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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was no better than steady in the East which continued to be affected by quality of production in certain areas; the remaining areas were mixed, but mostly steady. Demand was irregular and light where needs were limited to regular commitments, but moderate to fairly good for retail ads and fast food promotions. Supplies were at least adequate with lighter weights in the longest position. In the parts structure, trading was fair to moderate. Dark meat was adequate and export developments were monitored with caution. Breast items and wings were in good balance to close and moving. In production areas, live supplies were moderate with weights desirable to light.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .75 cents to 71.75 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 63.00 cents last year on February 12, 2003.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	212.50
BREASTS - B/S	190.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	98.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	115.00
LEG QUARTERS	38.00
WINGS	120.00

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was mixed, but mostly steady. Retail demand was slow to fair, best for ads, and food service was light to moderate, best into fast food for promotions. Supplies were sufficient to close for full trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was limited to fair; availability was irregular, but no more than adequate or obtainable. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was generally fair at best during midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate, although, the 3 pound and lighter birds were in the longer position. Movement through retail and distributive channels was lackluster. The market tone was no better than steady. In the parts complex, breast items remained in good balance. Dark meat cuts were generally adequate and dealers continued to monitor export developments with caution. Wings and tenderloins were close.

MIDWEST Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady to firm, mostly steady. Offerings were limited with buyers acquiring additional product on as needed bases. Fill in trade noted on 3 up wogs at 72 cents into the Chicago area. Movement into all sectors was generally slow to fair; occasionally fairly good into some fast food for promotions. The Chicago area noted retail features were spurring good interest there. Floor stocks were in balance to long. Several receivers were continuing to adjust downward incoming shipments in order to maintain balance. Almost all in the audience were monitoring news of any further developments associated with the avian influenza discovered in two counties in Delaware. Weights were desirable to occasionally light. Parts offerings, though spotty were sufficient to cover immediate trade needs. All parts remain in balanced to tight. Trade sentiment was mostly steady to fully steady, instances firm on all items.

WESTERN The market tone was about steady. Offerings were in fairly good balance. Buying activity was fair. Retailer demand was fairly good for parts and moderate at best for whole body. Floor stocks were adequate. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady on parts with breast in the strongest position.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES	WEEK ENDING 02/07/04		PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
	2004	2003	
EGGS SET	206,646	202,772	+02
CHICKS PLACED	168,779	164,887	+02

BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 207 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 7, 2004. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

CHICKS PLACED UP 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 7, 2004. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through February 7, 2004 were 1.00 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for the marketing during the week ending 20-Mar-04 is estimated at 155.1 million head. This compares to 153.7 million head the previous week and to 155.9 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 154.9 million head and the composite weighted average price was 60.89 cents per pound.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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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			WTD	ITEM	POUNDS			WTD
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG		(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG
BREAST - B/S	890	180.00-260.00	182-186	190.68	BREAST - B/S	851	179.00-260.00	181-184	189.33
TENDERLOINS	226	184.00-229.00	184-186	190.30	TENDERLOINS	233	186.00-229.00	186-188	190.83
BREAST - LINE RUN	103	94.00-101.00	97-98	97.85	BREAST - LINE RUN	118	96.00-98.00	-	97.53
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	123	54.00-58.00	55-56	55.76	LEGS	103	55.00-58.00	55-56	56.01
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	609	35.00-38.50	36-37	36.32	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	593	35.00-39.50	36-37	36.45
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	940	37.00-41.00	38-39	38.45	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	980	38.00-41.00	38-40	39.04
WINGS (WHOLE)	281	118.00-124.00	118-119	119.46	WINGS (WHOLE)	281	119.00-124.00	119-120	120.33
WINGS (CUT)	528	131.00-142.00	134-137	136.61	WINGS (CUT)	536	131.00-142.00	133-137	135.71
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
65.50 - 70.25	67.56	64.50 - 70.75	68.00	68.48

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 during midweek trading, however, dealers remained cautious and were content to limit orders to most immediate needs. Offerings of breast items remained in good balance. Dark meat cuts were adequate. Wings and tenderloins were clearing well. Movement through retail channels was noted as light. Distributive draw was mostly fair. The market tone was steady.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES. FEBRUARY 10, 2004

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD	ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	TRADING*		AVG**	VOL/LBS		
BREAST - B/S	185	183.07	655,338	BREAST - B/S	185	183.58	676,398		
TENDERLOINS	180-185	169.37	130,550	TENDERLOINS	180-185	174.78	106,930		
BREAST - WITH RIBS	95-96	102.22	142,200	BREAST - WITH RIBS	95-96	102.79	161,120		
BREAST - LINE RUN	95	99.39	93,080	BREAST - LINE RUN	95	98.84	83,200		
LEGS	47-48	51.70	170,440	LEGS	47-48	51.77	302,039		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	38-39	39.03	482,930	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	38-39	39.53	290,422		
DRUMSTICKS	40-41	47.55	160,700	DRUMSTICKS	40-41	47.50	129,450		
THIGHS	41-42	49.67	92,900	THIGHS	41-42	50.70	44,280		
B/S THIGHS	109-110	110.10	96,320	B/S THIGHS	109-110	109.83	92,320		
WINGS (WHOLE)	114-115	123.41	126,215	WINGS (WHOLE)	114-115	119.84	152,210		
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.89	30,400	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.74	45,960		
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	36.46	19,955	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	37.56	13,920		
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	68.95	33,390	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	69.67	21,960		

 INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (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.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		AVG WTS	
	02/11	02/10	02/09	02/06	02/09	02/06	02/04	02/02
ALA	3,881	3,931	3,667	4,073	5.14	5.08	3,772	5.22
ARK	5,393	5,332	5,327	5,113	5.03	4.70	5,162	4.97
DELMARVA	2,227	2,140	2,159	2,128	5.44	5.36	2,229	5.42
KY-LA-TN	1,966	1,963	2,005	2,042	5.10	4.64	1,987	5.07
MISS	3,030	3,084	3,085	2,614	5.46	5.30	2,907	5.46
NC	2,348	2,477	2,369	3,647	6.37	6.33	2,405	6.51
TEXAS	2,168	2,241	2,207	2,279	5.19	5.07	2,129	5.15
TOTAL	21,013	21,168	20,819	21,896	5.33	5.21	20,591	5.34
MON-WED	64,904(A)						61,906(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 11-Feb is estimated to be 31,438,000 up 1.7 percent from a week ago and up 7.4 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 30,899,000; last year 29,265,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS		RANGE
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	DRY PACK	103-105
	ICE PACK	101-102
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK	89-105
	ICE PACK	108
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	89
	ICE PACK	91
DUCKS		152-175

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 14-FEB-04

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	02/14/04 (1)	02/07/04
	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	155,862 (2)	155,047
LT HENS	1,337	1,185
HVY HENS	1,461	1,341
CHECK TOTAL	160,660	157,573

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 14-Feb-04 is 158.5 million head compared to 153.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 158.2 million head or 0.3 million less than estimated available. For week of 21-Feb-04 the estimated available is 157.7 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 02/09/04	145,816	40,130
AM 02/01/04	141,357	40,964
CHG	4,459	-834
PCT CHG	3	-2

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	02/09/04	02/02/04	02/10/03	02/09/04	02/02/04	02/10/03
PACIFIC COAST	6,232	6,269	7,269	4,361	4,456	6,095
LOS ANGELES	448	452	1,404	2,150	2,273	4,008

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 9, 2004

HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	RANGE
		66-71
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	68-78

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 02/10/04

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW HIGH AVG			LOW HIGH AVG		
	HEAVY FOWL lb.	.90	.95	.92	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	1.05	2.00	1.53	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	4.50	8.50
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	6.00
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	1.10	2.00	1.62	ROOSTERS ea.	-	6.00
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	.60	1.50	1.06	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	1.45	1.90	1.71	RABBITS ea.	3.50	4.75
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	3.75	9.25
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	6.25	9.00
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-			
TOTAL COOPS	96					

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending February 6,2004

	Whole		Legs	Necks,Back	Livers/
	Chickens	Breasts	w/ Thighs	&Wings	Gizzards Hens
RAYON					
Low	55.50	110.19	65.30	12.24	8.16 52.24
High	56.73	114.27	73.46	20.40	12.24 52.24
Mostly	55.91	110.19	69.38	16.32	10.20 52.24

SAN JUAN

Low	55.50	106.10	61.21	12.24	10.20 53.05
High	55.91	114.27	69.38	16.32	14.28 53.05
Mostly	55.91	108.15	65.30	14.28	12.24 53.05

NEW SAN JUAN

Low	55.50	110.19	69.38	12.24	8.16 53.87
High	56.73	118.35	73.46	20.40	16.32 53.87
Mostly	55.50	114.27	69.38	16.32	12.24 53.87

BECERRA

Low	55.91	110.19	69.38	12.24	12.24 55.09
High	57.13	122.43	77.54	20.40	20.40 55.09
Mostly	55.91	114.27	73.46	18.36	12.24 55.09

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was mostly light and unaggressive. Seller offerings were adequate to ample, and were in the closer better balance on the over 3.00 pound sizes. Live supplies were about moderate; weights were often lighter than desired. Processor schedules were mostly moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 77 to 87 cents. Trade sentiment was no better than steady, and was being affected by ongoing developments surrounding the quality of production. In the parts complex, volumes varied from plant to plant, but overall supplies were generally 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	72-91
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	80.47
NO. OF BOXES	6,411

*7 of 7 plants reporting.

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