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Majority prices were generally unchanged in East and Midwest, but higher in the West when compared to prior week. Trade sentiment was steady to firm in the West, mostly steady elsewhere. Retail demand was light to fair, and food service was fair to fairly good, best for fast food. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. Also, in the East, market conditions were being closely monitored due to disease outbreaks over the weekend. In the parts structure, trading was light to moderate. Breast items were in good balance, tight for tenders. Wings were adequate, and dark meat was at least adequate, more available for leg quarters. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to light, but 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 3/08/04-03/12/04 (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	72.00-76.00	74.53	17	71.20	42
Chicago	69.00-72.00	72.16	40	74.75	75
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	—	—	73.53	29
Denver	77.50	77.00	15	77.40	18
Detroit	71.00-73.00	73.46	13	74.63	51
Los Angeles	78.00	78.25	57	80.63	136
New York	75.00-77.00	75.77	24	73.82	53
Philadelphia	75.50-77.00	75.33	12	72.90	25
Pittsburgh	76.00-78.00	76.27	13	74.64	55
St. Louis	72.00	71.62	21	70.49	47
San Francisco	78.50	79.16	31	84.45	65

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	03/08/04	Change/Last Wk	03/01/04	03/10/03
596	75.92	0.40	75.52	61.12

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	75.00-77.50	76.65	33
Central	70.50-78.00	76.97	73
West	78.00-81.00	79.58	41
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent			
Mississippi	72.500-74.00	73.22	79

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 72.50 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
1,063	68.50-79.00	71.65

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	225.50	1,470
BREASTS - B/S	197.00	5,762
BREASTS - WHOLE	101.50	2,012
THIGH MEAT - B/S	124.00	1,102
LEG QUARTERS	38.00	8,406
WINGS	124.00	3,056

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was generally fair at best entering the week. In addition, dealers were monitoring developments concerning the AI outbreak in Maryland with caution. Offerings of all sizes were at least sufficient for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was light to no better than fair. The market tone was mostly steady. In the parts complex, tenderloins were tight and commanding premiums. Breast items were in very good balance. Leg items were adequate to available. Wings were sufficient.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand following the weekend was light to moderate, best for active retail ads and fast food promotions. Supplies were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was fair. Breast items were close to well cleared, tight for tenders. Dark meat was available, but unsettled as new cases of product wholesomeness appears and may affect export business. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices 1 cent higher throughout the region compared to last Monday's levels. Trading reported for this week's deliveries, although mixed, were at generally higher prices. Offerings adequate overall. Buying activity was somewhat lighter. Retailer demand was fair for bagged whole body and fairly good for parts. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. Trade sentiment was weak on dark meat items and firm on white meat with breast in the strongest position. Reported trading on parts for this week's delivery: leg quarters at 34.5-40 bulk and 4/10s 37-42 were lower, breast bone-in at 105- 110 and boneless 186-193 higher, wings at 126-127 unchanged. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 78.04 up .73 from last week's level with the volume reported at 28 loads up 8 percent.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices were unchanged; Ohio cities TFEWR from last Monday's final. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady to fully steady. Offerings were light for light to fair trade needs. Retail demand continued soft, light to fair. Food service trade was noted as fairly good with noticeable pickup over the weekend. Floor stocks were short to long. Weights mostly desirable. Supplies of drums and thighs varied, leg quarters adequate to fully adequate, and remaining parts were tight to adequate. The market tone was steady to firm on breast items and cautiously steady to weak on dark meat.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was generally fair to moderate at best entering the week as buyers often limited orders to standing commitments. Seller offerings were available on the 2.50 pound size. Heavier sizes were adequate to cleared. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable to light. Processor schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 76 to 87 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Breast items were about adequate and well cleared. Tenderloins were tight. Leg cuts were at least 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	78.54
NO. OF BOXES	4,713

*7 of 7 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was fair to moderate entering the week, however, dealers were assessing developments concerning the AI outbreak in Maryland with caution. Offerings of tenderloins were tight and breast items were in very good balance. Wings were generally sufficient. Legs, leg quarters and drums were at least adequate. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate at best. The market tone was fully steady to firm on tenderloins, fully steady on breast items, mostly steady on wings, no better than steady on leg items.

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

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	195	191.54	659,688
TENDERLOINS	210	202.79	116,900
BREAST - WITH RIBS	99-100	105.86	142,840
BREAST - LINE RUN	99	100.89	105,000
LEGS	43-44	46.21	400,600
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	33-34	35.22	438,133
DRUMSTICKS	33-34	36.75	133,190
THIGHS	42-43	47.75	81,360
B/S THIGHS	116-117	116.84	95,200
WINGS (WHOLE)	114-115	120.48	156,760
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.96	25,960
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	31.03	15,560
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	65.21	19,640

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	2,951	146.00-234.00	188-192	188.87
TENDERLOINS	585	189.00-248.00	205-212	206.15
BREAST - WITH RIBS	162	99.00-111.00	101-102	103.21
FRONT HALVES		NO TRADING - REPORTED		
LEGS		NO TRADING - REPORTED		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	974	30.00-38.00	30-31	31.27
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,811	33.00-39.00	36-39	36.48
WINGS (WHOLE)		NO TRADING - REPORTED		
DRUMSTICKS		NO TRADING - REPORTED		
THIGHS	1,247	39.00-52.00	49	49.14

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS) FOR MONDAY 08-Mar-04

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	03/08	03/04	03/04	03/01	02/26
ALA	3,940	3,872	5.14	3,846	5.16
ARK	5,469	5,169	4.92	5,344	4.94
DELMARVA	2,192	2,114	5.44	2,167	5.32
KY-LA-TN	2,030	1,958	4.96	2,040	5.04
MISS	3,036	3,050	5.34	3,073	5.37
NC	2,468	2,425	6.27	2,389	6.31
TEXAS	2,242	2,352	4.93	2,273	5.03
TOTAL	21,377	20,940	5.23	21,132	5.24
MON	21,377 (A)			21,132 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 08-Mar 2004 is estimated to be 31,982,000 up 0.85 percent from a week ago and up 17.95 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,711,000; last year 27,115,000)

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	863	186.00-266.00	186-190	196.06
TENDERLOINS	208	200.00-257.00	210-215	219.22
BREAST - LINE RUN	87	99.00-105.00	99-102	100.75
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	113	45.00-62.00	45-47	47.62
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	596	31.00-35.00	31-32	31.31
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	968	35.00-39.00	35-37	36.05
WINGS (WHOLE)	284	120.00-126.00	120-124	124.47
WINGS (CUT)	459	134.00-144.00	136-139	137.44
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 MARCH 8, 2004 — F.O.B. DOCK.

	TODAY'S RANGE	AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
	63.00 - 69.50	65.58	67.19

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 08-MAR-2004 TO 12-MAR-2004, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	184.00 - 203.00	186.00 - 196.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	97.00 - 114.00	99.00 - 105.00
LEGS	33.00 - 57.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	30.00 - 36.00	33.00 - 35.00
DRUMSTICKS	30.00 - 50.00	-
THIGHS	49.00 - 57.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	118.00 - 131.00	120.00 - 123.00
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	90
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	97
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	585-600

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

FRESH FRYERS	93-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	95-105
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	71-77
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	102-103
	DRY PACK	104-106
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	109
	DRY PACK	105
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	93
	DRY PACK	93-95
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.

05-MAR-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	13.50-16.00	15.00	960,000	520,000
WTD AVERAGE	14.91	15.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	15.50-20.00	12.50-13.00	1,740,000	780,000
WTD AVERAGE	18.17	12.58		
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 at least moderate for offerings that were about adequate to adequate. Processing schedules were mostly normal. Supplies of finished product were clearing. The undertone was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
 FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 08-MAR-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-9.25	8.75-9.25	8.89
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*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.

05-MAR-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	-	13.00-15.00	213,800	-
WTD AVERAGE		14.05		
15-20%				
RANGE	13.50-13.75	11.00-13.50	1,157,200	240,000
WTD AVERAGE	13.71	12.01		
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 Prices were too few to report. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 08-MAR-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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