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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were lower in the Midwest, mostly unchanged elsewhere. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady to weak in the Midwest, no better than steady in all other areas. Demand into all channels was moderate at best with limited features. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate and frequently discounted to help clear additional product. In the parts structure, trading was light and selective. Tenders were balanced, and the remaining items were more than sufficient or readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights in a full range.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 03/31/03-04/04/03 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
	Delivered to First Receivers				
Bos/New Eng	53.00-55.00	53.71	17	56.98	49
Chicago	47.00-50.00	49.95	42	52.17	76
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	—	—	57.15	22
Denver	68.50	68.44	17	67.81	20
Detroit	47.00-50.00	49.08	12	54.13	42
Los Angeles	69.00	67.26	62	64.27	141
New York	50.00-53.00	51.55	20	54.01	45
Philadelphia	51.00-53.00	51.73	11	50.98	22
Pittsburgh	51.00-53.00	52.18	11	57.27	58
St. Louis	48.50-49.00	48.57	22	49.75	37
San Francisco	69.50	68.48	30	70.63	54

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	03/31/03	Change/Last Wk	03/24/03	04/01/02
566	57.71	-0.30	58.01	52.95

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	54.00-56.00	54.48	30
Central	51.00-58.00	55.21	57
West	49.00-61.00	59.51	44

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	59.00-62.50	63.07	83
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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 63.75 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
1,173	45.00-66.00	62.36

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	173.00	1,387
BREASTS - B/S	155.00	5,081
BREASTS - WHOLE	84.50	1,403
THIGH MEAT - B/S	62.50	966
LEG QUARTERS	21.50	9,236
WINGS	69.50	3,423

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light and selective entering the week as dealers cautiously assessed the market. Offerings of the 2.5 pound birds were fully adequate to ample and the larger sizes were at least sufficient. Retail and distributive movement was seasonally light. The market tone was no better than steady. In the parts complex, breast items were at least adequate. Dark meat cuts were fully sufficient. Wings were readily available.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was mixed, but steady at best. Demand following the weekend was light to fair, instances moderate, with hopes of improvement for first of the month. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, tenders were in the best position and continued to clear well, and the remaining items were at least adequate or available with mixed interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged from last Monday's level. Reported trading for this week's deliveries were at unchanged prices on regular commitments and unchanged to mainly lower on new negotiations. Offerings were ample with sharp discounts common to help stimulate additional buying activity. Demand was moderate for whole body and fairly good for parts. Dealers reported moderate weekend clearances. The Los Angeles negotiated wog weighted average was 53.75 down 2.88 with the volume reported at 32 loads unchanged.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Majority prices into Ohio cities were TFEWR; with decreased majority prices in remaining areas from last Monday's finals. Whole fryer market tone was cautiously steady to weak. Offerings were moderate to heavy for the nonaggressive trade interest. Fill-in demand into all channels was slow to fair, mostly light. Floor stocks were in a full range. Weights desirable to heavy. Trading on parts was selective, best for tenders and dark meat items. Supplies were tight on tenders, fully available on all other items. The market tone was steady to firm on tenderloins, and barely steady to weak on remaining items.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds light to no better than fair entering the week. Offerings were ranged adequate to ample with the smaller sizes more readily available. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights varied in a full range of light to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 52 to 62 cents. Trade sentiment was generally steady. In the parts complex, tenders were in close balance and clearing. Wings were readily available and competitively priced in most instances. Other items were at least 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	50-65
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	54.39
NO. OF BOXES	8,553

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was light and selective entering the week as dealers cautiously assessed the market. Offerings of breast items were at least sufficient. Legs and leg quarters were adequate to fully adequate. Wings were readily available at discounted levels. Retail and distributive draw was seasonally slow. The market tone was barely steady to weak on wings, 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	WTD	VOLUME
ITEM	TRADING		AVG	/LBS
BREAST - B/S	145-150		148.79	366,280
TENDERLOINS	120		127.04	121,000
BREAST - WITH RIBS	78-79		81.95	166,840
BREAST - LINE RUN	78		79.06	133,240
LEGS	32-33		33.05	363,560
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21		20.92	453,901
DRUMSTICKS	23-24		28.40	119,140
THIGHS	22-23		34.41	33,760
B/S THIGHS	62-63		70.06	65,320
WINGS (WHOLE)	60-61		67.70	136,160
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12		12.21	51,960
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35		26.81	11,840
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45		39.31	27,168

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	1,176	116.00-180.00	135-140	138.27
TENDERLOINS	1,398	124.00-173.00	124-126	127.31
BREAST - WITH RIBS	220	75.00-99.00	77-78	79.18
FRONT HALVES	372	68.00-78.00	68	68.33
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,043	17.00-20.00	17-18	17.85
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	3,234	20.00-21.00	21	20.84
WINGS (WHOLE)	599	49.00-78.00	-	64.67
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS	960	14.00-19.00	18-19	18.00

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	03/31	03/27	03/27	03/24	03/20
ALA	4,027	3,866	5.12	3,745	5.08
ARK	5,253	5,041	4.91	5,194	4.93
DELMARVA	2,275	2,341	4.98	2,284	5.28
KY-LA-TN	1,942	1,927	4.82	1,959	4.71
MISS	2,868	2,851	5.29	2,825	5.25
NC	2,474	2,457	5.90	2,491	5.90
TEXAS	2,451	2,424	4.94	2,442	4.92
TOTAL	21,290	20,907	5.12	20,940	5.14
MON	21,290(A)			20,940(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 31-Mar 2003 is estimated to be 31,853,000 up 1.37 percent from a week ago and up 16.01 percent from a year ago. (Last week 31,423,000 last year 27,456,000)

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. **POUNDS**

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
				AVG
BREAST - B/S	907	129.00-230.00	130-138	133.14
TENDERLOINS	263	119.00-187.00	120-125	129.68
BREAST - LINE RUN	96	80.00-87.00	82-85	83.74
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	102	25.00-38.00	28-29	29.81
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	658	17.00-20.50	18-20	18.83
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,020	19.00-26.00	21-22	21.57
WINGS (WHOLE)	282	45.00-70.00	-	63.35
WINGS (CUT)	585	63.00-84.00	78-80	77.80
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 MAR 31, 2003 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
43.00 - 47.75	46.64	46.95

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.

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 MAR-31- APR 4,2002

CENTS PER POUND	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	132.00 - 157.00	140.00 - 150.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	82.00 - 102.00	82.00 - 85.00
LEGS	20.00 - 40.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17.00 - 24.00	20.00 -
DRUMSTICKS	20.00 - 35.00	-
THIGHS	23.00 - 35.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	41.00 - 76.00	69.00 - 71.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 52.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	39.00 - 45.00	-

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

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	81
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	84-88
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	589

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

FRESH FRYERS	91-93
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

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK 103-104
	ICE PACK 96-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK 113
	ICE PACK 104-105
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 91-98
	DRY PACK
DUCKS	155-166

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.

28-MAR-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	15.00-17.00	15.20-16.00	994,000	424,000
WTD AVERAGE	16.00	15.49		
15-20%				
RANGE	13.60-14.00	11.00-15.00	1,526,400	-
WTD AVERAGE	13.70	13.18		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	12.50	80,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		12.50		

* 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.

28-MAR-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	-	17.00	40,800	-
WTD AVERAGE		17.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	12.00-16.00	11.00-17.00	1,978,400	652,800
WTD AVERAGE	14.00	12.87		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	12.00	20,400	-
WTD AVERAGE		12.00		

* 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 to lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly moderate for the fully sufficient offerings. Finished sales were moderate. 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 31-MAR-03.	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5-9.5	7-8	7.85
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 Prices were generally unchanged compared to the past week. Interest for spent heavy hens was moderate. Offerings were at least adequate from production areas. Sales of finished product were fair. Schedules were as desired. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 31-MAR-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
	CENTS/LB.		
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5.25-11	7-8	8.11

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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