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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices for next week are trending lower in the Northeast, unchanged elsewhere. Trade sentiment was generally steady, about steady in the East. Retail demand was slow to fair and limited in locations where extreme cold weather affected movement. Food service was moderate to fairly good and drew strength from various areas, such as sports bars, fast food, catering services, and hotel restaurants. Supplies were at least sufficient with sized product in the West close balanced. In the parts structure, trading increased slightly to cover weekend/retail needs and for Super Bowl Sunday. Breast items and wings were balanced to well cleared, and dark meat was in a better position, but obtainable. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights in a full range.

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 01/27/03-02/01/03 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	53.00-56.00	53.00-61.00	55.29	23
Los Angeles	67.00			
New York	53.00-56.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	59.00-63.00	52.00-64.00	61.64	82

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.
888	54.60-67.00	62.07

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	172.00	1,333
BREASTS - B/S	142.50	4,893
BREASTS - WHOLE	75.00	1,153
THIGH MEAT - B/S	55.50	861
LEG QUARTERS	18.00	8,478
WINGS	71.50	3,387

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MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Chicago preliminary majority prices for next week's trading were unchanged from this week's final majority. Trade sentiment on whole fryers was steady. Offerings of whole fryers and wogs were generally adequate for the light to fair buyer interest. Frigid weather hampered retail sales, which were mostly light to fair. Food service demand varied by type of establishment, best for sports bars, hotel restaurants and fast food. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. Weights were mostly desirable. Parts demand centered on last minute needs for wings and boneless skinless breast. Supplies of breast items were adequate to barely adequate, with the balance of parts balanced. The trade sentiment was mostly steady on wings and leg items, fully steady to instances firm on boneless skinless breast and bone in breasts.

SOUTHERN BROILER Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand entering the weekend was light to moderate, fairly good for fast food specials and active retail ads. Supplies were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, breast items were close to tight and confidently held. Wings were available and moving, and dark meat was in good balance, particularly leg quarters and drums. In production areas, live supplies were mostly moderate with a slight increase in mortality rates due to extreme cold temperatures. Weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The preliminary majority prices were unchanged throughout the region. Trading reported for next week's deliveries at mixed levels but generally unchanged. Offerings in close balance to fully adequate with sized product in the best position and confidently held. Retailer demand was good overall particularly where features in progress and to cover the Super Bowl Sunday weekend needs. Dealers anticipated fairly good overall weekend clearances. The market tone was fully steady on leg quarters and firm on wings and breasts. Ads noted (per pound unless otherwise stated): Southern California - whole body 57, boneless breast 148-179 and 3# IQF 599, boneless leg meat 69-89, split breast 89-199, whole breast 89-99, leg quarters 79-99, leg quarters 10# bag 290, leg quarter 40# case 799-1199, wings 99-169, party wings 4-5# IQF 499, thigh 67-169, drumstick 5# bag 145, drumstick 67-169, drumettes 99, Cornish hen 99 each, Cornish hen 119-139, Cornish hens 12 count case 1999, fried chicken tenders 399, fried popcorn chicken 499, fried 8 piece mixed 349-499, fried 16 piece mixed 999, fried 32 piece mixed 1999; Northern California - whole body 59, boneless breast 399, boneless thigh meat 299, split breast 139-149, thigh 99, drumstick 99, leg quarter 99; Colorado - boneless breast 179-349, boneless breast tenders 349, boneless breast fillets 299, seasoned boneless breast 399, boneless thigh meat 199, split breast 99-199, drumstick 99, thigh 99, leg quarter 79, party wing 4# IQF 450-499, fried 10 pieces dark meat 299, 8 pieces mixed 399, 50 pieces mixed 1999, 100 piece mixed 3999, 250 piece mixed 9999, 500 piece mixed 19999; Arizona - whole body 47-119, boneless breast 299-449 and 3# IQF 699-899, split breast 87-269, wings 89, thigh 89-129 thigh 89-129.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers increased slightly but was mostly fair entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate for most immediate needs. Retail and distributive movement was limited. The market tone was no better than steady. In the parts complex, breast items were in good balance. Dark meat cuts were at least adequate, although, drumsticks were better balanced. Wings ranged adequate.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to moderate; parts fair to good. Whole body offerings remained fully sufficient for immediate delivery, particularly the smaller sizes. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were heavy when combined with operations slated for Saturday. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 56 to 66 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items and wings continued to clear well. Leg quarters and drums were generally well balanced.

*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		48-70
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		58.06
NO. OF BOXES		9,671
CUMULATIVE	01/20/03-01/24/03	58.22
	01/21/02-01/25/02	57.57
NO. OF BOXES	01/20/03-01/24/03	33,465
	01/21/02-01/25/02	38,335

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

JAN 23

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

JAN 24

ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS				WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	875	114.00-211.00	125-130	132.10	875	114.00-211.00	125-130	132.36	3,495	131.20
TENDERLOINS	93	120.00-176.00	119-121	138.26	101	120.00-176.00	120-122	136.81	390	136.10
BREAST - LINE RUN	75	77.00-79.00	-	77.03	75	77.00-80.00	-	77.04	298	75.88
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				191	64.82
LEGS	88	22.00-32.00	20-22	22.91	88	22.00-32.00	20-22	22.91	353	22.90
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	671	15.00-18.00	16-17	16.51	611	15.50-18.00	16-17	16.66	2,524	16.50
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,113	17.00-25.50	18-19	19.71	1,113	17.50-25.50	19-20	20.08	4,212	19.51
WINGS (WHOLE)	299	71.50-74.00	72-74	73.46	300	71.00-74.00	72-74	73.46	1,197	73.46
WINGS (CUT)	478	84.00-93.00	86-88	86.61	486	84.00-92.00	86-88	86.32	1,938	86.44
DRUMSTICKS	68	32.00-46.00	-	33.65	68	32.00-46.00	-	33.65	272	33.71
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				112	35.36
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				80	61.75

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS					WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS					
TRADING FOR JAN 23, 2003 F.O.B. DOCK.					TRADING FOR JAN 24, 2003 F.O.B. DOCK.					
TODAY'S					TODAY'S					5-DAY
RANGE					RANGE					AVERAGE
39.25 - 42.50					40.25 - 42.50					41.25
AVERAGE					AVERAGE					AVERAGE
40.74					41.25					40.67

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 entering the weekend but was mostly fair to moderate at best. Offerings of breast items were balanced. Dark meat cuts were at least sufficient, although, drumsticks had seen better draw through features. Wings were sufficient. Retail and distributive movement was about fair with promotional activity generating the best pull. The market tone was fully steady to firm on breast items, fully steady on drumsticks and steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED B/F PARTS, DLVRD TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER LB.

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD	CURRENT NEG			WTD	WEEKLY	
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	135-140	126.33	367,880	140-145	131.21	467,900	129.54	1,768,736		
TENDERLOINS	110	117.90	73,400	110-115	113.67	139,664	113.87	400,466		
BREAST - WITH RIBS	79-80	82.72	187,760	80-81	84.24	156,240	81.76	656,800		
BREAST - LINE RUN	79	81.10	144,560	80	83.10	123,640	80.12	561,360		
LEGS	31-32	31.96	231,880	31-32	29.33	224,040	31.04	898,080		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	19-20	19.92	490,393	19-20	20.36	296,798	19.42	1,860,129		
DRUMSTICKS	21-22	29.31	74,160	22-23	26.75	112,090	27.41	439,940		
THIGHS	21-22	33.33	44,040	21-22	32.31	61,120	32.08	229,700		
B/S THIGHS	62-63	61.53	56,240	62-63	62.59	30,360	63.63	208,310		
WINGS (WHOLE)	74-75	81.58	233,600	74-75	80.30	111,120	80.02	644,760		
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.18	36,280	10-12	12.06	32,400	12.07	141,640		
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	32.59	9,280	30-35	30.10	15,320	31.56	50,250		
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	51.91	23,520	50-55	52.21	18,480	51.73	90,270		

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	
	01/24	01/23	01/22	01/21	01/22	01/21	01/17	01/15	01/17	01/15
ALA	4,123	4,027	3,190	3,974	5.47	5.24	3,580	5.32		
ARK	4,857	4,919	4,699	5,125	4.94	4.97	4,850	4.76		
DELMARVA	2,587	2,326	2,376	2,360	5.20	5.21	2,473	5.10		
KY-LA-TN	1,963	1,857	1,568	1,835	5.28	5.02	1,925	5.14		
MISS	2,874	2,917	2,701	2,887	5.57	5.56	2,670	5.53		
NC	2,961	1,699	2,481	2,659	6.15	6.07	3,084	6.16		
TEXAS	2,434	2,438	2,428	2,431	4.89	4.90	2,159	4.64		
TOTAL	21,799	20,183	19,443	20,885	5.32	5.25	20,741	5.20		
MON-FRI	97,386(A)				103,468(A)					

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 24-Jan 03 and 25-Jan-03 is estimated to be 32,614,000 up 4.79 percent from a week ago and down 5.3 percent from a year ago.
 (Last week 31,124,000; last year 34,436,000)
 Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 25-Jan-03 is estimated to be 140,715,000 head down 8 percent from a week ago, and down 10 percent from a year ago
 (Last week 153,150,000 Last year 156,221,000)

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
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	102
	ICE PACK	94-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-105
	DRY PACK	113
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	
	ICE PACK	91-98
DUCKS		152-166

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 11-Jan-03 (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	12,009	15,024	25,186
Avg Weight	3.69	4.79	6.35
% of total /1	23%	29%	48%

COMPARISONS

Last week	19,242	18,030	38,654
Avg Weight	3.79	4.70	6.04
% of total /1	25%	24%	51%

Same week, yr ago /2	26,552	22,469	48,716
Avg Weight	3.69	4.76	6.25
% of total /1	27%	23%	50%

To date/2003	31,251	33,054	63,840
To date/2002	51,813	37,251	86,522

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 18-Jan-2003 (PRELIMINARY)

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

HEAD	153,150	1,841	1,505	3,346	410
AVG WT	5.14	3.30	7.84	5.34	6.48
LAST WEEK	152,541	1,736	1,413	3,149	421
SAME WK YR AGO	158,580	1,881	1,298	3,179	461
AVG WT	5.24	3.62	7.73	5.30	7.12
TO-DATE/2003	432,484	4,756	4,045	8,801	1,219
TO-DATE/2002	436,423	5,291	3,847	9,138	1,344

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 152.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 155 million head or 2.6 million head more than or 102% of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: JAN 21, 2003
PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

AI PAPERS REQUIRED FOR ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.30 - 1.40	Silkie	1.95 - 2.00ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.25 - 1.35	Pigeons	1.75 - 2.25ea.
Pekin Ducks	2.75 - 2.85	White Pigeons	2.50 - 3.10ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.60 - .70	Rabbits	
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.70 - .90	4-6 LBS	1.25 - 1.40
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.65 - .70	Rabbits	
Crossbred Roosters		6-9 LBS	1.20 - 1.40
4-6 LBS	.58 - .75	Bunnies	2.25 - 5.00ea.
Crossbred Roosters		Guinea Pigs	12.00 - 15.00ea.
7-11 LBS	.60 - .75		
Guinea Fowl	.95 - 1.00		
Banty Roosters	3.00 - 5.00ea.	Total Coops Sold	276
Banty Hens	2.50 - 3.75ea.		

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 20-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)	56-63	60-62
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	61-85	68-75

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 steady. Demand was good. Weights were mostly desirable. Schedules were mostly full-time with a few delivery problems noted due to the extreme cold temperatures. 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 20-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
DECEMBER 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
11	154.4	149.1	104%	5.11
18	155.0	152.4	102%	5.14
YEAR TO DATE	437.7	443.9	99%	
JANUARY 25		152.9		
FEBRUARY 1		154.2		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	01/25/03	01/18/03	% CHG	01/12/01	% CHG
Broilers	140,715	153,150*	-08	156,221*	-10
Cattle	667	656	+02	657*	+02
Hogs	1,898	1,988	-05	1,889*	0
Under Federal Inspection					
* ACTUAL					

