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Majority prices were higher when compared to previous week. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Retail demand was fair to fairly good, and food service was light to moderate. Supplies of all sizes were in good balance to short of full trade needs. Delivery problems in the Midwest were reported due to continued snow and ice. In the parts structure, trading was fair to moderate, at times good. Wings were sufficient, and breast items were in balance to close and moving at premium levels. Dark meat was adequate to barely adequate aided by export interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 2/02/04-02/06/04 (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	77.00-80.00	77.94	18	72.31	52
Chicago	69.00-72.00	72.59	37	73.16	73
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	—	—	73.92	31
Denver	75.50	75.33	15	75.44	17
Detroit	71.00-73.00	71.86	14	73.22	50
Los Angeles	76.00	76.21	61	77.26	124
New York	76.00-79.00	77.17	23	74.17	57
Philadelphia	75.50-78.00	76.58	12	74.50	23
Pittsburgh	76.00-78.00	77.15	13	74.19	58
St. Louis	72.00	71.70	25	70.56	47
San Francisco	76.50	77.16	31	81.47	70

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	02/02/04	Change/Last Wk	01/26/04	02/03/03
602	74.90	2.36	72.54	60.49

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delv'd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AV	LOADS
East	76.00-78.00	76.34	34
Central	70.00-77.00	76.23	69
West	69.00-74.25	73.77	34
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent			
Mississippi	70.00-71.50	70.82	86

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 70.50 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
1,049	65.75-74.00	70.07

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POU)
LINE RUN TENDERS	210.00	1,436
BREASTS - B/S	185.50	5,722
BREASTS - WHOLE	98.00	1,623
THIGH MEAT - B/S	100.50	1,060
LEG QUARTERS	35.50	8,356
WINGS	117.50	3,046

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair to moderate as dealers cautiously assessed the market entering the week. Offerings of all sizes remained balanced with normal premiums noted. Retail and distributive movement was about fair, best for refill activity. The market tone was fully steady. In the parts complex, breast items were balanced. Dark meat items were clearing very well under continued export interest. Wings were closely cleared.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Demand following the weekend was fair to moderate, best for ads and promotions. Supplies were balanced to well cleared of trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was fair to fairly good. Dark meat was close to tight and clearing well, supported by export business. Breast items and wings were sufficient to short and moving strong, frequently at higher levels. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were 1 cent higher than last week's levels. Trading reported for this week's deliveries were at higher prices. Offerings were generally adequate for current needs. Buying activity was only fair as buyers' continue to watch market developments. Retailer demand was fair to fairly good with best interest noted on parts. Dealers reported satisfactory week-end clearances. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm on parts with dark meat in the strongest position. Trading reported on parts for this week's delivery: leg quarters 36-41 bulk and 4/10s 36-42, breast bone-in 100-107 and boneless 175-189, wings 125-126. Last weeks Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average should have read 67.66. This week the Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was up 2.28 to 69.94 with the volume reported down 14 percent to 25 loads.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices moved 3 cents higher; Ohio cities TFEWR from last Monday's final. The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was steady to firm, mostly firm. Offerings were light on spotty trade interest. Movement into all channels was in a full range; mostly fair to fairly good into retail and moderate into food service. Floor stocks were generally adequate. Weights desirable. Deliveries continued disrupted due to snow and ice. Supplies of wings were adequate, all other parts were in close balance to instances short. The market tone was fully steady to firm on all parts.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fairly good. Offerings were generally in good balanced to tight of immediate needs. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were desirable. Processor schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 77 to 87 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, breast items were in good balance; supplies of most other items ranged adequate to short.

*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	74-88
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	80.24
NO. OF BOXES	10,231

*7 of 7 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was fair to moderate entering the week. Offerings of breast items were in good balance. Tenderloins were clearing well and commanding premiums. Legs and leg quarters continued to see active interest through export channels. Wings were balanced. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone remained fully steady to firm.

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	180-185	176.18	552,062	
TENDERLOINS	170-175	168.60	99,680	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	95-96	100.88	163,280	
BREAST - LINE RUN	95	98.15	94,280	
LEGS	47-48	48.35	285,360	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	36-37	34.87	332,681	
DRUMSTICKS	40-41	42.80	154,620	
THIGHS	39-40	46.23	56,500	
B/S THIGHS	97-98	99.13	68,600	
WINGS (WHOLE)	114-115	118.56	155,120	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.22	42,040	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	34.60	12,040	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	69.83	20,960	

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	950	162.00-177.00	172-174	171.36
TENDERLOINS	360	164.00-173.00	-	168.00
BREAST - WITH RIBS	NO TRADING - REPORTED			
FRONT HALVES	NO TRADING - REPORTED			
LEGS	NO TRADING - REPORTED			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,480	30.00-35.00	30-31	30.95
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,280	32.00-35.00	33-34	33.63
WINGS (WHOLE)	NO TRADING - REPORTED			
DRUMSTICKS	NO TRADING - REPORTED			
THIGHS	NO TRADING - REPORTED			

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS) FOR MONDAY 19-JAN-04

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	02/02	01/29	01/29	01/26	01/22
ALA	4,086	3,881	5.13	3,860	5.20
ARK	5,393	5,130	4.98	5,224	5.00
DELMARVA	2,220	2,136	5.42	1,089	5.50
KY-LA-TN	1,985	1,970	4.83	2,042	4.95
MISS	3,035	2,962	5.35	2,904	5.42
NC	2,463	2,430	6.43	1,333	6.30
TEXAS	2,051	2,323	4.93	2,386	4.90
TOTAL	21,233	20,832	5.26	18,838	5.29
MON-TUE	21,233 (A)			18,838(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 02-Feb 2004 is estimated to be 31,767,000 up 12.38 percent from a week ago and up 1.05 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 28,268,000 last year 31,438,000)

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	762	178.00-258.00	180-185	183.15
TENDERLOINS	388	173.00-220.00	-	190.10
BREAST - LINE RUN	115	94.00-98.00	96-98	97.09
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	103	49.00-55.00	50-51	51.02
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	495	33.00-36.00	34-35	34.44
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,020	34.00-37.00	35-37	35.31
WINGS (WHOLE)	287	116.00-123.00	116-119	118.94
WINGS (CUT)	472	130.00-141.00	135-138	136.23
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 2, 2004 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
63.50 - 68.50	66.45

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 02-FEB-2004 TO 06-FEB-2004, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	170.00 - 189.00	170.00 - 182.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	95.00 - 110.00	93.00 - 99.00
LEGS	48.00 - 61.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	30.00 - 39.00	34.00 - 36.00
DRUMSTICKS	38.00 - 53.00	-
THIGHS	26.00 - 53.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	110.00 - 127.00	117.00 - 120.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 41.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 45.00	-

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

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	88
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	91-95
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	585-600

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

FRESH FRYERS	92-98
ROASTERS 4# & UP	81-95
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	63-66
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	101-102
	DRY PACK	103-105
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	105-108
	DRY PACK	89-105
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	91
	DRY PACK	89
DUCKS		152-175

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.

30-JAN-2004
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	13.50-17.50	15.00	1,416,000	988,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.26	15.00		
15-20% RANGE	14.00-19.00	12.50-13.50	1,574,000	494,000
WTD AVERAGE	16.95	12.91		
20% OR MORE RANGE	-	12.00	200,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		12.00		

* 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 moderate for offerings that were mostly adequate to about adequate. Processing schedules were less than normal to normal. Supplies of finished product were clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was steady.

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

THE WEEK OF 02-FEB-04.	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	6.5-9.5	8.5-9	8.65
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
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*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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.

30-JAN-2004
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	61,200	-
WTD AVERAGE		15.00		
15-20% RANGE	14.00-17.00	10.00-16.00	3,086,000	808,000
WTD AVERAGE	14.71	11.81		
20% OR MORE RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

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

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Demand for spent hens was moderate. Offerings were reduced in some areas, however overall were at least adequate for needs. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
 FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 02-FEB-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
	CENTS/LB.		AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.25-11.75	8.5-9.25	8.98

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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