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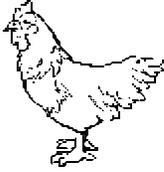
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were unchanged to higher when compared to previous week's values. Trade sentiment was steady to firm. Retail demand was fair to moderate, best for features. Food service was fair to fairly good, strongest into fast food. Supplies were irregular, but overall better balanced to instances close with increased interest. In the parts structure, breast items were close balanced to tight, dark meat and wings were at least adequate or available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy, 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 04/29/02-05/04/02 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	47.00-49.00	48.43	7	50.67	23
Chicago	42.00-45.00	45.52	44	47.26	81
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	50.90	21
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	55.40	10
Denver	66.50	66.50	18	65.86	21
Detroit	44.00	45.64	11	51.18	41
Los Angeles	67.00	64.28	72	62.73	155
New York	45.00-47.00	46.15	20	48.92	42
Philadelphia	44.00-46.00	44.75	12	44.93	23
Pittsburgh	44.00-45.50	44.64	11	51.68	53
St. Louis	44.75-45.00	44.42	16	46.98	35
San Francisco	67.50	66.30	30	67.35	56

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	04/29/02	Change/Last Wk	04/22/02	04/30/01
561	53.84	0.75	53.09	58.88

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	48.00-50.00	49.91	45
Central	46.00-54.00	51.05	62
West	52.00-60.50	58.54	40

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	60.00-62.50	61.68	85
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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.

MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG

LOADS	RANGE	FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,174	42.00-64.50	61.05

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	179.00	1,489
BREASTS - B/S	142.00	4,911
BREASTS - WHOLE	69.50	1,145
THIGH MEAT - B/S	83.50	821
LEG QUARTERS	20.50	9,412
WINGS	65.00	3,398

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity was about moderate entering the week as dealers cautiously assessed the market. Offerings of 3 pound birds were in good balance, however, the heavier sizes were at least sufficient. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm. In the parts complex, breast items remained tight. Dark meat cuts were at least sufficient. Wings and boneless-skinless thighs were readily available.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand following the weekend showed some improvement with strongest movement going into retail for ads and fast food specials. Supplies were better balanced to close, but still obtainable if needed. In the parts structure, breast items continued to clear well with supplies no more than adequate, yet tenders were often more available. Dark meat and wings were adequate to fully sufficient with mixed movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The majority prices were unchanged from last week. Reported trading for this week's deliveries were at mainly unchanged prices on regular commitments, however new negotiations were at unchanged to occasionally higher prices. Buying interest was fair but disappointing for first-of-the month. Offerings were fully adequate for current needs. Demand by stores and restaurants moderate overall. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. Trading reported on parts for this week's deliveries - leg quarters bulk 22-26 and 4/10s mainly 23.5, drumstick bulk and 8/5s in the mid to high 30s, breast bone-in generally 77-78 and boneless random weights 130-140. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 52.35 up 1.09 with the volume reported unchanged from last week at 27 loads.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices for this week's deliveries were up slightly into St. Louis, unchanged elsewhere with Ohio TFEWR. Trade sentiment on whole fryers was steady to firm with offerings limited. Retail demand was mostly fair, instances good and best for features. Food service movement was light to fairly good, mostly moderate and best for fast food promotions. Floor stocks were short to fully adequate. Weights were desirable. The market tone was fully steady to firm on breast items and leg quarters, barely steady to weak on wings.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to moderate. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate and were in better balance on the 3.0 pound and smaller sizes. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 47 to 61 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady. Bone-in breasts remained in close balance to short. Boneless skinless breasts were about adequate. Leg quarters were fully adequate. Wings, boneless skinless thighs and tenders were available and slow to clear.

*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	48.97
NO. OF BOXES	9,877

*8 of 8 plants reporting:

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was moderate to good over the weekend and fair to moderate entering the week as dealers cautiously assessed the market. Offerings of breast items remained closely cleared to tight at times. Dark meat cuts were at least sufficient. Boneless skinless thighs and tenderloins had increased in availability. Movement through retail and distributive channels ranged fair to instances fairly good, with scattered feature activity providing the best draw. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm on breast items, barely steady on wings and boneless-skinless thighs, and about steady on the balance.

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		140-145	137.86	401,120
TENDERLOINS		120-125	126.47	107,440
BREAST - WITH RIBS		70-71	76.04	172,760
BREAST - LINE RUN		70	74.52	145,880
LEGS		32-33	35.40	151,440
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)		17-18	19.49	436,639
DRUMSTICKS		32-33	33.38	117,460
THIGHS		25-26	31.73	70,120
B/S THIGHS		78-79	81.76	81,520
WINGS (WHOLE)		57-58	60.43	287,840
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)		10-12	12.46	29,320
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)		20-25	20.14	12,520
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)		40-45	42.90	20,000

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	1,266	120.00-140.00	125-130	127.97
TENDERLOINS	183	113.00-197.00	125-130	128.99
BREAST - WITH RIBS	243	65.00-84.00	68-71	70.84
FRONT HALVES	200	55.00-61.00	58	58.00
LEGS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,052	15.00-18.00	15-16	15.49
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,410	16.00-19.00	18-19	18.65
WINGS (WHOLE)	116	50.00-77.00	-	53.70
DRUMSTICKS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
THIGHS	2,284	22.00-39.00	22-23	22.29

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	04/29	04/25	04/25	04/22	04/18
ALA	4,057	4,031	4.99	4,024	4.96
ARK	5,229	5,115	4.76	5,149	4.76
DELMARVA	2,334	2,343	5.14	2,335	5.03
KY-LA-TN	2,047	2,005	4.51	1,933	4.46
MISS	2,644	2,633	5.55	2,588	5.33
NC	2,598	2,674	5.99	2,610	5.93
TEXAS	2,419	2,468	4.87	2,432	4.85
TOTAL	21,328	21,269	5.09	21,071	5.03
MON	21,328 (A)			21,071 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 29-Apr 2002 is estimated to be 31,909,000 up 0.92 percent from a week ago and up 4.04 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,619,000, last year 30,671,000)

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	846	134.00-202.00	135-140	138.46
TENDERLOINS	148	125.00-195.00	125	136.57
BREAST - LINE RUN	113	68.00-72.00	70-71	70.44
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	88	26.00-36.00	26-28	26.91
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	389	16.00-18.50	16-17	16.29
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,102	18.00-25.50	19-21	20.20
WINGS (WHOLE)	281	50.00-68.00	-	64.78
WINGS (CUT)	455	68.00-77.00	70-72	72.09
DRUMSTICKS	68	36.00-41.00	-	36.59
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
 TRADING FOR APRIL 29, 2002 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
36.00 - 39.75	38.42	36.96

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 29-APR-2002 TO 03-MAY-2002 CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	130.00 - 147.00	130.00 - 140.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	69.00 - 83.00	69.00 - 75.00
LEGS	28.00 - 45.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17.00 - 26.00	17.00 - 19.00
DRUMSTICKS	29.00 - 40.00	-
THIGHS	20.00 - 32.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	50.00 - 67.00	50.00 - 60.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	25.00 - 42.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 52.00	-

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

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	80-83
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	83-97
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	85
FROZEN DUCKS	139
FROZEN SQUABS	589

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

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

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

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.

CHICKEN 26-APR-2002
____ 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	880,000	318,000
WTD AVERAGE	14.39	13.09		
15-20%				
RANGE	9.00-13.00	9.00-13.00	1,310,000	416,000
WTD AVERAGE	12.42	11.32		
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 Prices were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair with schedules at least adequate for needs. Trade sentiment was steady at best. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) * FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 29-APR-02

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-11.75	8-9	8.98

*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.

CHICKEN 26-APR-2001
____ 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	-	11.50-12.00	163,200	-
WTD AVERAGE		11.94		
15-20%				
RANGE	-	10.00-13.00	1,711,200	122,400
WTD AVERAGE		10.60		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	9.00	12,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		9.00		

* 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 when compared to a week earlier. Demand was generally fair for the at least adequate to fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal to heavy. Offerings increased in availability and clearances were irregular but cleared satisfactorily. The undertone was cautiously steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 22-APR-02.

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-10.5	8.5-9	8.68
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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