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Majority prices were higher in the Midwest, mostly unchanged elsewhere. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand into retail and food service was light to moderate, instances good for fast food promotions. Supplies were usually sufficient to well balanced for trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was fair. Breast items were sufficient with tenders in the closest position. Wings were mixed, but available, and dark meat was adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range, but mostly desirable.

Final report Report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 4/19/04-04/23/04 (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	72.00-77.00	76.18	17	72.61	37
Chicago	72.00-75.00	74.29	40	77.07	75
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	—	—	76.16	29
Denver	79.50	79.50	14	80.21	17
Detroit	73.00-76.00	75.75	12	76.80	45
Los Angeles	80.00	79.73	62	78.56	165
New York	75.00-77.00	76.04	28	76.48	62
Philadelphia	76.00-76.00	76.23	13	74.94	26
Pittsburgh	76.00-78.00	77.25	12	76.63	51
St. Louis	74.00-74.25	73.95	22	72.87	47
San Francisco	80.50	80.80	32	78.05	86
	Composite Weighted Average				
Loads	04/19/04	Change/Last Wk	04/12/04	04/21/03	
640	76.53	0.53	76.00	57.61	

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	78.00-80.00	78.93	32
Central	73.00-81.00	79.03	71
West	82.00-86.00	83.78	40
	Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent		
Mississippi	74.00-77.00	75.30	79

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 74.75 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
1,074	69.25-77.00	73.49

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	257.50	1,437
BREASTS - B/S	227.50	5,666
BREASTS - WHOLE	123.50	1,970
THIGH MEAT - B/S	110.50	1,076
LEG QUARTERS	34.50	8,089
WINGS	130.50	3,019

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was only fair for early week business. Offerings of all sizes were at least sufficient for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair. The market tone was mostly steady. In the parts complex, breast items were in good balance. Leg items were adequate to available and wings were at least sufficient.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand was light to moderate with mixed trading. Supplies of all sizes were usually in good balance for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was light to fair. Breast items were adequate, close for tenders, and wings were sufficient. Dark meat was at least adequate or available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The final majority prices were unchanged from last Monday's levels. Trading for this weeks' delivery reported at generally unchanged to slightly higher prices. Offerings of small sized product barely adequate with heavy weights easily adequate to cover immediate needs. Buying activity was moderate to fairly good. Retailer demand was fairly good overall with increased interest noted where features planned for later in the week. Dealer reported satisfactory weekend clearances. Trading reported on parts for this weeks' delivery: leg quarters 34.5-37.5 bulk and 4/10s mainly 37.5, breast bone-in 121-127 and boneless 215- 217, wings 126-127. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 83.89 up .22 with the volume reported at 28 loads down 3 percent from last Monday.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices were higher from last Monday's final with Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole broiler/fryer market tone steady to fully steady. Offerings were adequate for the light interest. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate overall. Floor stocks adequate to at times ample. Weights mostly desirable instances heavy. Offerings were adequate with buyers being selective and ordering hand to mouth. The market tone was steady on most part items with wings having a barely steady undertone.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was mostly moderate entering the week. Offerings were in fairly good balance and clearing. Live supplies were moderate; weights were in a full range but mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 76 to 87 cents. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, most items were generally adequate to well cleared with wings in the better balance.

*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	70-91
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	78.37
NO. OF BOXES	7,653

*7 of 7 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was only fair for early week orders. Offerings of b/s breast were adequate to fully adequate, bone in breast were sufficient but clearing, dark meat items were reported as sufficient. Fresh wings were clearing and tenderloins were very close balanced. Retail movement was only fair to moderate, best for scattered feature activity. The market tone was unsettled but mostly steady.

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

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT	WTD	VOLUME
	TRADING		AVG	/LBS
BREAST - B/S	220		216.15	615,168
TENDERLOINS	235		227.67	113,800
BREAST - WITH RIBS	114-115		121.14	140,760
BREAST - LINE RUN	114		113.70	134,360
LEGS	43-44		43.34	338,640
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	33-34		33.45	378,494
DRUMSTICKS	31-32		39.30	156,350
THIGHS	42-43		47.85	73,360
B/S THIGHS	110-111		105.52	86,940
WINGS (WHOLE)	116-117		124.34	154,760
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12		11.89	29,840
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40		28.07	11,720
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60		59.63	20,680

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	1,230	208.00-222.00	208-215	212.11
TENDERLOINS	246	224.00-240.00	230-238	235.37
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,192	29.50-33.00	29.5-31	29.86
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,332	30.00-35.00	33-34	33.16
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS	1,129	34.00-45.00	35-39	38.82

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	(1,000)	(1,000)		(1,000)	
	04/19	04/15	04/15	04/12	04/08
ALA	4,005	3,854	5.24	3,762	5.22
ARK	5,292	5,212	4.95	5,182	4.95
DELMARVA	2,125	2,210	5.47	1,052	5.51
KY-LA-TN	2,047	1,963	5.07	1,854	5.01
MISS	2,747	2,688	5.50	2,985	5.46
NC	2,442	2,437	6.30	1,839	6.28
TEXAS	2,290	2,341	5.09	2,620	4.97
TOTAL	20,948	20,705	5.32	19,294	5.29
MON	20,948(A)			19,294(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 19-Apr 2004 is estimated to be 31,341,000 up 8.25 percent from a week ago and up 7.07 percent from a year ago. (Last week 28,953,000; last year 29,271,000)

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	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
	(000)			AVG
BREAST - B/S	882	205.00-296.00	210-212	211.28
TENDERLOINS	194	230.00-278.00	230-237	239.97
BREAST - LINE RUN	103	115.00-127.00	115-118	118.15
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	73	38.00-56.00	38-40	41.07
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	635	30.00-33.00	30-31	30.80
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	940	32.00-38.00	32-35	33.70
WINGS (WHOLE)	298	121.00-134.00	124-126	124.10
WINGS (CUT)	531	137.00-141.00	137-139	138.46
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 APRIL 19, 2004 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
69.00 - 74.00	71.74	71.52

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-19-23-2004

CENTS PER POUND	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	210.00 - 227.00	210.00 - 220.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	111.00 - 130.00	115.00 - 118.00
LEGS	43.00 - 50.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	31.00 - 36.00	33.00 - 34.00
DRUMSTICKS	28.50 - 43.00	-
THIGHS	45.00 - 53.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	110.00 - 134.00	122.00 - 124.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 35.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 55.00	-

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

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	91.75
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	94.75-98.75
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	600

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

FRESH FRYERS	95-97
ROASTERS 4# & UP	95-105
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	71-81

DUCKS
RABBITS-WHOLE
RABBITS-CUT UP

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK 105-114
	ICE PACK 105
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK 107-109
	ICE PACK 105-107
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 88-93
	DRY PACK 93-95
DUCKS	162-185

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.

16-APR-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	13.50-16.25	-	1,180,000	780,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.21			
15-20%				
RANGE	14.50-19.00	12.00-16.00	2,198,400	676,000
WTD AVERAGE	16.58	13.77		
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 Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was mostly moderate. Offerings were adequate. Processing schedules were less than normal to normal. Supplies of finished product were clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
 FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 19-APR-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
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.

16-APR-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	15.00-18.00	13.00	141,200	-
WTD AVERAGE	16.50	13.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	13.75-17.00	11.00-16.00	2,168,400	1,209,600
WTD AVERAGE	15.00	13.44		
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 Trading levels were too few to report. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales cleared available inventories. 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 19-APR-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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