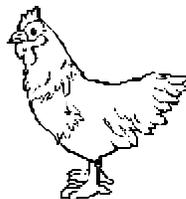
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices for next week's trading was trending unchanged to lower. Trade sentiment was irregular, ranging generally steady in the West, but barely steady to weak elsewhere. Retail demand was seasonal to fair at best as more traditional Easter items received best interest. Food service demand was light to moderate. Supplies were at least adequate to ample and often discounted; however, lighter weights in the West were in fair balance. In the parts structure, leg items remained in a weak position as the Russian export problems continued. Breast items and wings were fully sufficient to ample and slow to clear. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights in a full range.

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 03/25/02-03/30/02 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
(Including branded product)				
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	42.00-45.00	42.00-65.25	45.14	22
Los Angeles	68.00			
New York	44.00-46.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	60.00-62.00	47.00-63.50	61.70	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.
753	57.40-64.75	62.51

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	184.50	1,278
BREASTS - B/S	134.50	4,578
BREASTS - WHOLE	66.50	1,115
THIGH MEAT - B/S	82.50	775
LEG QUARTERS	20.50	8,466
WINGS	71.00	3,277

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MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS The preliminary majority price for next week's delivery into the Chicago area was 2 to 3 cents lower than last Monday's final majority price. The trade sentiment for whole broiler/fryers was barely steady to weak. Offers of additional whole fryers and WOG's were adequate for the light current demand. Retail demand fair at best with traditional Easter holiday items receiving the best interest. Food service movement light to moderate with some improvement for the weekend. Floor stocks were adequate to ample. Weights were generally desirable to instances heavy in Ohio. In the parts complex, supplies of leg items ample, balance of parts adequate to available. Trade sentiment barely steady to weak on breast items, weak on leg quarters and unsettled on wings.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Demand entering the weekend was seasonally slow with limited interest as the Easter holiday approaches and interest shifted towards more traditional items. Supplies were more than adequate to easily handle trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was light with all items at least sufficient with some discounting noted to help movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment although mixed was generally steady. Trading reported for next week's deliveries were at mainly unchanged prices on regular commitments with new negotiations reported at unchanged to lower on heavy weights and unchanged to higher on light weights. Offerings from some producers reported as ample while others were adequate. Heavy weights still reported at discounted levels with light weights confidently held. Buying interest was mainly moderate. Demand was fairly good where features in progress best for parts otherwise only fair. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances. Ads noted: Southern California - whole body 57-58, boneless breast 167-399, boneless thigh 199, boneless leg meat 138, split breast 99, whole leg 99, leg quarter 59 and 10# bag 280-490, thigh 89-99, drumstick 89-99, roaster 129, Cornish hen 149; Northern California - whole body 89, whole body kosher 199, whole cut-up kosher 499, best of fryer 149, combo pack 139, boneless breast 4# IQF 899, split breast 99, whole leg 139, thigh 139, drumstick 139, boneless thigh 249; Arizona - whole body 47-119, whole cut-up 99, roaster 99, boneless breast 299-469, split breast 179, thigh 69, drumstick 69, leg quarter 47-99 and 10# bag 370-690; Colorado - whole cut-up 99, Cornish hen 99, breast tenderloin 299; Washington - boneless breast 299, thigh 149, drumstick 149; Oregon - boneless breast 129, best of fryer 149, Cornish hen 159, drumstick 159, thigh 159, leg quarters 99.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was very light to fair at best and generally below expectation entering the weekend. Offerings were fully adequate to available and competitively priced in some instances. Movement into retail and distributive channels was seasonally slow, as buyers looked to other traditional holiday items. The market tone was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, breast items were available and slow to clear. Wings were fully adequate. Dark meat items remained ample.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds and parts remained disappointingly slow and below expectations entering the weekend. Whole bird offerings were available on all sizes and were difficult to place. Live supplies were seasonally moderate; weights were in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were light to moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were lower at 47 to 61 cents. Trade sentiment continued weak and unsettled. In the parts complex, offerings were readily available and slow to clear. Buyer interest centered mainly on other items typically traded during the upcoming holiday period.

*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	42-63
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	49.69
NO. OF BOXES	9,506
CUMULATIVE	03/18/02-03/22/02 50.89
	03/19/01-03/23/01 56.91
NO. OF BOXES	03/18/02-03/22/02 44,393
	03/19/01-03/23/01 62,839

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

MAR 21

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

MAR 22

ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS				WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	785	113.00-193.00	115-118	120.37	580	115.00-193.00	117-123	122.56	3,793	123.24
TENDERLOINS	148	130.00-195.00	130-135	141.46	64	130.00-195.00	-	153.38	656	142.05
BREAST - LINE RUN	107	62.00-68.00	63-64	65.46	107	64.00-68.00	64-67	66.11	451	66.57
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				385	63.91
LEGS	128	23.00-37.00	24-25	25.75	88	25.00-37.00	25-26	26.09	480	27.48
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	391	12.00-18.00	13	13.29	391	13.00-18.00	13-14	13.42	2,080	13.53
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,216	15.00-25.50	17-19	18.62	1,536	15.00-25.00	17-19	18.78	6,612	18.72
WINGS (WHOLE)	117	56.00-73.00	63-65	65.26	297	56.00-73.00	-	69.95	1,329	71.41
WINGS (CUT)	359	74.00-86.00	75-79	77.63	258	74.00-79.00	77-78	77.47	1,771	79.08
DRUMSTICKS	68	37.00-50.00	-	38.53	68	37.00-50.00	-	38.53	340	43.40
THIGHS	28	34.00-47.00	-	37.71	28	37.00-47.00	-	39.86	133	41.37
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				55	72.00-84.50	-	76.55	205	77.85

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

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TRADING FOR MAR 21, 2002 F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S

TRADING FOR MAR 22, 2002 F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S

5-DAY

RANGE

AVERAGE

RANGE

AVERAGE

AVERAGE

37.75 - 41.50

38.77

37.00 - 41.50

38.21

38.73

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 improved slightly entering the weekend, however, business was fair at best as buyers remained very cautious and selective. Offerings of bone-in breasts were readily available. Boneless skinless breast and wings were fully adequate. Dark meat cuts were ample, with trade sentiment unsettled as the Russian export issue remains unresolved. Movement through retail and distributive channels was seasonally slow as dealers look to other traditional holiday items. The market tone was barely steady to weak on breast items and wings. Dark meat items were weak.

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

MAR 21

MAR 22

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			CURRENT NEG			WEEKLY		
	TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS	
BREAST - B/S	120-125	126.97	533,640	120-125	125.38	398,560	127.40	2,057,430	
TENDERLOINS	125-130	131.37	124,960	125-130	134.72	122,560	130.72	506,160	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	63-64	69.99	187,200	61-62	68.01	241,200	69.45	976,040	
BREAST - LINE RUN	63	61.34	138,600	6160.14	129,680	62.77	715,000	33-34	
LEGS	33-34	35.69	105,000	36.28	146,960	37.56	655,000	18-19	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	18-19	18.81	293,269	19.30	299,307	19.65	1,901,392	33-34	
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	35.57	62,960	36.54	132,650	36.50	499,470	26-27	
THIGHS	27-28	31.62	44,640	33.11	63,680	33.31	314,590	83-84	
B/S THIGHS	83-84	83.74	77,800	81.34	51,560	83.22	327,920	65-66	
WINGS (WHOLE)	65-66	67.10	377,680	69.99	199,080	66.69	1,508,840	10-12	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.15	22,040	12.53	35,600	12.18	165,200	20-25	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	20-25	21.32	14,600	21.14	11,840	20.77	65,190	40-45	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	43.97	12,080	42.86	31,880	42.81	128,322		

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	
	03/22	03/21	03/20	03/19	03/20	03/19	03/15	03/13
ALA	3,864	4,031	3,568	4,000	4.96	5.15	4,558	5.03
ARK	5,357	5,206	5,053	4,876	4.89	5.04	5,473	4.96
DELMARVA	2,089	2,170	2,275	2,008	5.20	5.10	2,132	5.15
KY-LA-TN	1,976	1,999	1,970	1,998	4.62	4.67	1,714	4.56
MISS	2,547	2,775	2,571	2,782	5.33	5.22	2,910	5.35
NC	2,504	2,644	2,342	2,620	5.98	5.97	2,430	5.97
TEXAS	2,400	2,416	2,417	2,386	5.03	4.98	2,474	4.97
TOTAL	20,737	21,241	20,196	20,670	5.11	5.17	21,691	5.13
MON-FRI	104,901(A)				105,636(A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 22-Mar 02 and 23-Mar-02 is estimated to be 31,025,000 down 4.69 percent from a week ago and up 2.1 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,550,000; last year 30,380,000) Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 23-Mar-02 is estimated to be 149,498,000 head down 2.4 percent from a week ago, and unchanged from a year ago (Last week 153,229,000 Last year 150,141,000)

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 March 09, 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	36,45223,580	46,874
Avg Weight	3.844.79	6.13
% of total /1	34%22%	44%
COMPARISONS		
Last week	36,04029,555	50,153
Avg Weight	3.814.85	6.22
% of total /1	31%26%	43%
Same week, yr ago /2	24,20123,561	39,776
Avg Weight	3.794.72	6.03
% of total /1	28%27%	45%
To date/2002	323,644230,947	466,899
To date/2001	321,373257,456	433,414

/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 16-Mar-2002 (PRELIMINARY)

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

HEAD	153,229(A)	1,636	1,363	2,999	522
AVG WT	5.00	3.36	8.07	5.50	6.58
LAST WEEK	155,103	1,634	1,319	2,953	428
SAME WK YR AGO	152,987	1,841	1,318	3,159	429
AVG WT	5.09	3.31	8.03	5.28	6.66
TO-DATE/2002	1,679,152	19,530	14,148	33,678	4,847
TO-DATE/2001	1,644,321	20,328	13,970	34,298	5,332

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 155.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 155.1 million head or 0.5 million head less than or 100 percent of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: MAR 19, 2002

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL POULTRY

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.50 - 1.64	Pigeons	2.75 - 4.50ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.40 - 1.58	White Pigeons	4.25 - 5.25ea.
Red Fowl 4-4.5 LBS	.50 - .64	Rabbits	
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.60 - 1.10	4-6 LBS	1.30 - 2.06
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.60 - 1.02	Rabbits	
Crossbred Roosters		7-11 LBS	1.10 - 1.48
4-6 LBS	.70 - 1.10	Bunnies	2.00 - 14.00ea.
Crossbred Roosters		Guinea Pigs	2.00 - 6.50ea.
7-11 LBS	.60 - .98	Kid Goats	15.00 - 40.00ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.50 - 2.55	Doves	6.00 - 8.50ea.
Banty Roosters	3.00 - 6.00ea.	Pullets 4-6 LBS	.60 - .74
Banty Hens	2.50 - 4.00ea.		
		Total Coops Sold	820

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 18-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

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	57-65	60-63
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	60-85	63-75

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 were unchanged on whole

birds and mixed on parts. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was moderate to at times good due to the upcoming Easter holiday. Slaughter schedules full-time to slightly reduced at due to some light weight birds. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.25-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.35-1.45, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$.35-.50, livers at \$.75-1.70, and feet at \$.80-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 18-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	
FEBRUARY	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
	16	155.1	155.6	100	5.00
YEAR TO DATE	1699.6	1705.1	100		
MARCH	23	154.3			
	30	155.9			

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

W/E	-----THOUSANDS-----		% CHG	03/24/01	% CHG
Broilers	03/23/02	03/16/02			
	149,498	153,229*	+02	150,141*	0
Cattle	637	647	-02	656*	-03
Hogs	1,895	1,890	0	1,884*	+01

Under Federal Inspection

* ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL Majority prices were unchanged to slightly lower on the heavy canners, unchanged on the lights when compared to a week earlier. Trading was fair and product was clearing satisfactorily. Demand was in a full range of light to good. The undertone was generally steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
23-25 MAJORITY	31.5-38 MAJORITY 31.5-32.5

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 33.5-34

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Demand was fair. Offerings increased and were generally sufficient for trade needs. Processing schedules were normal. Sales of finished product were clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings of spent leghorn hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were reduced. Trade sentiment was steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices unchanged. Demand mostly moderate to occasionally good. Offerings adequate to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants schedules lighter. Offerings after Easter 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 for next week were reported as less than normal. Interest for finished product was clearing available supplies. The undertone was mostly steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Negotiations were too few to report. Offerings were adequate for next weeks reduced kills. Finished product was moving at a slow to no better than moderate pace. Trade sentiment was only steady.

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