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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices for next week's trading was trending mostly unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady in the West, about steady to weak in the Midwest, mostly steady elsewhere. Demand was mixed with some areas reporting improvements for the weekend, and others slow to fair with nominal first of the month business. Supplies were adequate to ample for trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was light, but improved where retail ads were active. Dark meat and wings were in the longest positions with interest limited. Tenders were balanced to close and had best movement, and all other breast items were available. 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 04/07/03-04/11/03 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
(Including branded product)				
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	47.00-50.00	45.00-59.00	48.04	27
Los Angeles	69.00			
New York	50.00-53.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	59.00-62.50	45.00-69.00	63.09	81

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 63.50 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.
893	57.86-65.75	63.38
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:		
	WTD. AVG.	VOLUME
ITEM	(CENTS PER POUND)	(000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	177.00	988
BREASTS - B/S	155.50	4,643
BREASTS - WHOLE	85.00	1,323
THIGH MEAT - B/S	61.00	646
LEG QUARTERS	21.50	8,331
WINGS	69.00	3,187

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MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS The Chicago preliminary majority for next week's trading was unchanged from Monday's final majority. Whole fryer market tone ranged from about steady to weak. Offerings were adequate for the less than active interest. Retail demand was light to instances fair and generally disappointing for first of the month. Food service trade was slow to moderate and expected to improve slightly for the weekend. Floor stocks were adequate to long. Weights ranged desirable to instances heavy. Feature activity in Detroit centered on leg quarters at 25-29 cents. Supplies of tenders were in close balance, boneless/skinless were acceptable, all other items were more than sufficient. The market tone was fully steady to firm on tenders, mostly steady on boneless/skinless breasts and barely steady to weak on wings, whole breast and dark meat.

SOUTHERN BROILER Trade sentiment was mixed, but overall steady at best. Demand entering the weekend was light to moderate, best for retail ads and fast food promotions, with regular commitments satisfying most needs. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient for trade requirements. In the parts structure, tenders were in balance to closely cleared and moving. Dark meat was more available with decreased interest, wings were at least adequate with light demand, and the remaining breast items were adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices were unchanged from last week. The market tone was steady on regular commitments and barely steady on new negotiations. Offerings were ample with weights over 3 pounds in the longest position. Buying was fair. Retailer demand was fairly good overall best for parts. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances. Trade sentiment was mixed on parts with white meat items in the strongest position. Ads noted (per pound unless otherwise stated): Southern California – whole body 99, whole cut-up 99-148, marinated Cornish hen 199, cornish hen 97, boneless breast 187-399, boneless breast 2.5# IQF 699, boneless thigh meat 168-197, boneless leg meat marinated 199, boneless leg meat 69-99, split breast 98-179, leg quarter 77, leg quarter 10# bag 230-390, marinated leg quarter 89, wing 69-137, wings 5# IQF 499-699, thigh 49-99, drumstick 49-99, drumstick 5# bag 195, gizzards 59, (deli section fried - mixed 8 piece 499-599, 16 piece drumstick and thigh 499); Northern California – whole body free range 159, boneless breast free range 559, boneless breast 399, breast fillets 399, split breast 149, drumstick 149, thigh 149; Colorado – roaster 99 buy one get one free, thigh 99 buy one get one free, boneless breast 359, breast tenders 299, wing 4# IQF 599, leg quarter 69; Arizona – roaster 99, boneless breast 169-369, breast tenders 199-369, split breast 99, split breast 4# IQF 599, drumstick 99-139, thigh 99-139.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair to moderate entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes were generally sufficient for current needs. Retail and distributive draw was seasonally slow. The market tone was at least steady. In the parts complex, breast items were at least adequate. Wings were ample. Legs were available and the balance of cuts were adequate to fully adequate.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds increased entering the first weekend of the month. Offerings were fully adequate and were generally noted as in much better balance, particularly on the 3.5 pound sizes. Live supplies were 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 steady. Boneless skinless and bone-in breasts were irregularly available; retail ad activity was keeping some supplies in good balance. Leg items were fully adequate to ample. Inquiry for wings increased; 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		50-63
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		54.82
NO. OF BOXES		6,306
CUMULATIVE	03/31/03-04/04/03	54.65
	04/01/02-04/05/02	48.56
NO. OF BOXES	03/31/03-04/04/03	39,374
	04/01/02-04/05/02	40,195

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

APR 03

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

APR 04

ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS				WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	895	131.00-230.00	131-135	134.51	940	130.00-230.00	130-135	133.19	4,292	133.82
TENDERLOINS	281	119.00-187.00	124-129	130.50	615	130.00-187.00	130-138	142.98	1,678	135.20
BREAST - LINE RUN	60	79.00-88.00	83-85	84.38	91	82.00-88.00	82-84	83.67	366	83.98
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				261	70.36
LEGS	133	26.00-38.00	27-29	28.53	123	25.00-38.00	25-27	27.15	572	28.60
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	624	17.00-20.50	18-19	18.77	598	16.00-19.50	17-18	17.83	3,088	18.62
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	860	19.00-26.00	20-22	21.51	1,197	18.00-26.00	19-20	20.62	4,887	21.31
WINGS (WHOLE)	282	45.00-70.00	-	66.90	282	45.00-70.00	-	66.90	1,230	65.65
WINGS (CUT)	545	63.00-84.00	79-82	79.99	542	60.00-84.00	78-81	78.11	2,784	78.59
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				362	36.53
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				188	29.67
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				143	55.51
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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS					WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS					
TRADING FOR APR 03, 2003 F.O.B. DOCK.					TRADING FOR APR 04, 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>	
	43.00 - 46.75		45.71		40.50 - 44.75		42.75		44.86	

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 was fair to moderate as dealers assumed product to cover first of the month weekend needs. Offerings of breast items were sufficient. Dark meat cuts were adequate to fully adequate, with legs noted in the longest position. Wings were readily available at discounted levels. Retail and distributive draw was seasonally slow. The market tone was barely steady on 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	145-150	147.73	366,200	145-150	147.17	474,400	147.88	2,114,200		
TENDERLOINS	120-125	127.10	109,400	120-125	128.46	144,240	127.64	638,360		
BREAST - WITH RIBS	78-79	85.31	174,640	78-79	85.13	161,240	84.45	824,880		
BREAST - LINE RUN	78	81.08	92,520	78	79.41	90,160	79.49	530,560		
LEGS	32-33	32.13	295,600	32-33	33.16	284,040	33.23	1,327,040		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21	21.20	515,635	20-21	21.02	385,028	21.00	2,262,302		
DRUMSTICKS	23-24	26.94	126,020	23-24	28.59	127,970	28.31	616,310		
THIGHS	22-23	32.14	56,440	22-23	33.52	63,600	32.54	282,120		
B/S THIGHS	62-63	67.29	75,480	62-63	67.97	63,720	68.64	365,520		
WINGS (WHOLE)	59-60	64.53	134,300	58-59	62.94	190,640	61.81	969,740		
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.45	29,680	10-12	12.27	31,720	12.16	188,120		
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	26.19	13,510	30-35	28.59	12,960	27.69	67,985		
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	39.35	24,240	40-45	40.51	21,400	39.98	120,458		

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			
	04/04	04/03	04/02	04/01	04/02	04/01	03/28	03/26	04/02	04/01		
ALA	3,952	3,949	3,884	3,956	5.25	5.20	4,171	5.23	5.25	5.20		
ARK	5,114	5,218	5,113	5,113	5.05	5.07	4,576	4.95	5.05	5.07		
DELMARVA	2,185	2,312	2,291	2,293	5.15	5.10	2,177	5.11	5.15	5.10		
KY-LA-TN	1,808	1,889	1,835	1,895	4.81	4.96	1,825	4.77	4.81	4.96		
MISS	2,287	2,841	2,808	2,861	5.34	5.31	2,631	5.32	5.34	5.31		
NC	2,338	2,487	2,414	2,659	6.09	6.03	2,541	5.99	6.09	6.03		
TEXAS	2,447	2,457	2,391	2,441	4.99	5.05	2,564	4.98	4.99	5.05		
TOTAL	20,131	21,153	20,736	21,119	5.23	5.23	20,485	5.17	5.23	5.23		
MON-FRI	105,000(A)				103,537(A)							

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 04-Apr 03 and 5-Apr-03 is estimated to be 30,118 ,000 down 2.02 percent from a week ago and down 5.0 percent from a year ago.
 (Last week 30,740,000; last year 31,697,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 05-Apr-03 is estimated to be 152,363,000 head unchanged from a week ago, and unchanged from a year ago.
 (Last week 152,814,000 Last year 152,511,000)

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

	RANGE
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

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

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 22-Mar-03 (Preliminary),

	(A) Fast food/ Food service 4.20 Lbs & down	(B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs	(C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs & Up
-----THOUSANDS-----			

Head	27,427	29,572	40,349
Avg Weight	3.71	4.74	6.30
% of total /1	28%	30%	41%

COMPARISONS

Last week	26,160	21,941	36,261
Avg Weight	3.71	4.83	6.21
% of total /1	31%	26%	43%

Same week, yr ago /2	24,096	24,088	49,831
Avg Weight	3.77	4.70	6.13
% of total /1	25%	25%	51%

To date/2003	278,799	255,892	505,621
To date/2002	374,445	284,745	564,289

/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 29-Mar-2003 (PRELIMINARY)

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

HEAD	152,814	1,980	1,391	3,371	413
AVG WT	5.07	3.43	7.84	5.25	6.92
LAST WEEK	153,022	1,597	1,280	2,877	411
SAME WK YR AGO	146,133	1,978	1,250	3,228	391
AVG WT	5.31	3.41	7.99	5.18	6.89
TO-DATE/2003	1,934,639	21,383	17,442	38,825	5,416
TO-DATE/2002	1,976,909	23,320	16,758	40,078	5,783

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 155.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 154.7 million head or 1 million head less than or 99% of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: APR 01, 2003
PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

AI PAPERS REQUIRED FOR ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.35 - 1.50	Silkie	2.00 - 3.50ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.40 - 1.70	Geese 9-14 LBS	.65
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.30 - .50	Pigeons	2.50 - 2.85ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.50 - .70	White Pigeons	4.00ea.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.70 - .95	Rabbits	
Crossbred Roasters		4-6 LBS	1.30 - 1.60
4-6 LBS	.60 - 1.20	Rabbits	
Crossbred Roasters		6-9 LBS	1.25 - 1.45
7-11 LBS	.50 - 1.02	Bunnies	5.00 - 12.00ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.95 - 2.25	Guinea Pigs	10.00 - 13.00ea.
Banty Roasters	4.00 - 6.00ea.	Goats	40.00 - 57.00ea.
Banty Hens	3.00 - 4.25ea.	Kid Goats	47.00 - 50.00ea.
		Doves	4.00 - 7.00ea.

Total Coops Sold 610

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 31-MAR-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	124-128	125-130
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)	58-65	62-64
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	61-85	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 Trade sentiment was steady.

Demand remained moderate to at times good. Weights were in the desirable range. Schedules were mostly 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 \$.30-.45, 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 31-MAR-2003

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	107-124	125
MOSTLY		

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
FEBRUARY	22 149.1	153.7	97%	5.04
	1 150.2	153.4	98%	5.12
MARCH	8 153.4	155.2	99%	4.94
	15 153.2	156.5	98%	5.23
	22 154.9	155.9	99%	5.09
	29 154.7	155.7	99%	5.07
YEAR TO DATE	1958.2	1988.8	98%	
APRIL	5 155.4			
	12 154.3			

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	04/05/03	03/29/03	% CHG	03/30/02	% CHG
Broilers	152,363	152,814*	0	152,511*	0
Cattle	639	626	+02	617*	-01
Hogs	1,880	1,906	-01	1,861*	+01

Under Federal Inspection

* ACTUAL

EASTERN LIGHT LIVE HEN Removal values were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Offerings of spent hens were generally sufficient for trade needs. Demand was fair to moderate. Processing schedules were reported as normal. Opinions on removal cost were mostly steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Values were unchanged to lower. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate with demand fair to fairly good, best into feed supplement processors. Opinions of value were mostly steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Salvage costs were viewed as unchanged from a week earlier. Offerings were fully adequate with interest easily satisfied at slaughter operations. Schedules were reduced but as desired. Removal values were viewed as static.

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Majority prices were unchanged on both light and heavy canners when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly fair to good with very light trading on heavy canners. Offerings were in close balance to short with product well cleared at most locations. The undertone was at least steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITH OUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
20-25 MAJORITY 22.5-23	29-35 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 24.75-25	31-37 MAJORITY 33-34

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plant schedules light. Offerings remained limited.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was fair to mostly moderate for the more than sufficient offerings. Finished sales were moderate. Processing schedules were reported as normal. The undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was light for at least adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were slow. Schedules were as desired. Trade sentiment was about steady.

LIVE TYPE HENS

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

LIGHT	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern Light	0-8 (1)	5-6
So. Central Light	TFEWR (2)	
No. Central Light	0-8 (1)	3.5-6

(1) Removal Cost
PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE FOLLOWING WEEK

HEAVY	RANGE	MAJORITY
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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