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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices for next week are mixed, but mostly trending unchanged. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand entering the weekend was irregular, mostly fair to moderate, best into fast food and to cover weekend needs. Supplies of heavier sizes were at least sufficient, lighter weights were better balanced. In the parts structure, wings were close to tight and moving, and bone-in breasts were in good supply to well cleared. All other items were at least adequate to available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights in a full range, but mostly desirable.

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 01/13/03-01/18/03 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	54.00-57.00	53.00-65.00	56.43	25
Los Angeles	67.00			
New York	59.00-61.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	60.00-63.00	51.50-66.00	62.06	81

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 62.25 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.
852	55.25-67.30	62.05

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	173.00	1,279
BREASTS - B/S	139.50	4,851
BREASTS - WHOLE	67.00	1,153
THIGH MEAT - B/S	56.50	811
LEG QUARTERS	17.50	8,417
WINGS	63.50	3,348

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MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into the Chicago area unchanged from Monday's final. Whole fryer market tone was mostly steady. Offers were generally sufficient for lagging buyer interest. Weekend ordering into all sectors was light to moderate overall, occasionally fairly good into some Ohio area retail centers. Floor stocks were in a full range. Weights desirable. Interest and demand on parts was decent overall, best for wings, which were in close balance and whole breast were well cleared as well; remaining items were adequate for current trade needs. The market tone was fully steady to firm on wings and whole breasts, generally steady all on other items.

AS OF JANUARY 6, 2003 - CLEVELAND AND CINCINNATI WILL BE COMBINED INTO THE OHIO CITIES REPORT.

SOUTHERN BROILER Trade sentiment was generally steady. Retail demand was slow to fair with few features present. Food service had better movement, strongest into fast food for specials. Supplies were more available, but still in good balance for trade needs. In the parts structure, wings continued short of an active call, and dark meat was at least adequate with limited interest. Breast items were mixed, closest for fronts, longest for boneless skinless. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was mostly steady with trading for next week at mainly unchanged prices on regular commitments with new negotiations at mixed levels, lighter weights in the strongest position. Offerings adequate. Retailer demand moderate to good. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances. Ads noted (per pound unless otherwise stated): Southern California - whole body 49-89, seasoned whole body 99, boneless breast 159-399, seasoned boneless breast 377, boneless thigh meat 59-89, marinated chicken fajitas meat 149, split breast 97-99, whole leg 67-99, leg quarters 99-169, leg quarters 10# bag 260-490 and 8# bag 384, wing 99-169 and 5# bag 499, thigh 49-169, drumstick 49-169 and 5# bag 195, Cornish hens 97-99 and 12 count case 1899, fried 8 piece mixed 399; Northern California - Cornish hen 219, boneless breast 369-499, boneless thigh 219, split breast 89-199, wing 99, thigh 99-139, drumstick 99-139, leg quarter 99; Colorado - whole body 69, roaster 99, Cornish hen 2 for 500, boneless breast 179-399, breast tenders 399, split breast 169-199, drumstick 99, thigh 99; Arizona - whole body 47-109, whole cut-up 99, boneless breast 169-259, seasoned boneless breast 259, split breast 129-199, wing 99, drumstick 99, thigh 99, leg quarter 47.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers increased entering the weekend as dealers assumed product to cover needs, but was moderate overall. Offerings of the 3 pound and lighter birds were adequate to balanced, and the larger sizes were slightly more available. Retail and distributive movement was mostly fair. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, wings remained tight and bone-in breasts were closely cleared. Dark meat cuts were at least sufficient, although, thighs were in the better balance. Boneless-skinless breasts were adequate to available.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair at best. Seller offerings were more than sufficient for trade needs with 3.5 pound and heavier sizes more readily available. Live supplies were moderate; weights were in a full range of light to heavy, mostly desirable. Processors schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 60 to 71 cents. Trade sentiment was generally steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breast were in good balance and well cleared; wings in close balance to short. Other items were at least adequate to available.

*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	56-74
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	62.78
NO. OF BOXES	7,911
CUMULATIVE	62.98
	57.81
NO. OF BOXES	45,926
	55,885

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

JAN 09

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

JAN 10

ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS				WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	924	110.00-196.00	114-119	117.55	906	110.00-196.00	116-122	120.30	4,257	123.93
TENDERLOINS	103	115.00-176.00	-	133.38	108	115.00-176.00	-	133.64	706	134.71
BREAST - LINE RUN	113	62.00-72.00	63-65	65.89	85	61.00-72.00	65-67	67.34	515	66.11
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				193	65.75
LEGS	93	19.00-32.00	20-21	21.99	114	19.00-32.00	20-21	21.40	502	22.29
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	590	13.00-18.00	14-15	14.88	614	13.00-18.00	14-15	14.92	3,094	15.05
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,027	16.00-26.00	17-19	18.86	1,231	16.00-26.00	17-19	18.98	5,339	18.78
WINGS (WHOLE)	281	62.00-65.00	-	64.51	287	64.00-67.00	64-65	65.06	1,415	61.83
WINGS (CUT)	335	71.00-82.00	75-78	74.30	395	76.00-84.00	78-80	78.89	2,005	74.74
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				354	33.82
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				136	34.48
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				219	53.15

***** WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

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TRADING FOR JAN 09, 2003 F.O.B. DOCK. **TODAY'S**

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RANGE **AVERAGE**

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37.50 - 42.00

40.26

38.50 - 42.00

40.37

40.40

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 fair to moderate as dealers assumed product to cover needs. Offerings of bone-in breasts were in a tight balance and wings were short of full needs. Boneless-skinless breasts were adequate to available. Dark meat cuts were at least sufficient, although, thighs were noted as better balanced. Retail movement was moderate with best draw centering around split breast features. Distributive draw was fair. The market tone was firm on wings and bone-in breasts and about steady on the balance.

TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER LB.

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			CURRENT NEG			WTD		WEEKLY
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS	
BREAST - B/S	125-130	124.54	545,720	125-130	128.30	436,340	129.07	2,453,410	
TENDERLOINS	105-110	118.24	41,360	105-110	110.98	95,564	111.16	519,558	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	64-65	71.49	156,480	66-67	72.98	165,080	71.00	871,640	
BREAST - LINE RUN	64	67.41	203,880	66	69.18	142,720	67.23	816,080	
LEGS	31-32	31.95	181,840	31-32	31.05	297,440	30.91	1,273,920	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	18.27	399,852	17-18	18.39	317,264	18.09	2,357,582	
DRUMSTICKS	21-22	30.14	75,920	21-22	28.46	110,790	26.84	642,960	
THIGHS	20-21	32.52	45,960	21-22	33.34	53,740	31.91	324,280	
B/S THIGHS	62-63	64.25	42,600	62-63	61.33	33,170	60.95	279,930	
WINGS (WHOLE)	60-61	66.62	167,020	63-64	68.42	144,000	64.37	984,490	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.26	25,200	10-12	12.06	31,560	12.09	202,640	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	30.57	11,280	30-35	31.56	21,120	33.47	79,863	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	63.18	20,320	60-65	63.96	30,520	63.80	123,380	

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		ACTUAL		AVG WTS	
	01/10	01/09	01/08	01/07	01/08	01/07	01/03	01/01	01/03	01/01
ALA	3,946	4,044	3,726	3,879	5.30	5.29	4,635	(A)		
ARK	4,979	5,150	4,797	5,069	4.80	5.03	7,116	Holiday		
DELMARVA	2,288	2,366	2,378	2,366	4.96	5.10	3,213	Holiday		
KY-LA-TN	1,924	1,872	1,629	1,836	5.18	4.95	1,913	(A)		
MISS	2,669	2,884	2,814	2,896	5.42	5.38	3,068	Holiday		
NC	2,622	2,585	2,539	2,659	6.00	6.14	3,468	(A)		
TEXAS	2,457	2,458	2,456	2,409	4.93	4.90	2,700	(A)		
TOTAL	20,885	21,359	20,339	21,036	5.19	5.25	26,113	5.29		
MON-FRI	106,136(B)				86,844(B)					

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 10-Jan 03 and 11-Jan-03 is estimated to be 31,246,000 down 20.26 percent from a week ago and down 2.6 percent from a year ago. (Last week 39,185,000; last year 32,088,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 11-Jan-03 is estimated to be 153,194,000 head up 21 percent from a week ago, and down 4 percent from a year ago (Last week 126,793,000 Last year 159,574,000)

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

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	89-91
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	66-69
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	92-94
	DRY PACK	96-102
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104
	DRY PACK	113
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	92-98
	DRY PACK	
DUCKS		152-166

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 28-Dec-02 (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	20,200	13,130	30,903
Avg Weight	3.714	7.4	6.17
% of total /1	31%	20%	48%

COMPARISONS

Last week	19,631	20,191	31,672
Avg Weight	3.874	6.9	6.05
% of total /1	27%	28%	44%

Same week, yr ago /2	14,857	20,381	23,112
Avg Weight	3.754	7.6	6.39
% of total /1	25%	35%	40%

To date/2002	1,309,673	1,150,411	2,115,186
To date/2001	1,560,241	1,384,814	2,196,452

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 04-Jan-2003 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
HEAD	126,793	1,179	1,127	2,306	388
AVG WT	5.15	3.39	7.83	5.56	6.57
LAST WEEK	107,976	967	678	1,645	296
SAME WK YR AGO	118,269	1,436	1,171	2,607	392
AVG WT	5.20	3.42	7.92	5.44	6.69
TO-DATE/2003	126,793	1,179	1,127	2,306	388
TO-DATE/2002	118,269	1,436	1,171	2,607	392

The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 142.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 128.3 million head or 14.1 million head less than or 90% of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: JAN 07, 2003

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL POULTRY

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.50 - 1.70	Silkie	2.15 - 2.25ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.80 - 1.90	Pigeons	1.60 - 1.85ea.
Pekin Ducks	4.60 - 4.75ea.	White Pigeons	2.85 - 3.10ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.40 - .60	Rabbits	
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.70 - .72	4-6 LBS	1.50 - 1.78
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.80 - .90	Rabbits	
Crossbred Roosters		6-9 LBS	1.30 - 1.48
4-6 LBS	.80 - 1.00	Bunnies	2.50 - 5.00ea.
Crossbred Roosters		Guinea Pigs	10.00 - 15.50ea.
7-11 LBS	.86 - .98	Kid Goats	15.00 - 16.00ea.
Guinea Fowl	.90 - 1.05		
Banty Roosters	4.00 - 6.00ea.	Total Coops Sold	354
Banty Hens	2.50 - 3.00ea.		

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 06-JAN-2003

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	140	146
MOSTLY		
MIDWEST	122-126	123-127
MOSTLY		

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

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	53-59	57-59
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 unchanged. Trade sentiment was at least steady. Demand was fairly good to good as orders for the upcoming Chinese New Year are filled. Weights were desirable. 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 06-JAN-2003

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	116-124	125
MOSTLY		

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO

ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
NOVEMBER 30	116.9	145.5	80%	4.98
DECEMBER 7	153.8	146.7	105%	5.13
14	156.8	146.7	107%	5.09
21	154.7	144.4	107%	5.07
28	109.3	140.8	78%	5.10
JANUARY 4	128.3	142.4	90%	5.15
YEAR TO DATE	128.3	142.4	90%	
JANUARY 11		149.1		
18		152.4		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	01/11/03	01/04/03	% CHG	01/12/01	% CHG
Broilers	153,194	126,793*	+21	159,574*	-04
Cattle	658	557	+18	678*	-03
Hogs	1,935	1,747	+11	1,971*	-02
Under Federal Inspection					
*ACTUAL					

Effective January 3, 2003 the Eastern Region, North Central, and South Central Light Live Type Hen reports will no longer report light live hen prices in cents per pound, generally for slaughter within the next 10 days. The report will reflect producer costs in cents per bird for light type hen removal. The change is in response to requests from egg producers, hen buyers, transporters and processors to reflect current industry hen removal practices.

EASTERN LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Demand was no better than fair and generally unaggressive. Offerings were at least adequate to fully adequate. Processing schedules were normal. Movement of finished product was mostly fair. The undertone was generally steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Offerings continued fully adequate to ample for the mostly fair demand. Processing schedules were full-time with spent hen bookings running on an on-time basis with few delays. Processors were certifying that finished product delivered into Canada was not from California production at this time.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Negotiations were too few to report on salvage values. Demand remained light for fully adequate offerings of spent leghorn hens. Processing schedules were at desired levels. Finished sales were moderate. Opinions were steady on disposal costs.

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Majority prices were irregular on heavy canners; unchanged on lights. Demand was in a full range and trading was very limited on heavy canners. Supplies and offerings were in close balance to short and well cleared. The undertone was at least steady on lights; generally steady on heavies.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITH OUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
20-25 MAJORITY 22-23	30-35 MAJORITY 31-33

CENTS/POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
22-26.5 MAJORITY 24-24.5	32-37 MAJORITY 32.5-34.5

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

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was fair to moderate for the generally adequate offerings. Processing schedules normal. Finished product supplies were about adequate. The undertone was generally steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was light for adequate offerings of heavy hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

LIVE TYPE HENS

CENTS PER LB., DAY OF NEGOTIATION, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

<u>LIGHT</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Eastern Light	0-7 (1)	3-5
So. Central Light	TFEWR (2)	
No. Central Light	0-6 (1)	2-3

(1) Removal Cost

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., 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)	

(1) Buyer Loading (2) Producer Loading
(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

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