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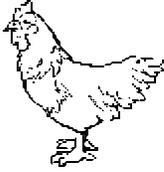
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were unchanged in the West, lower elsewhere when compared to previous week. Trade sentiment was mixed, but mostly barely steady to weak. Retail demand in the Midwest was fair at best even with winter storms present. Interest overall was more seasonal as traditional meat items received best movement. Food service demand was light to moderate, best into fast food. Supplies were adequate to ample and easy to obtain. In the parts structure, trading was light and best for other holiday items. Dark meat was fully adequate to burdensome and barely moving. The remaining items were at least adequate or available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to slightly heavier weights.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 03/25/02-03/30/02 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	45.00-47.00	45.63	8	50.55	27
Chicago	42.00-45.00	45.65	42	47.50	77
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	51.75	20
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	55.55	11
Denver	67.50	67.46	17	64.01	29
Detroit	43.00-44.00	45.27	11	50.82	42
Los Angeles	68.00	65.20	69	63.86	129
New York	44.00-46.00	45.67	21	48.12	46
Philadelphia	44.50-46.00	44.60	10	44.88	21
Pittsburgh	44.00-45.50	44.65	10	52.92	54
St. Louis	45.00-45.25	44.57	20	46.47	39
San Francisco	68.50	67.48	30	68.34	55

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	03/25/02	Change/Last Wk	03/18/02	03/26/01
550	54.18	-1.04	55.22	58.20

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	48.50-50.00	49.56	38
Central	48.00-54.00	51.25	61
West	49.00-60.50	58.41	44

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	60.00-62.00	61.70	80
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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.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,181	42.00-65.00	60.84

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	182.50	1,498
BREASTS - B/S	134.00	4,938
BREASTS - WHOLE	67.00	1,155
THIGH MEAT - B/S	82.50	815
LEG QUARTERS	20.50	9,696
WINGS	71.00	3,397

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity was very light and unaggressive entering the week as dealers were cautious kept product closely cleared. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate to available. Movement through retail and distributive channels was seasonally slow. The market tone was barely steady to instances weak. In the parts complex, breast items were available. Dark meat cuts were fully adequate and wings were sufficient.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was no better than steady. Demand entering the week was light with interest strongest for more traditional meat items as Easter approaches. Supplies were more than sufficient for limited trade needs. Processing schedules for the week are mixed with some plants running reduced schedules to curtail availability and in observance of Good Friday. In the parts structure, trading was light with all items at least adequate and lower priced to help clear. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trading for this week's deliveries reported at mainly unchanged prices on regular commitments; however new negotiations were at mixed levels with heavy weights at unchanged to sharply lower prices and small sizes at generally unchanged to instances higher prices. Trade sentiment although mixed was generally steady. Offerings were fully adequate overall with whole body product over 3 pounds in the longest position. Small sizes continued to be confidently held. Buying interest was only fair and centered on current needs. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. Parts trading for this week's delivery: breasts in the low 70s on bone-in and boneless generally 125, leg quarters 19-21 bulk and 20.25-21 4/10s, drumstick mid 30s on bulk. The Los Angeles negotiated WOGs average was 52.90 down 1.15 from last week with the volume reported decreased 3 percent to 29 loads.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices for this week's deliveries moved lower into all areas with Ohio TFEWR. Trade sentiment on whole fryers was barely steady to weak. Offerings were moderate to heavy for a limited trade interest. Buyers generally disinterested and focusing on other traditional protein items for Easter. Movement into all channels was fair at best with winter storms affecting the Chicago and Ohio markets. Floor stocks were adequate to ample. Sizes desirable. Supplies of dark meat items were burdensome and all other items sufficient for trade needs. The market tone was barely steady to weak on leg quarteres and about steady on the balance.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was generally slow. Seller offerings were readily available although sizes were irregular from plant to plant. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were usually noted as desirable to heavier than desired. Processing schedules varied and were moderate overall. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 47 to 61 cents. Trade sentiment was weak and unsettled. In the parts complex, all items remained at least adequate as buyers generally shifted interests to hams and other items traditionally sought during the upcoming holiday.

*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	48-66
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	51.07
NO. OF BOXES	6,902

*6 of 8 plants reporting:

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was sluggish entering the week as seasonal items became the focal point of the market and dealers found little incentive in building floorstocks although discounting was prevalent. Offerings of breast items were fully adequate. Dark meat cuts were readily available. Wings were fully sufficient. Movement through distributive channels was slow as traditional holiday items made up the bulk of retail interest. The market tone was barely steady to weak, trade sentiment was unsettled.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	120-125	127.66	237,720
TENDERLOINS	125-130	135.30	53,320
BREAST - WITH RIBS	61-62	72.18	71,960
BREAST - LINE RUN	61	60.31	134,600
LEGS	33-34	36.64	110,280
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	18-19	18.81	156,160
DRUMSTICKS	33-34	38.45	58,600
THIGHS	26-27	34.54	34,840
B/S THIGHS	83-84	81.59	44,800
WINGS (WHOLE)	65-66	72.89	118,920
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.00	27,320
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	20-25	24.09	3,280
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.55	11,080

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (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.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS 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	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,066	107.00-133.00	115-126	119.79
TENDERLOINS	243	132.00-193.00	-	142.65
BREAST - WITH RIBS	118	55.00-84.00	55	64.18
FRONT HALVES	360	52.00-61.00	57	57.56
LEGS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,484	13.00-22.00	14-15	14.48
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	4,287	16.00-23.00	16-17	16.67
WINGS (WHOLE)	53	67.00-77.00	67	68.06
DRUMSTICKS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
THIGHS	1,695	23.00-36.00	23	23.12

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	03/25	03/21	03/21	03/18	03/14
ALA	4,004	4,027	4.99	4,017	5.12
ARK	2,225	2,219	5.15	5,135	4.85
DELMARVA	5,144	5,191	4.86	2,260	5.06
KY-LA-TN	1,964	1,968	4.54	2,008	4.53
MISS	2,818	2,793	5.21	2,731	5.26
NC	2,438	2,654	5.93	2,531	5.86
TEXAS	2,398	2,429	4.92	2,131	4.80
TOTAL	20,991	21,281	5.07	20,813	5.07
MON	20,991(A)		20,813(A)		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 25-Mar 2002 is estimated to be 31,405,000 up 0.55 percent from a week ago and up 3.78 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,232,000, last year 30,262,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS 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	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	713	113.00-188.00	118-123	120.44
TENDERLOINS	110	135.00-195.00	-	150.78
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	88	25.00-37.00	25-26	26.09
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	351	13.00-18.00	13-14	13.44
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,416	15.00-25.50	17-19	18.29
WINGS (WHOLE)	297	56.00-73.00	68-70	69.95
WINGS (CUT)	381	74.00-81.00	77-79	78.12
DRUMSTICKS	68	35.00-50.00	-	36.76
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR MARCH 25, 2002 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
37.50 - 41.50	38.47	38.67

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 25 MAR - 29 MAR 2002 CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	115.00 - 132.00	115.00 - 125.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	63.00 - 82.00	63.00 - 68.00
LEGS	27.00 - 45.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	15.00 - 25.00	17.00 - 19.00
DRUMSTICKS	30.00 - 45.00	-
THIGHS	24.00 - 45.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	59.50 - 70.00	63.00 - 66.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	25.00 - 42.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 52.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	80-88
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	83-90
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	88
FROZEN DUCKS	139
FROZEN SQUABS	589

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

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

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

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN
F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

22-MAR-2002
CHICKEN — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	11.50-15.00	12.75-13.50	1,078,000	478,000
WTD AVERAGE	14.81	13.25		
15-20%				
RANGE	13.00	11.00-13.00	1,000,000	104,000
WTD AVERAGE	13.00	12.06		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Processing schedules were reduced for the holiday week. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER
THE WEEK OF 25-MAR-02

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-11	8-9	9.00

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN
F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

22-MAR-2001
CHICKEN — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	12.00	12.00	163,200	-
WTD AVERAGE	12.00	12.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	-	9.00-11.00	1,081,200	-
WTD AVERAGE		9.79		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged to slightly lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for about adequate to fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules for current week were in a range of normal to less than normal. Interest for finished product was clearing available supplies. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS
PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 25-MAR-02.

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.5-10.5	8.5-9	8.71
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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