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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were unchanged to slightly lower in the East; unchanged elsewhere. Trade sentiment was no better than steady in the East, about steady to steady in most other areas. Retail demand was slow to moderate, with feature activity receiving the most interest. Food service was in a full range of slow to fairly good, best into fast food. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to available. In the parts structure, breast items were more than sufficient. Wings were readily available. Dark meat items were adequate to close balance and clearing. In production areas, live supplies were moderate with weights 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 02/17/03-02/22/03 (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	55.10	25
Los Angeles	68.00			
New York	53.00-55.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	60.00-63.00	55.00-64.00	62.76	82

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 63.00 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.
825	56.20-65.50	62.81
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	171.50	1,328
BREASTS - B/S	148.50	4,808
BREASTS - WHOLE	84.00	1,133
THIGH MEAT - B/S	56.50	876
LEG QUARTERS	19.50	8,446
WINGS	72.00	3,302

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MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices into the Chicago area were unchanged from last Monday's final. Whole fryer market tone continued about steady. Offerings were sufficient for the mixed, mostly very light trade interest. Retail demand was noted as somewhat improved going into the weekend, slow to moderate with features drawing best interest. Movement into institutional channel was light to fair. Food service interest continued uneven, slow to fairly good; moderate to fairly good into fast food in the Chicago area, slow to fair at best elsewhere and fairly good into restaurants. Floor stocks were adequate, weights desirable. Trading on parts was limited as buyers turn cautious and selective awaiting further market developments. Supplies of boneless/skinless breasts and wings were fully adequate to ample, leg items adequate to close and whole breasts sufficient. The market tone was steady on leg quarters and thighs, weak on boneless/skinless breasts and wings, all other items about steady.

SOUTHERN BROILER Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand entering the weekend was fair to moderate with retail ads and fast food in the best position. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was fair. Breast items were more than sufficient. Wings were available. Leg items were in good balance and clearing satisfactorily. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was steady. Offerings in good balance with the moderate buyer interest. Retailer demand light to mainly moderate. Dealers anticipated moderate week-end carryovers. Ads noted (per pound unless otherwise stated): Southern California - whole cut-up 87-148, marinated roaster 199, boneless breast 177-229, boneless breast 4# IQF 999, marinated boneless breast 2.5# IQF 599, breast tenderloin 3# IQF 498, breast tenders 4# IQF 1099, boneless leg meat 69-119 and marinated boneless leg meat 199, split breast 97-169, plain or seasoned leg quarter 77, leg quarter 10# bag 290-390 and 40# case 899, whole leg 67-169, thigh 49-149, drumstick 49-149, wing 77-149; Colorado - whole body 89, roaster 99, boneless breast 199-399, breast fillets marinated 399, drumstick 99-169, thigh 99-169; Arizona - whole body 59-68, breast fillets 349, breast tenders 199, boneless thigh meat 199-399, split breast 99-229, drumstick 89-159 and 4# bag IQF 276, thigh 89-159 and 4# bag IQF 276, wing drumettes 3-4# bag IQF 499-799, ground chicken breast 299, chicken breast kabob 399.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers increased slightly, but was generally fair at best entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate to available. Retail and distributive draw was slow. The market tone was no better than steady. In the parts complex, breast items were at least sufficient. Dark meat cuts continued adequate to fully adequate. Wings were readily available.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready to cook-whole-birds was mixed and irregular as some sellers made adjustments to delivery schedules due to the holiday Monday and forecasts of adverse weather through the weekend. Offerings were fully sufficient, although sizes tended to differ from plant to plant. Live supplies were moderate; weights varied in a full range of light to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate to light. Some plants were slated to close on Presidents Day Monday. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 56 to 66 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. In the parts complex, supplies were adequate.

*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		50-69
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		58.56
NO. OF BOXES		7,500
CUMULATIVE	02/10/03-02/14/03	58.27
	02/11/02-02/15/02	54.01
NO. OF BOXES	02/10/03-02/14/03	43,170
	02/11/02-02/15/02	52,903
	02/11/02-02/15/02	52,903

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

FEB 13

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

FEB 14

ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS				WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	960	118.00-236.00	124-130	129.42	925	121.00-236.00	124-128	127.77	4,275	129.50
TENDERLOINS	141	118.00-172.00	118-120	131.63	115	118.00-172.00	118-125	136.52	655	132.19
BREAST - LINE RUN	117	82.00-88.00	84-87	86.46	87	82.00-88.00	-	87.08	551	86.14
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				272	75.63
LEGS	98	22.00-35.00	23-25	25.51	101	22.00-35.00	23-25	25.42	517	24.67
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	675	16.50-19.50	17-18	17.87	675	16.50-19.50	18-19	17.81	3,294	17.71
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,095	19.50-26.00	20-22	21.27	1,155	19.50-26.00	20-21	21.10	5,438	20.85
WINGS (WHOLE)	275	63.00-73.50	-	71.95	95	63.00-73.50	-	69.00	1,036	71.79
WINGS (CUT)	429	81.00-90.00	82-86	84.72	415	80.00-86.00	83-85	83.46	2,207	84.35
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				339	34.18
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				143	33.08
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				194	55.21
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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS					WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS					
TRADING FOR FEB 13, 2003 F.O.B. DOCK.					TRADING FOR FEB 14, 2003 F.O.B. DOCK.					
	<u>RANGE</u>		<u>TODAY'S AVERAGE</u>			<u>RANGE</u>		<u>TODAY'S AVERAGE</u>		<u>5-DAY AVERAGE</u>
	44.25 - 48.75		46.85			45.25 - 48.75		46.91		46.68

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 fair to moderate at best as dealers remained cautious and selective. Offerings of breast items were at least sufficient. Dark meat cuts were adequate to fully ad-equate and wings were readily available. Retail and distributive draw was light and unaggressive. The market tone continued barely steady on boneless-skinless breasts and wings, and about 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	140-145	140.34	413,040	140-145	138.85	482,680	138.41	2,194,280		
TENDERLOINS	110-115	120.60	98,920	110-115	116.24	113,320	114.47	479,390		
BREAST - WITH RIBS	83-84	90.08	132,120	83-84	90.76	234,320	90.84	882,480		
BREAST - LINE RUN	83	86.77	133,880	83	86.97	133,880	86.44	627,560		
LEGS	31-32	31.31	158,320	31-32	31.12	308,240	31.00	1,149,920		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21	20.86	430,368	20-21	21.16	415,782	20.89	2,264,623		
DRUMSTICKS	23-24	29.11	103,020	23-24	31.45	134,230	28.08	617,045		
THIGHS	21-22	29.06	52,420	21-22	33.03	71,010	31.17	306,783		
B/S THIGHS	62-63	65.31	58,240	62-63	66.06	58,000	66.22	320,370		
WINGS (WHOLE)	68-69	69.82	217,790	68-69	71.05	192,110	71.75	905,760		
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.49	33,440	10-12	12.06	44,260	12.11	189,060		
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	26.24	10,960	30-35	29.43	12,920	29.90	83,585		
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	47.98	24,800	45-50	46.73	27,000	47.91	115,520		

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	
	02/14	02/13	02/12	02/11	02/12	02/11	02/07	02/05	02/07	02/05
ALA	4,071	3,795	3,681	3,795	5.08	5.16	3,688	5.16		
ARK	4,772	5,153	4,401	5,023	4.83	4.94	4,182	4.84		
DELMARVA	2,208	2,277	2,341	2,324	5.10	5.09	2,116	5.07		
KY-LA-TN	1,859	1,846	1,752	1,888	4.96	4.86	1,794	5.16		
MISS	2,813	2,824	2,890	2,931	5.39	5.45	2,437	5.61		
NC	2,603	2,606	2,396	2,659	5.87	6.02	2,425	5.96		
TEXAS	2,419	2,423	2,357	2,329	5.00	5.04	2,359	4.92		
TOTAL	20,745	20,924	19,818	20,788	5.15	5.20	19,001	5.20		
MON-FRI	104,434(A)				100,239(A)					

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 14-Feb 03 and 15-Feb-03 is estimated to be 31,037,000 up 8.85 percent from a week ago and down 2.2 percent from a year ago. (Last week 28,513,000; last year 31,742,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 15-Feb-03 is estimated to be 150,181,000 head unchanged from a week ago, and down 5 percent from a year ago (Last week 150,335,000 Last year 157,980,000)

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

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	90-92
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	102-103
	ICE PACK	95-99
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 01-Feb-03 (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	27,057	20,919	44,740
Avg Weight	3.80	4.77	6.18
% of total /1	29%	23%	48%

COMPARISONS

Last week	21,565	21,968	46,844
Avg Weight	3.87	4.74	6.24
% of total /1	24%	24%	52%
Same week, yr ago /2	36,117	19,445	49,841
Avg Weight	3.86	4.72	6.10
% of total /1	34%	18%	47%

To date/2003	104,283	97,266	198,316
To date/2002	151,897	107,299	226,998

/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 08-Feb-2003 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	150,335	1,689	1,377	3,066	421
AVG WT	5.05	3.26	7.49	5.16	6.62
LAST WEEK	151,181	1,579	1,443	3,022	440
SAME WK YR AGO	155,316	1,862	1,249	3,111	439
AVG WT	5.09	3.36	7.70	5.10	6.67
TO-DATE/2003	878,124	9,770	8,157	17,927	2,478
TO-DATE/2002	901,952	10,969	7,653	18,622	2,648

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 153.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 152.2 million head or 1.6 million head less than or 99% of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: FEB 11, 2003

PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

AI PAPERS REQUIRED FOR ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	RANGE	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.45 - 1.50	Geese
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.45 - 1.50	9-14 LBS
Pekin Ducks	3.00 - 5.00ea.	Pigeons
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.40 - .60	White Pigeons
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.70 - 1.00	Rabbits
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.70 - 1.10	4-6 LBS
Crossbred Roosters		Rabbits
4-6 LBS	.70 - .90	6-9 LBS
Crossbred Roosters		Bunnies
7-11 LBS	.70 - .80	Guinea Pigs
Guinea Fowl	1.30 - 1.35	Goats
Banty Roosters	3.00 - 5.50ea.	Kid Goats
Banty Hens	3.00 - 4.25ea.	Doves
Silkies	2.40 - 2.50ea.	Chukars
		Total Coops Sold 350

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 10-FEB-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)	59-66	63-65
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	63-85	68-73

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 fairly good. Weights were in the desirable range. Schedules full-time to slightly reduced. 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 10-FEB-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	
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
	25	145.9	152.9	95%	5.17
FEBRUARY	1	153.0	154.2	99%	5.21
	8	152.2	153.8	99%	5.05
YEAR TO DATE		888.8	904.8	98%	
FEBRUARY	15		153.6		
	22		153.7		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	02/15/03	02/08/03	% CHG	02/09/01	% CHG
Broilers	150,181	150,335*	0	157,980*	-05
Cattle	616	655	-06	650*	-05
Hogs	1,915	1,888	+01	1,863*	+03
Under Federal Inspection					
* ACTUAL					

EASTERN LIGHT LIVE HEN Majority values were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Offerings of spent fowl were at least adequate to fully adequate. Demand was fair to moderate. Processing schedules for next week were reported as mostly normal.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Majority values were unchanged. Demand continued moderate with offerings at least fully adequate to ample. Opinions on removal costs were steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Removal costs remained constant compared to the past week. Demand was light to moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were as desired, finished sales were fair. Opinions of disposal costs remained steady.

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Majority prices were generally unchanged on light canners; unchanged to slightly higher on heavy canners. Demand was in a full range with trading very limited on heavies. Offerings were in close balance to tight and clearing. The undertone was at least steady on both light and 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 22-22.5	30-35 MAJORITY 31-32

CENTS/POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
22-26.5 MAJORITY 24.25-24.5	31.5-37 MAJORITY 33-34

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked moderate to heavy schedules. Offerings ample.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was fair to moderate for the at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as mostly normal. The undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for sufficient raw materials. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

LIVE TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

<u>LIGHT</u>	<u>RANGE</u>		<u>MAJORITY</u>
Eastern Light	0-7	(1)	3-6
So. Central Light	TFEWR	(1)	
No. Central Light	2.5-6	(1)	4-4.5

(1) Removal Cost
(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

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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