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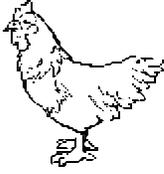
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were trending lower in the West, unchanged to lower elsewhere. Trade sentiment ranged about steady to weak. Demand following the holiday weekend improved slightly in some areas, but remained fair at best. Food service was fair to fairly good, best into fast food. Supplies were more than sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was seasonally light and selective. Supplies of all items were at least adequate to available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable 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 04/01/02-04/06/02 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	44.00-47.00	45.64	11	49.62	30
Chicago	42.00-45.00	45.24	42	46.10	82
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	51.75	20
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	55.40	10
Denver	66.50	66.50	12	65.70	15
Detroit	43.00-44.00	45.27	11	51.35	39
Los Angeles	67.00	64.46	61	60.62	180
New York	44.00-46.00	45.41	22	47.97	43
Philadelphia	44.50-46.00	44.73	11	44.93	22
Pittsburgh	44.00-45.50	44.60	10	52.45	56
St. Louis	44.50-44.75	44.15	20	46.08	35
San Francisco	67.50	66.46	24	66.40	45

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	04/01/02	Change/Last Wk	03/25/02	04/02/01
577	52.95	-1.23	54.18	57.91

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	49.77	33
Central	45.00-52.00	49.51	65
West	47.00-58.00	56.83	43

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	58.00-61.00	60.29	75
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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 62.50 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
1,136	42.00-64.50	60.53

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	178.00	1,493
BREASTS - B/S	134.50	4,908
BREASTS - WHOLE	68.00	1,143
THIGH MEAT - B/S	84.00	810
LEG QUARTERS	20.00	9,436
WINGS	70.00	3,348

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NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity was light and unaggressive entering the week as dealers cautiously assessed the market. Offerings of all sizes were readily available, although, the 2.5 pound birds were in the longer position. Movement through retail and distributive channels was slow. The market tone was no better than steady. In the parts complex, breast items were fully sufficient. Dark meat cuts were fully adequate and wings available.

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was steady at best. Demand following the holiday weekend was seasonally light and unaggressive. Supplies were more than sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was mixed, mostly light, with supplies of all items mostly fully adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION Final majority prices were 1 cent lower when compared to last week's levels. Offerings of small sizes adequate, although heavy weights moved into somewhat better balance they remained easily adequate to cover current needs. Buying interest in additional product improved in some areas due in part to sharper discounts. Demand was moderate to fairly good, best where first-of-the-month features planned. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. Parts trading for this week's delivery: breasts generally 125 boneless and 69-74 bone-in, leg quarter 19-20 bulk and mainly 20 4/10s, drumsticks 8/5s and bulk mid-30s. The Los Angeles negotiated WOGs average was 51.22 down 1.68 from last Monday's reported level with the volume reported up 10 percent to 32 loads.

MIDWEST REGION Final majority prices for this week's deliveries were unchanged into Detroit and Chicago, lower into St. Louis and TFEWR into Ohio. Trade sentiment on whole fryers was barely steady to instances weak. Offerings were moderate for a light buyer interest. Retail demand was sluggish, slow to fair with some optimism for improvement. Food service movement was mixed, light to fairly good and best into fast food. Floor stocks were adequate to ample. Sizes desirable. Offerings of all items were irregular, but sufficient for trade needs. The market tone was mostly unsettled with wings and leg quarters in the weakest position.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was spotty with some dealers again absent from the marketplace in observance of the Holiday. Seller offerings were adequate and in fairly decent balance for immediate needs. Live supplies were seasonally moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processing schedules were very light. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 47 to 61 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. In the parts complex, offerings were irregularly available, but were usually fully adequate for current inquiry.

*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	39-63
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	45.88
NO. OF BOXES	5,972

*5 of 8 plants reporting:

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was limited entering the week as dealers remained very cautious and selective, although, news of the Russian poultry ban being lifted brought renewed optimism to the market. Offerings of breast items were readily available. Dark meat cuts were fully adequate and wings were fully sufficient. Movement through retail and distributive channels was mostly light with best interest centering around the occasional refill. The market tone was cautious.

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

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT TRADING	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S		120	119.77	370,010
TENDERLOINS	125-130		124.87	170,640
BREAST - WITH RIBS	59-60		59.72	235,240
BREAST - LINE RUN	59		57.87	118,000
LEGS	32-33		33.76	118,600
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18		17.64	450,843
DRUMSTICKS	32-33		30.71	85,550
THIGHS	25-26		27.91	77,300
B/S THIGHS	81-82		83.18	95,360
WINGS (WHOLE)	62-63		58.76	293,060
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12		12.20	39,280
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	20-25		20.85	8,960
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45		40.48	22,800

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	1,095	105.00-139.00	115-124	118.60
TENDERLOINS	350	130.00-148.00	130	134.13
BREAST - WITH RIBS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
FRONT HALVES	280	55.00-62.00	57-58	58.43
LEGS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,120	13.00-15.00	13-14	13.93
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	6,017	16.00-20.00	16-17	16.99
WINGS (WHOLE)	61	43.00-77.00	67	63.39
DRUMSTICKS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
THIGHS	1,731	21.00-36.00	21-22	21.57

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	04/01	03/28	03/28	03/25	03/21
ALA	3,934	3,880	4.93	3,987	4.99
ARK	5,346	5,191	4.83	5,018	5.15
DELMARVA	1,474	2,210	5.14	2,413	4.86
KY-LA-TN	1,771	2,020	4.51	1,960	4.54
MISS	2,592	2,490	5.09	2,761	5.21
NC	1,980	2,492	5.92	2,413	5.93
TEXAS	2,410	2,463	4.97	2,268	4.92
TOTAL	19,507	20,746	5.03	20,820	5.07
MON	19,507(A)			20,820(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 01-Apr 2002 is estimated to be 29,185,000 down 6.58 percent from a week ago and down 3.08 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,242,000, last year 30,111,000)

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	813	112.00-189.00	114-123	123.55
TENDERLOINS	141	123.00-195.00	125-130	141.89
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	89	25.00-36.00	25-26	26.11
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	389	13.00-18.00	13-14	13.68
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,230	15.00-25.50	17-19	18.28
WINGS (WHOLE)	281	54.00-71.00	68-70	68.06
WINGS (CUT)	463	72.00-83.00	76-79	76.98
DRUMSTICKS	69	36.00-50.00	-	37.83
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR APRIL 01, 2002 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
37.00 - 40.50	37.84	37.12

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 01 APR - 05 APR - 2002 CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	113.00 - 132.00	115.00 - 125.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	60.00 - 84.00	63.00 - 68.00
LEGS	28.00 - 45.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	12.00 - 25.00	17.00 - 19.00
DRUMSTICKS	30.00 - 40.00	-
THIGHS	23.00 - 36.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	50.00 - 70.00	61.00 - 63.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	25.00 - 40.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 48.00	-

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

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	80-84
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	83-87
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	85
FROZEN DUCKS	139
FROZEN SQUABS	589

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

FRESH FRYERS	85-87
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	92-93
	DRY PACK	94-101
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK	113
	ICE PACK	104-113
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	
	ICE PACK	94-98
DUCKS		152-166

