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Majority prices were unchanged to slightly lower in the East, unchanged elsewhere. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand and availability was irregular, covering the full range due to winter blizzards in the Northeast and Midwest which affected deliveries and movement. In the Northeast, processing schedules were very light with many plants down yesterday and today. In the parts structure, trading was fair and also affected by weather. Breast items and wings were at least adequate, dark meat better balanced and moving, particularly leg quarters. In production areas, live supplies were mostly moderate with weights mixed, but mostly desirable.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 01/17/03-02/22/03 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG
Bos/New Eng	55.00-57.00	56.44	16	57.38
Chicago	53.00-56.00	55.28	43	57.58
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	—	—	60.35
Denver	67.50	67.46	17	66.69
Detroit	55.00-56.00	56.09	11	58.04
Los Angeles	68.00	66.66	62	64.47
New York	53.00-55.00	54.11	19	57.13
Philadelphia	53.00-56.00	54.27	11	55.25
Pittsburgh	53.00-56.00	54.73	11	59.93
St. Louis	55.00-55.25	54.81	17	56.24
San Francisco	68.50	67.90	30	68.46

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	02/17/03	Change/Last Wk	02/10/03	02/18/02
589	60.26	-0.60	60.86	55.63

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	59.50-60.50	60.27	30
Central	56.00-62.00	59.79	60
West	60.00-68.00	63.86	46
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent			
Mississippi	60.00-63.00	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.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,127	53.00-65.50	61.85

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	169.00	1,392
BREASTS - B/S	148.00	5,096
BREASTS - WHOLE	84.00	1,165
THIGH MEAT - B/S	57.00	908
LEG QUARTERS	20.00	9,430
WINGS	72.00	3,398

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity was mostly light to fair as winter weather conditions hampered processing and transportation schedules. Offerings were highly irregular due to the inclement weather. Retail and distributive movement was limited. The market tone was mostly steady. In the parts complex, all items were generally adequate.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand was fair to moderate, best for retail ads and fast food promotions. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to accommodate trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was fair with availability of all items at least adequate or obtainable with little difficulty. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged. Reported trading for this week's deliveries at unchanged prices on regular commitments and mixed on new negotiations. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate with small sized WOGs confidently held and heavy weights in the longest position. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. The reported Los Angeles negotiated WOG average for February 10th should have read down .30 instead of up 1.59 and the volume reported was down 7 percent instead of 11. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average for this week was 61.09 down .61 from last week with the volume reported unchanged at 28 loads. Trading reported on parts for delivery this week: leg quarters 4/10s mainly 24.5 and bulk 21-21.5, bone-in breast 91- 97 and boneless 135-139.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Majority prices unchanged from last Monday's finals. Whole fryer market tone was steady. Offers were limited for light to moderate trade interest. Retail movement generally slow, instances moderate and hampered by winter storms. Food service was slow to fairly good, best into the Chicago area on fast food. Floor stocks were in a full range with disruptions of deliveries noted. Weights desirable. Trading on parts was good for dark meat cuts, mixed on other items. Supplies of leg quarters close, wings plentiful, and breast items sufficient. The market tone was steady to weak on wings, steady to firm on dark meat, all other items mostly steady.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds and parts was totally disrupted throughout both production and delivery points by winter blizzard conditions. Seller offerings were very irregular as most plants shut yesterday and several were closed today. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were mixed and irregular. Processing schedules were very light. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 56 to 66 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady.

*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	57.33
NO. OF BOXES	8,476

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity entering the week was mostly fair to moderate at best as dealers assess market conditions and kept floor stocks in close balance with immediate needs. Inclement weather in most of the Northeast slowed transportation and hampered some processing schedules which in turn moved supplies in a better balance. Offerings of breast items were at least sufficient. Dark meat cuts were adequate and wings were available. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair. The market tone was steady to barely steady on boneless-skinless breasts, 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	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	140-145	137.63	281,320
TENDERLOINS	110-115	113.29	45,640
BREAST - WITH RIBS	83-84	89.97	86,400
BREAST - LINE RUN	83	86.00	72,000
LEGS	31-32	28.91	76,680
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21	20.94	393,059
DRUMSTICKS	23-24	27.03	55,000
THIGHS	21-22	34.76	35,000
B/S THIGHS	62-63	63.88	28,160
WINGS (WHOLE)	68-69	72.00	64,200
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.73	24,200
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	30.46	10,400
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	48.90	16,000

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	1,129	122.00-158.00	128-133	131.46
TENDERLOINS	1,340	85.00-173.00	133	126.80
BREAST - WITH RIBS	278	80.00-100.00	80-85	84.05
FRONT HALVES	784	62.00-79.00	68-70	68.85
LEGS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,178	17.00-18.00	-	17.49
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	3,219	18.00-20.00	19-20	19.21
WINGS (WHOLE)	581	37.00-78.00	-	59.28
DRUMSTICKS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
THIGHS	1,840	16.00-18.00	17	17.07

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	02/17	02/13	02/13	02/10	02/06
ALA	3,479	3,813	5.12	3,873	4.98
ARK	4,951	5,120	4.87	4,819	4.82
DELMARVA	0	2,279	5.08	2,338	5.10
LA-TENN	1,744	1,850	4.98	1,872	4.96
MISS	2,806	2,830	5.36	2,889	5.37
NC	1,339	2,574	5.79	2,557	5.89
TEXAS	2,447	2,385	4.95	2,313	4.90
TOTAL	16,766	20,851	5.14	20,661	5.10
MON	16,766(A)			20,661(A)	

Due to winter storm Delmarva had no operations reporting for 2/17.

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 17-Feb 2003 is estimated to be 25,084,000 down 19.09 percent from a week ago and down 15.4 a year ago.

(Last week 31,004,000, last year 29,661,000)

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	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	935	121.00-234.00	124-132	130.17
TENDERLOINS	161	118.00-172.00	118-122	130.06
BREAST - LINE RUN	87	82.00-88.00	84-86	87.08
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	675	16.50-19.50	18-19	17.81
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,055	19.50-26.00	20-21	20.92
WINGS (WHOLE)	279	60.00-73.50	-	71.80
WINGS (CUT)	535	81.00-86.00	82-85	84.14
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR FEBRUARY 18, 2003 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
44.25 - 48.25	47.18

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 17-FEB-03 TO 21-FEB-03 CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	118.00 - 145.00	138.00 - 141.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	84.00 - 100.00	85.00 - 90.00
LEGS	27.00 - 37.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	18.00 - 22.00	19.00 - 21.00
DRUMSTICKS	23.00 - 35.00	-
THIGHS	19.00 - 35.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	68.00 - 80.00	71.00 - 73.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	25.00 - 45.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	39.00 - 49.00	-

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

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	80
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	83-87
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	589

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

FRESH FRYERS	90-92
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	65-66
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#	ICE PACK	91-98
DRY PACK		
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.

14-FEB-2003

CHICKEN — 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	14.00-16.50	11.50	1,006,000	846,000
WTD AVERAGE	14.92	11.50		
15-20%				
RANGE	-	10.50-14.50	960,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		12.43		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	11.00	120,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		11.00		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

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.

14-FEB-2003

CHICKEN — 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	14.00-15.50	12.00-14.00	204,000	40,800
WTD AVERAGE	14.75	13.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	10.00-13.75	10.00-13.00	1,725,600	489,600
WTD AVERAGE	11.14	11.15		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	10.00-11.00	30,600	-
WTD AVERAGE		10.33		

* 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 to slightly lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to moderate for the mostly fully sufficient offerings. Processing schedules were reported as mostly normal. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER

THE WEEK OF 17-FEB-03.	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-9.5	7-8.5	7.97
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were normal at most plants. Finished sales were moderate. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 17-FEB-03

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.25-11	7-8.25	8.24

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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