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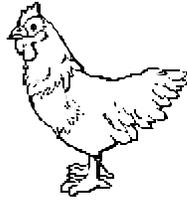
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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices for next week were mostly trending unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to weak in the Midwest, steady to about steady elsewhere. Retail demand was slow to fair, best for features. Food service was light to instances fairly good where fast food promotions were active. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate for trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was light to moderate, and increased slightly in some areas to cover weekend needs. Leg quarters were better balanced to at times tight due in part to retail promotions. Wings and breast items were more than sufficient with limited interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights varied, but were mostly desirable to heavy.

**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 04/08/02-04/13/02 (cents per lb)

### US GRADE A

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
(Including branded product)				
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	42.00-45.00	41.00-65.00	44.64	22
Los Angeles	67.00			
New York	44.00-46.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	59.00-62.00	46.00-63.00	61.00	82

**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.

### PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
747	59.50-64.50	62.38
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	179.50	1,068
BREASTS - B/S	134.00	4,393
BREASTS - WHOLE	67.00	1,118
THIGH MEAT - B/S	82.00	535
LEG QUARTERS	20.00	8,141
WINGS	67.00	3,135

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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. Trade sentiment on whole broiler/fryers was steady to weak, mostly barely steady to weak. Offerings were ample on heavy weight product and limited on lighter weights. Trade interest was mostly light and nonaggressive. Movement into most areas was noted as improved over prior trading period; fair at best overall, occasionally fairly good on dark meat retail features and fast food promotions. Floor stocks were adequate to long. Weights were desirable to heavier than desired. Trading on leg quarters was moderate, other items were slow to clear. Supplies were fully sufficient for trade needs with buyers and sellers continuing to haggle over product values. The market tone was steady to instances firm on leg quarters, barely steady to weak on remaining items.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was about steady. Demand entering the weekend was slow to fair, best for ads, promotions, and brisk first of the month business. Supplies were more than sufficient for limited trade needs. In the parts structure, interest improved, especially for dark meat which was also better balanced and moving due partially to retail specials. Wings were fully adequate to ample and discounted, and breast items were usually sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** The market tone was steady. Offerings ample. Retailer demand moderate, best to cover features. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers. Ads this week: Southern California-wholebody 59, boneless breasts 167-299, boneless leg 109, breasts 97-199, legs 119, leg quarters 49, thighs and drums 89-119, cornish hens 169; Northern California- whole cutup 99, leg quarters 89, thighs and drums 89-109, roaster 109; Arizona-wholebody 89, cutup 99, boneless breasts 149-419, breasts 99-239, leg quarters 39, thighs and drums 99, cornish hens 2 for \$5.

**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers increased slightly entering the weekend, but was no better than moderate as dealers kept floorstocks in close balance with the limited demand. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate with the 2.5 pound birds usually noted in the longer position. Movement into retail and distributive channels was slow. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breasts were available and bone-in breasts were sufficient. Leg quarters were at least adequate but noted as slightly better balanced today. Wings were ample.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds and parts generally increased entering the weekend. Whole body offerings were fully adequate to ample for current inquiry. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights varied and were mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderately heavy when combined with spot operations slated for Saturday. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 47 to 61 cents. Trade sentiment remained about steady. Leg quarters were in a much better balance and were no longer regarded as burdensome. Other cuts were at least adequate for immediate 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	44-64
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	49.56
NO. OF BOXES	8,879
CUMULATIVE	48.56
	04/01/02-04/05/02
	04/02/01-04/06/01
NO. OF BOXES	54.27
	04/01/02-04/05/02
	04/02/01-04/06/01
	40,195
	57,741

\*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

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ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS				WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	798	112.00-189.00	118-122	124.52	838	112.00-189.00	117-122	121.62	4,116	122.83
TENDERLOINS	142	135.00-195.00	-	146.83	150	130.00-180.00	130-135	136.67	748	143.45
BREAST - LINE RUN	113	64.00-69.00	64-67	66.25	113	64.00-69.00	65-67	66.25	505	66.50
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				350	60.00
LEGS	89	25.00-36.00	25-26	26.11	TOO FEW TO REPORT				365	26.36
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	389	13.00-18.00	13-14	13.40	469	13.25-18.00	14-15	14.70	1,985	13.77
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,300	15.00-25.50	18-19	19.15	1,380	16.00-25.50	18-20	19.45	6,370	18.83
WINGS (WHOLE)	281	51.00-71.00	66-68	67.69	281	51.00-71.00	66-68	67.69	1,451	67.81
WINGS (CUT)	303	72.00-88.00	73-75	75.35	409	69.00-80.00	74-77	75.31	1,832	75.85
DRUMSTICKS	69	36.00-40.00	-	36.52	69	36.00-40.00	-	36.52	354	36.68
THIGHS	29	36.00-44.00	-	38.48	TOO FEW TO REPORT				145	39.46
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				115	81.26

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 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

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TRADING FOR APR 04, 2002 F.O.B. DOCK. **TODAY'S**

TRADING FOR APR 05, 2002 F.O.B. DOCK. **TODAY'S** **5-DAY**

**RANGE** **AVERAGE**

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35.00 - 39.50

36.20

33.63 - 38.50

35.60

36.78

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 increased slightly as dealers assumed product for weekend coverage, however, overall the buyer interest was cautious and unaggressive. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts were adequate to fully adequate. Bone-in breasts were sufficient. Wings were available. Leg quarters were at least adequate but were noted as less abundant. Movement through retail and distributive channels was mostly light to fair. The market tone was about steady.

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

APR 04

APR 05

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			CURRENT NEG			WEEKLY		
	TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS	
BREAST - B/S	120	124.07	473,160	120	126.07	414,760	123.58	2,051,754	
TENDERLOINS	125-130	131.38	66,760	125-130	135.93	164,220	131.06	564,500	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	59-60	65.85	140,880	59-60	64.44	483,920	63.47	1,145,880	
BREAST - LINE RUN	59	60.63	129,160	59	61.32	150,880	59.76	682,800	
LEGS	32-33	34.37	128,920	32-33	34.83	176,000	35.11	615,080	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	18.49	429,502	17-18	19.88	531,352	18.55	2,512,624	
DRUMSTICKS	32-33	33.40	84,230	32-33	35.44	106,100	33.02	538,420	
THIGHS	25-26	31.33	66,980	25-26	32.89	60,930	30.93	343,120	
B/S THIGHS	81-82	82.94	56,720	81-82	77.98	46,560	82.09	318,190	
WINGS (WHOLE)	58-59	63.14	264,120	58-59	61.65	340,080	61.47	1,534,620	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.34	23,240	10-12	12.46	44,400	12.43	168,840	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	20-25	20.26	9,660	20-25	21.51	15,480	20.73	55,660	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	43.87	23,040	40-45	44.43	24,160	43.20	120,150	

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)**

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)**

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		AVG WTS	
	04/05	04/04	04/03	04/02	04/03	04/02	03/29	03/27
ALA	4,204	4,013	3,956	3,975	5.09	5.09	2,947	5.14
ARK	5,180	4,929	5,334	5,153	4.95	4.97	4,747	4.90
DELMARVA	2,509	2,373	2,329	2,349	5.21	5.17	1,829	5.18
KY-LA-TN	1,956	1,997	2,035	1,987	4.60	4.57	1,805	4.65
MISS	2,749	2,825	2,859	2,802	5.42	5.43	2,490	5.23
NC	2,540	2,618	2,448	2,595	6.16	6.16	1,538	6.10
TEXAS	2,377	2,437	2,424	2,431	4.90	4.97	2,560	5.00
TOTAL	21,515	21,192	21,385	21,292	5.17	5.18	17,916	5.14
MON-FRI	105,286(A)				100,280(A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 05-Apr 02 and 6-Apr-02 is estimated to be 32,189,000 up 19.73 percent from a week ago and up 0.3 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 26,885,000; last year 32,085,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 06-Apr-02 is estimated to be 151,947,000 head up 4.0 percent from a week ago, and down 1.2 percent from a year ago (Last week 146,133,000 Last year 153,854,000)

	RANGE
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**

	RANGE
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

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED** Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending March 23, 2002 (Preliminary),

	(A) Fast food/ Food service	(B) Retail	(C) Deboning
	4.20 Lbs & down	4.21-5.25 Lbs	5.26 Lbs & Up
-----THOUSANDS-----			

Head	24,09624,088	49,831	
Avg Weight	3.774.70	6.13	
% of total /1	25%25%	51%	

**COMPARISONS**

Last week	26,70529,710	47,559	
Avg Weight	3.824.79	6.15	
% of total /1	26%29%	46%	
Same week, yr ago /2	33,56621,646	50,691	
Avg Weight	3.834.67	6.00	
% of total /1	32%20%	48%	
To date/2002	374,445284,745	564,289	
To date/2001	384,331307,083	524,806	

/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 30-Mar-2002 (PRELIMINARY)

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

HEAD	146,133	1,978	1,250	3,228	391
AVG WT	5.31	3.41	7.99	5.18	6.89
LAST WEEK	151,624	1,812	1,360	3,172	545
SAME WK YR AGO	150,228	2,043	1,323	3,366	501
AVG WT	5.02	3.49	7.89	5.22	6.45
TO-DATE/2002	1,976,909	23,320	16,758	40,078	5,783
TO-DATE/2001	1,944,690	24,324	16,689	41,013	6,339

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 155.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 147.9 million head or 8 million head less than or 95 percent of estimated fryers available.

**EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: APR 02, 2002**

\*\*\*AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL POULTRY\*\*\*

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.50 - 1.62	Silkie	1.50 - 2.50ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.44 - 1.56	Pigeons	2.75 - 3.50ea.
Red Fowl 4-4.5 LBS	.28 - .54	White Pigeons	3.25 - 4.00ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.28 - 1.02	Rabbits	
Crossbred Fowl		4-6 LBS	1.00 - 1.24
5-9 LBS	.60 - .94	Rabbits	
Crossbred Roosters		7-11 LBS	1.00 - 1.18
4-6 LBS	.70 - .94	Bunnies	1.00 - 6.00ea.
Crossbred Roosters		Guinea Pigs	1.00 - 5.50ea.
7-11 LBS	.60 - .98	Goats	40.00 - 65.00ea.
Guinea Fowl	.85 - 1.55	Kid Goats	20.00 - 35.00ea.
Banty Roosters	3.00 - 5.50ea.	Doves	5.50 - 10.00ea.
Banty Hens	2.50 - 3.75ea.	Pullets 4-6 LBS	.60 - .84

Total Coops Sold 520

**EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 01-APR-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
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**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	60-63
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	65-85	70-75

**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. Trade sentiment steady. Demand was moderate to at times good.

Weights were desirable and slaughter schedules were full-time. 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 01-APR-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	AVG WT
FEBRUARY 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
23	153.5	154.3	99% 5.13
30	147.9	155.9	95% 5.31
YEAR TO DATE	2001.0	2015.3	99%
APRIL 6		157.9	
13		159.3	

**BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**

	-----THOUSANDS-----					
W/E	04/06/02	03/30/02	% CHG	04/07/01	% CHG	
Broilers	151,947	146,133*	+04	153,854*	-01	
Cattle	613	626	-02	613*	0	
Hogs	1,861	1,861	0	1,885*	-01	

Under Federal Inspection

\*ACTUAL

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL** Majority prices were unchanged on heavy, unchanged to slightly lower on light canners when compared to a week earlier. Supplies and offerings increased and were available on heavy canners but product still cleared satisfactorily. Offerings of light canners were sufficient for trade needs. Demand ranged light to good. The undertone was generally steady with some caution noted.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
22-24 MAJORITY 23-24	31-38 MAJORITY 31-32

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
24-27.5 MAJORITY 24-25	32-41 MAJORITY 33-34

**EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices were unchanged. Demand was generally fair. Offerings were at least adequate for the mostly normal processing schedules. Sales of finished product was clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was steady.

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings. Schedules were less than capacity. Trade sentiment was only steady.

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

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plants schedules heavy. Offerings ample.

### **LIVE HENS**

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

<b>HEAVY</b>	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(2)
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
<b>LIGHT</b>	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
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 adequate to fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal. Interest for finished product was clearing the increased availability of offerings. The undertone was cautiously steady.

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Sales were too few to report. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were fair with supplies slightly in excess of movement. Trade sentiment was steady at best.

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