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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices were unchanged in the West and East, irregular elsewhere. Trade sentiment was mostly steady with some caution noted. Demand was mixed, mostly fair at best, with interest strongest for more traditional Easter items. Supplies of all sizes were at least sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was light and selective with regular commitments satisfying most needs. Breast items were sufficient, closest for tenders, and the remaining items were at least adequate or readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights in a full range of light to heavy.

Final 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 04/14/03-04/19/03 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	53.00-55.00	54.00	13	55.59	30
Chicago	47.00-50.00	50.10	39	52.57	76
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	—	—	55.30	19
Denver	68.50	68.43	17	66.51	21
Detroit	49.00-50.00	50.60	10	54.40	44
Los Angeles	69.00	67.19	62	64.62	121
New York	50.00-53.00	52.14	22	53.61	45
Philadelphia	51.00-53.00	52.27	11	51.25	22
Pittsburgh	51.00-53.00	52.90	10	57.49	58
St. Louis	48.00-49.25	48.95	22	50.07	42
San Francisco	69.50	68.29	29	69.58	56

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	04/14/03	Change/Last Wk	04/07/03	04/15/02
534	57.87	0.16	57.71	54.09

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	53.50-56.00	53.87	31
Central	51.00-58.00	55.51	57
West	50.00-62.00	57.12	45

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	58.50-63.00	62.92	84
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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 63.50 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
1,090	45.00-65.75	62.49

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	181.00	1,333
BREASTS - B/S	156.50	4,955
BREASTS - WHOLE	86.00	1,384
THIGH MEAT - B/S	64.00	888
LEG QUARTERS	21.00	8,764
WINGS	69.00	3,306

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SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand following the weekend was seasonally light with little trading. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. Some plants planned reduced schedules this week due to limited pre-Easter demand, and in observance of Good Friday. In the parts structure, movement was fair at best, and availability possibly reduced due to lighter kill schedules. Breast items were in better balance, but obtainable, wings and dark meat was at least adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate, at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light and selective entering the week as dealers kept floor stocks in close balance. Offerings of all sizes were sufficient for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was seasonally light and unaggressive. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, breast items were at least adequate. Dark meat cuts were fully sufficient. Wings were available.

WESTERN Final majority prices unchanged from last week's levels. Trading reported for this week's deliveries were at unchanged to slightly higher prices. Offerings were at least adequate for the seasonal buying activity. Buyers' needs were fair. Retail demand, although reduced, was generally moderate. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. Trading reported on parts for this week's deliveries on parts: leg quarters bulk 21-23.5 and 4/10s 22.5-23.5, drumstick high 20s, breast bone-in 88-98 and boneless 145-148. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was up .45 to 52.24 with the volume reported up 14 percent to 33 loads.

MIDWEST Majority prices into Ohio cities were TFEWR, all other areas unchanged to slightly higher from last Monday's finals. Whole fryer market tone was cautiously steady. Offerings were available for the limited trade interest as buyers focus on other proteins items for Easter. Food service and retail movement was light to fairly good, best into retail and restaurants. Floor stocks were in a full range. Weights desirable to instances heavy. Trading on parts was selective and limited. Supplies of all parts were available on limited interest. The market tone was steady to firm on tenderloins, and cautiously steady on remaining items.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally light entering the week as buyers looked into other more traditional holiday items. Seller offerings were generally sufficient for trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights ranged light to heavy, mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 52 to 62 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, supplies were at least adequate for current trade inquiry.

*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	52-66
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	54.90
NO. OF BOXES	8,743
*8 of 8 plants reporting.	

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was light and selective entering the week as dealers worked hand-to-mouth and kept floor stocks in very close balance. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts were adequate to available and bone-in breasts were sufficient. The balance of product was at least adequate but manageable. Retail and distributive draw was seasonally slow. The market tone was mostly steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT TRADING	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	145-150	148.41	508,160	
TENDERLOINS	125-130	135.31	79,160	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	78-79	85.41	160,040	
BREAST - LINE RUN	78	80.17	89,800	
LEGS	32-33	31.63	314,320	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21	21.09	388,272	
DRUMSTICKS	23-24	29.16	125,040	
THIGHS	22-23	34.09	34,000	
B/S THIGHS	62-63	67.29	92,840	
WINGS (WHOLE)	58-59	64.56	204,760	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.38	29,640	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	28.06	20,960	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	43.61	22,800	

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	1,105	133.00-172.00	133-138	136.77
TENDERLOINS	1,364	124.00-190.00	124-130	137.35
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES	462	65.00-78.00	69-72	69.86
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
		REPORTED		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,645	14.00-20.00	17-18	16.87
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,792	19.00-20.00	19	19.30
WINGS (WHOLE)	567	39.00-78.00	67	65.55
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS	1,000	15.00-19.00	17-18	17.20

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	04/14	04/10	04/10	04/07	04/03
ALA	4,071	3,937	5.08	3,991	5.08
ARK	5,241	5,188	4.94	5,273	4.96
DELMARVA	2,368	2,298	5.02	2,271	5.07
KY-LA-TN	1,884	1,912	4.79	1,905	4.81
MISS	2,951	2,923	5.26	2,577	5.17
NC	2,544	2,317	6.01	2,525	5.93
TEXAS	2,152	2,307	5.02	2,447	4.97
TOTAL	21,211	20,882	5.13	20,989	5.12
MON	21,211(A)			20,989(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 14-Apr 2003 is estimated to be 31,734,000 up 0.76 percent from a week ago and up 0.86 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,496,000 last year 31,463,000)

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	630	130.00-230.00	133-140	139.23
TENDERLOINS	273	134.00-190.00	-	140.89
BREAST - LINE RUN	95	82.00-89.00	82-84	83.68
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	92	24.00-38.00	-	27.85
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	616	16.00-19.50	16-17.5	17.01
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,127	18.00-26.00	19-21	20.43
WINGS (WHOLE)	282	45.00-70.00	-	66.90
WINGS (CUT)	363	60.00-84.00	80-82	80.32
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 APR 14, 2003 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
42.50 - 46.25	44.83	44.75

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 APR -14- APR 18, 2002

CENTS PER POUND	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	120.00 - 153.00	140.00 - 150.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	82.00 - 102.00	82.00 - 85.00
LEGS	30.00 - 37.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17.00 - 24.00	19.00 - 20.00
DRUMSTICKS	20.00 - 35.00	-
THIGHS	23.00 - 35.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	57.00 - 73.00	69.00 - 71.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10.00 - 15.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 40.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 48.00	-

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	87-93
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	63-65
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

	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

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.

CHICKEN	PRICES		VOLUME	
	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
11-APRI-2003 (Cents per Pound)				
FAT CONTENT				
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				
CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED				
PRICES VOLUME				
(Cents per Pound)				
FAT CONTENT				
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	15.00	17.00	163,200	-
WTD AVERAGE	15.00	17.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	12.00-15.00	10.00-14.50	1,630,400	326,400
WTD AVERAGE	13.15	11.73		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	11.00	20,400	-
WTD AVERAGE		11.00		

* 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 trended slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair for the mostly adequate to fully adequate offerings. Finished sales were moderate. Processing schedules were noted as less than normal. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 14-APR-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-9.5 CENTS/LB.	8-8.5	8.18
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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.

CHICKEN	PRICES		VOLUME	
	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
11-APR-2003 (Cents per Pound)				
FAT CONTENT				
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				
CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED				
PRICES VOLUME				
(Cents per Pound)				
FAT CONTENT				
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	15.50-18.50	16.00	1,042,000	684,000
WTD AVERAGE	16.90	16.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	13.50-14.00	11.00-15.50	1,866,000	-
WTD AVERAGE	13.57	12.65		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	13.00	80,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		13.00		

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

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings from producers. Finished sales showed some improvement although overall movement was moderate. Schedules were reduced. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 14-APR-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.75-11 CENTS/LB.	8-8.75	8.33

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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