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Majority prices were mostly unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand entering the week was light to fair for retail; food service ranged light to fairly good, best into restaurants. Supplies of all sizes were generally sufficient to handle trade needs. Processing schedules were mixed with some plants down today in observance of the Easter holiday. In the parts structure, trading was light to fair. Supplies of all items were sufficient with breast items in the better balance. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy, 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 04/21/03-04/25/03 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG
	Delivered to First Receivers			
Bos/New Eng	53.00-55.00	54.23	13	56.75
Chicago	47.00-50.00	50.37	41	52.99
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	—	—	55.43
Denver	68.50	68.43	17	67.99
Detroit	49.00-50.00	50.60	10	55.11
Los Angeles	69.00	67.41	58	62.92
New York	50.00-53.00	52.24	21	53.10
Philadelphia	51.00-53.00	52.55	11	51.39
Pittsburgh	51.00-53.00	52.45	11	57.07
St. Louis	49.25-49.50	49.10	22	50.12
San Francisco	69.50	68.25	28	71.71

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	04/21/03	Change/Last Wk	04/14/03	04/22/02
572	57.61	-0.26	57.87	53.09

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	53.00-56.00	54.78	30
Central	51.00-58.00	55.93	62
West	50.00-63.50	59.24	45
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent			
Mississippi	59.00-63.00	63.30	78

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
1,147	45.00-65.75	62.31

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	183.50	1,285
BREASTS - B/S	156.00	4,776
BREASTS - WHOLE	87.00	1,489
THIGH MEAT - B/S	63.00	908
LEG QUARTERS	20.50	8,756
WINGS	69.00	3,164

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light to fair at best following the holiday weekend. Offerings of all sizes were generally sufficient for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was unaggressive. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, breast items were at least adequate. Dark meat cuts and wings were sufficient.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was steady. Demand entering the week was light to moderate. Supplies of all sizes were in good balance and clearing satisfactorily with some plants not in operation because of the Easter holiday. In the parts structure, trading was irregular, but improved. Supplies of all items were in a better balance than a week earlier but still available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate, at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady with new negotiations at unchanged to somewhat higher prices. Offerings were adequate overall. Buying activity had increased to cover features planned for later in the week. Retail demand was moderate to good. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. Trading reported on parts for this week's deliveries were at unchanged prices: 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 .18 to 52.42 with the volume reported at 33 loads unchanged from last week.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Majority prices were too few to report into Ohio, slightly higher into St. Louis, unchanged into Detroit and Chicago. Volume traded was slightly higher when compared to previous week. Offers were light but adequate for the lackluster buyer interest. Food service and retail movement were light to instances fairly good, best into restaurants. Floor stocks were adequate to instances ample and weights were desirable. Parts demand was light as regular commitments covered current needs. The market tone was firm on tenders, steady to fully steady on boneless skinless breasts and whole breasts, steady at best on dark meat cuts.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was generally limited to light and nobetter than fair fill-in needs. Seller offerings were irregularly available as several plants were closed in observance of the religious holiday period. Live supplies were moderate; weights were in a full range of light to heavy. Processor schedules were very light due to holiday downtime. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 52 to 62cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, supplies were generally adequate. Wings were noted as snug from the few available sellers.

*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	51-66
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	56.82
NO. OF BOXES	2,483

*5 of 8 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was light to fair entering the week as dealers cautiously assessed the market following the holiday weekend. Offerings of breast items were at least sufficient. Dark meat cuts and wings were generally adequate. Retail and distributive draw was light to fair. The market tone was 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	148.90	378,840	
TENDERLOINS	125-130	136.12	89,480	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	78-79	83.11	174,080	
BREAST - LINE RUN	78	78.94	149,400	
LEGS	32-33	31.67	301,240	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21	21.29	367,074	
DRUMSTICKS	23-24	28.34	126,500	
THIGHS	22-23	32.57	21,860	
B/S THIGHS	62-63	68.84	94,100	
WINGS (WHOLE)	58-59	63.05	127,000	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.34	24,200	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	27.36	14,640	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	46.26	13,960	

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	984	136.00-150.00	138-140	139.03
TENDERLOINS	759	135.00-178.00	140	143.10
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT PRICES		
FRONT HALVES	136	69.00-77.00	69	69.94
LEGS		TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT PRICES		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,332	17.00-19.00	17-18	17.45
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	3,542	18.50-20.00	18.5-19	18.84
WINGS (WHOLE)	87	67.00-78.00	67-72	70.66
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT PRICES		
THIGHS	1,000	15.00-18.00	18	17.60

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	04/21	04/17	04/17	04/14	04/10
ALA	3,934	3,861	5.11	3,982	5.08
ARK	5,185	4,915	4.85	5,240	4.94
DELMARVA	1,640	2,309	5.08	2,364	5.02
KY-LA-TN	1,956	1,879	4.84	1,868	4.79
MISS	2,907	2,944	5.28	2,934	5.26
NC	2,396	2,503	5.99	2,520	6.01
TEXAS	2,472	2,931	5.07	2,170	5.02
TOTAL	20,490	21,342	5.14	21,078	5.13
MON	20,490(A)			21,078(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 21-Apr 2003 is estimated to be 30,655,000 down 3.08 percent from a week ago and down 0.90 percent from a year ago.
(Last week 31,630,000 last year 30,932,000)

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	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	529	139.00-229.00	139-145	142.71
TENDERLOINS	221	132.00-190.00	132-138	142.38
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT PRICES		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT PRICES		
LEGS	88	27.00-38.00	27-28	28.00
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	638	16.00-19.50	16-18	17.02
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	999	18.00-26.00	19-21.5	21.41
WINGS (WHOLE)	282	45.00-70.00	-	66.90
WINGS (CUT)	405	60.00-84.00	78-82	78.96
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT PRICES		
THIGHS		TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT PRICES		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT PRICES		

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR APR 21, 2003 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
44.50 - 46.25	45.01	45.42

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 -21- APR 25, 2002

CENTS PER POUND	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	120.00 - 157.00	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	17.00 - 19.00
DRUMSTICKS	20.00 - 35.00	-
THIGHS	23.00 - 35.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	58.00 - 76.00	69.00 - 71.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10.00 - 17.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 40.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	39.00 - 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 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

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 18-APR-2003
 — PRICES ——— VOLUME ———
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

18-APR-2003
 — PRICES ——— VOLUME ———
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	17.00	81,600	-
WTD AVERAGE		17.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	12.00-14.00	11.00-14.50	1,591,200	530,400
WTD AVERAGE	13.00	12.13		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	11.00-12.00	42,600	-
WTD AVERAGE		11.28		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

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 18-APR-2003
 — PRICES ——— VOLUME ———
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

18-APR-2003
 — PRICES ——— VOLUME ———
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	15.75-18.50	16.00-17.00	754,000	526,000
WTD AVERAGE	17.25	16.22		
15-20%				
RANGE	13.50-16.50	10.50-15.50	1,715,000	104,000
WTD AVERAGE	14.31	12.70		
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

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair for the at least adequate offerings. Movement of finished product was clearing light to fair offerings. Processing schedules were 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 21-APR-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-9.5 CENTS/LB.	8-8.5	8.13
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. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were reduced for the current week. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
 FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 21-APR-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-11 CENTS/LB.	7.75-9	8.45

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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