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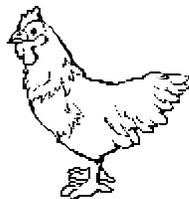
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices for next week's trading was mostly trending unchanged to higher. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm in the Northeast, steady elsewhere. Demand covered the full range but had stronger movement into restaurants, catering services, and where specials were present. Supplies were in a better position, but still available; however, in the Northeast, product was less available to tight. In the parts structure, trading was light to good with retail ads increasing interest. Breast items were close to tight and often sought, mainly boneless skinless and bone-in. Dark meat and wings were at least adequate to readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

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 04/29/02-05/04/02 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	42.00-45.00	42.00-65.00	44.83	24
Los Angeles	67.00			
New York	45.00-47.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	60.00-62.50	46.00-64.00	61.68	85

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.
796	56.40-64.50	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	1,269
BREASTS - B/S	141.50	4,551
BREASTS - WHOLE	69.50	1,105
THIGH MEAT - B/S	83.50	781
LEG QUARTERS	20.50	8,182
WINGS	65.00	3,278

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MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary prices for next week's deliveries into the Chicago area were unchanged from Monday's final. The trade sentiment for whole broiler/fryers was steady. Offerings of whole fryers and WOG's were light and more in balance with trade needs. Retail movement was irregular, light to good, mostly moderate and best for features. Food service demand was slow to fairly good with fast food outlets, catering and restaurants providing moderate to fairly good movement. Floor stocks were in a full range with weights desirable. Trading on parts was best for breast items and leg quarters as retail features were dominated by the two. Offerings of wings fully sufficient with the St. Louis area noting good demand, slow to light elsewhere. Drums, thighs and tenderloins were sufficient and slow to clear. The market tone was fully steady to firm on breast items, barely steady to weak on wings with leg quarters steady to fully steady.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail demand entering the weekend was slow to fair with mixed interest, best for ads. Food service was light to fairly good, best into fast food for promotional activity. Supplies were in a better balance, but still available if needed. In the parts structure, trading was mostly light, but good for breast items as supplies continued to clear well of an active call. Dark meat was usually sufficient, and wings were at least adequate with little movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices were unchanged. Offerings were easily adequate to cover immediate needs. Demand by stores and restaurants moderate to fairly good best where features and promotions in progress. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers. The market tone was fully steady to firm on breasts with balance of parts about steady. Ads noted: Southern California - whole body 57-99, whole cut-up 118, boneless breast 139-297, IQF boneless breast 3# bag 507 and 4# bag 899, IQF 3# bag breast tenders 899, marinated boneless breast 299, boneless leg meat 99-139, split breast 99-199, whole leg 99-169, leg quarter 77-89, 10# bagged leg quarters 230-270, thigh 59-169, drumstick 59-169, 5# bagged drumstick 295; Northern California - whole body 59-118, whole cut-up 79-119, boneless breast 269, breast fillets 269, leg quarter 48, drumstick 88, thigh 88; Arizona - whole body 47-109, whole cut-up 67, breast tenderloins 299, breast fillets 349, boneless breast 249-299, boneless thigh meat 199-349, thigh 99, drumstick 99, split breast 199-349; Colorado - whole cut-up 99, roaster 99, Cornish hens 149, boneless breast 249, wing 99, thigh 99, drumstick 79.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was moderate to instances fairly good entering the weekend. Offerings varied in availability, but ranged adequate to balanced overall with the heavier birds in the best position. Movement through retail and distributive channels was about fair. The market tone was fully steady. In the parts complex, breast items remained tight. Dark meat cuts were fully sufficient. Wings were readily available.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was mostly moderate and was sufficient in keeping seller offerings in good balance to well cleared. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were light to heavy and trending lighter at several points. Processing schedules were irregular and moderate in total. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 47 to 61 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady, instances firm. In the parts complex, boneless skinless and particularly bone-in breasts were clearing well. Leg cuts and wings were at least fully adequate to ample 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		44-68
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		49.69
NO. OF BOXES		9,616
CUMULATIVE	04/22/02-04/26/02	49.33
	04/23/01-04/27/01	56.48
NO. OF BOXES	04/22/02-04/26/02	49,026
	04/23/01-04/27/01	60,240

*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	847	124.00-189.00	128-135	132.70	868	130.00-189.00	130-135	140.24	4,272	133.36
TENDERLOINS	135	120.00-195.00	124-130	137.69	107	120.00-195.00	124-130	142.82	643	144.74
BREAST - LINE RUN	113	67.00-71.00	67-69	68.37	79	68.50-73.00	69-70	69.42	505	67.89
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				354	56.64
LEGS	88	26.00-35.00	27-28	26.82	88	26.00-36.00	27-28	26.91	475	26.92
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	428	15.00-18.00	15-16	15.76	429	14.50-18.50	15-16	16.22	1,941	15.59
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,239	17.00-25.50	19-21	20.05	1,295	18.00-25.50	19-21	20.43	6,371	20.05
WINGS (WHOLE)	285	51.00-68.00	65-67	65.39	281	51.00-68.00	65-67	64.90	1,421	65.29
WINGS (CUT)	304	69.00-72.00	70-72	70.79	382	69.00-78.00	70-72	72.45	1,868	71.94
DRUMSTICKS	68	35.00-41.00	-	35.71	69	35.00-40.50	-	39.90	341	36.56
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				132	39.44
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				116	82.54

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

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TRADING FOR APR 25, 2002 F.O.B. DOCK.

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RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
35.63 - 39.00	36.95

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
35.88-39.25	37.43	36.27

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 entering the weekend and was at least moderate to fairly good overall. Offerings of breast items remained tight. Legs and leg quarters were at least sufficient. Wings were readily available. Boneless-skinless thigh meat had increased in availability as deboners and further processors, unable to acquire sufficient supplies of bone-in breasts, shifted production to available product. Movement through retail and distributive channels was moderate to fairly good with continued feature activity providing the best draw. The market tone was fully steady to firm on breast items, barely steady on wings and boneless-skinless thighs, and about steady on the balance.

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

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG			CURRENT NEG			WEEKLY		
	TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS	
BREAST - B/S	135-140	133.64	408,840	140-145	138.28	416,944	132.91	1,988,174	
TENDERLOINS	125-130	130.66	77,600	125-130	129.41	114,960	132.66	471,580	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	67-68	73.66	181,800	69-70	74.65	206,040	72.21	1,014,640	
BREAST - LINE RUN	67	70.26	156,240	69	72.36	158,120	68.91	793,440	
LEGS	32-33	32.19	152,480	32-33	35.73	196,440	34.67	813,200	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	19.01	490,510	17-18	19.73	367,172	19.36	2,016,335	
DRUMSTICKS	32-33	33.71	93,790	32-33	34.22	130,760	33.28	609,710	
THIGHS	25-26	29.90	110,220	25-26	29.78	110,480	29.89	478,480	
B/S THIGHS	80-81	81.13	97,440	79-80	83.08	52,280	81.43	348,100	
WINGS (WHOLE)	58-59	63.52	243,160	57-58	62.40	298,280	62.56	1,615,800	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.39	20,520	10-12	12.19	33,000	12.17	141,680	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	20-25	19.83	13,552	20-25	19.81	15,240	20.42	60,927	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.09	25,400	40-45	44.10	26,560	44.08	125,310	

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	
	04/26	04/25	04/24	04/23	04/24	04/23	04/19	04/17
ALA	4,118	4,134	4,934	3,955	5.04	5.07	4,011	5.08
ARK	5,464	5,186	5,228	5,116	4.89	4.98	5,153	4.95
DELMARVA	2,243	2,328	2,344	2,272	5.16	5.19	2,229	5.10
KY-LA-TN	2,031	2,016	1,994	2,012	4.47	4.50	1,974	4.44
MISS	2,568	2,647	2,604	2,564	5.43	5.45	2,806	5.35
NC	2,715	2,662	2,659	2,665	5.97	5.97	2,559	5.99
TEXAS	2,439	2,464	2,468	2,439	4.83	4.86	2,632	4.66
TOTAL	21,578	21,437	22,231	21,023	5.10	5.14	21,364	5.09
MON-FRI	64,633(A)				63,854(A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 26-Apr 02 and 27-Apr-02 is estimated to be 32,283,000 up 0.70 percent from a week ago and down 1.8 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,059,000; last year 32,865,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 27-Apr-02 is estimated to be 156,607,000 head down 1.3 percent from a week ago, and unchanged percent from a year ago (Last week 158,640,000 Last year 156,893,000)

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

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	83-91
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

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

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending April 13, 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	28,321	21,086	45,807
Avg Weight	3.80	4.84	6.07
% of total /1	30%	22%	48%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	23,598	23,328	43,621
Avg Weight	3.77	4.65	6.11
% of total /1	26%	26%	48%
Same week, yr ago /2	34,379	26,401	48,281
Avg Weight	3.80	4.71	5.90
% of total /1	32%	24%	44%
To date/2002	453,282	348,868	701,507
To date/2001	482,465	392,823	657,250

/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 20-Apr-2002 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	158,640	1,910	1,417	3,327	449
AVG WT	5.16	3.39	7.95	5.33	6.71
LAST WEEK	157,463	1,927	1,327	3,254	405
SAME WK YR AGO	151,270	1,706	1,410	3,116	583
AVG WT	5.11	3.54	7.90	5.51	6.78
TO-DATE/2002	2,445,523	29,139	20,765	49,904	7,000
TO-DATE/2001	2,393,871	29,714	21,015	50,729	8,018

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 160.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 160.6 million head or 0.1 million head more than or 100% of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: APR 23, 2002

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL POULTRY

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.60 - 1.84	Silkie	2.25 - 3.00ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.60 - 1.82	Pigeons	2.85 - 3.25ea.
Red Fowl 4-4.5 LBS	.40 - .62	White Pigeons	4.50 - 5.50ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.60 - 1.02	Rabbits	
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.70 - 1.10	4-6 LBS	1.50 - 2.04
Crossbred Roosters		Rabbits	
4-6 LBS	.80 - 1.10	7-11 LBS	1.20 - 1.48
Crossbred Roosters		Bunnies	1.50 - 7.00ea.
7-11 LBS	.70 - 1.14	Guinea Pigs	2.50 - 7.00ea.
Banty Roosters	4.00 - 7.50ea.	Goats	40.00 - 65.00ea.
Banty Hens	3.00 - 4.50ea.	Doves	6.00 - 8.00ea.
		Pullets 4-6 LBS	.60 - .78
		Total Coops Sold	486

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 22-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

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

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	55-62	58-62
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	63-85	65-75

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 mostly steady. Demand was moderate to instances good. Weights were desirable. 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.

PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 22-APR-2002

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS MOSTLY	116-124	125

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

WEEK ENDING	SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE	AVG WT
MARCH	16 155.1	155.6 100%	5.00
	23 153.5	154.3 99%	5.13
	30 147.9	155.9 95%	5.31
	6 154.4	157.9 98%	5.07
APRIL	13 159.4	159.3 100%	5.10
	20 160.6	160.5 100%	5.16
YEAR TO DATE	2475.4	2493.0 99%	
APRIL	27	160.5	
MAY	4	159.6	

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

W/E	04/27/02	04/20/02	% CHG	04/28/01	% CHG
Broilers	156,607	158,640*	-01	156,893*	0
Cattle	698	683	+02	668*	+04
Hogs	1,923	1,895	+01	1,832*	+05

Under Federal Inspection

* ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL Majority prices were irregular on the heavies, unchanged on the lights when compared to a week earlier. Offerings were becoming more available but floor stocks continued to clear satisfactorily. Demand ranged light to moderate. The undertone was cautiously steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
22.5-25.5 MAJORITY	22.5-23.5 31-38 MAJORITY
31-31.5	

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
23.25-27.5 MAJORITY	23.75-24.5 31.5-38 MAJORITY
33.25-33.5	

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Demand was generally light to fair. Offerings were at least adequate to fully adequate. Processings schedules were mostly normal. Sales of finished product was clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT 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.

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

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked full schedules. Offerings ample.

LIVE HENS

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

<u>HEAVY</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(2)
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
<u>LIGHT</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
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 generally fair moderate for the adequate to fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal to instances heavy. Offerings increased in availability and clearances were irregular but clearing. The undertone was cautiously steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was light to moderate for adequate to fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were normal. Finished product sales were clearing. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

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