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Majority prices were generally unchanged in East and Midwest, but slightly higher in the West when compared to Monday's values. Retail demand was irregular ranging from light to moderately good for about normal week-end business. Fast food activity was fairly active keeping wogs in a well cleared position in the Southern area. Offerings of 3.5 to 4 pound sizes in the East were adequate to available, but lighter sizes were adequate to fully adequate. In the parts structure, trading was light to moderate for late-week business. Breast items and wings were tight to well cleared. Dark meat items were usually available due in part to the uncertainty of export trading. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable, but trending lighter especially in the East.

Preliminary report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 03/08/04-03/12/04 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	69.00-72.00	67.75-81.00	71.72	27
Los Angeles	78.00			
New York	75.00-77.00			
Southeast Area	FOB Dock Equivalent			
Mississippi	72.50-74.00	71.00-78.00	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.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
884	68.50-76.00	72.40

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	224.00	1,268
BREASTS - B/S	197.00	5,502
BREASTS - WHOLE	102.00	1,832
THIGH MEAT - B/S	124.00	1,030
LEG QUARTERS	37.50	7,686
WINGS	124.00	2,969

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

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices into the Chicago area for next weeks' deliveries were unchanged from Monday's final. The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was steady to fully steady. Offerings were in close balance for a generally light trade call. Retail demand was slightly improved but no better than light to fair. Food service demand remained irregular; fast food demand good where promotions were active, while restaurant trade was in a full range. Floor stocks were mostly in balance to sometimes long. Weights varied, but mostly in a desirable range. Trade on parts was limited to immediate needs and noted as light. Supplies of all white meat items were in good balance to occasionally tight while dark meat lines were adequate to long. The market tone was steady to fully steady on white meat cuts and cautiously steady to weak on dark meat.

SOUTHERN BROILER Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were sufficient for late week trading on whole product, short to tight on wogs. In the parts structure, trading was fair. Breast items and wings were in close balance and usually well cleared. Dark meat items remain available due in part to on going export developments. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The preliminary majority prices were 1 cent higher than last Fridays' levels. Reported trading for next weeks' deliveries at mainly higher prices. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate for immediate needs. Sizes trended heavy.

Retailer demand was moderate to fairly good best for parts. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances. Trade sentiment steady on wings, firm on breast and weak on leg quarters.

Ads noted (per pound unless otherwise stated):

Arizona - not available;

Colorado - whole body 100, whole cut-up 100, boneless breast free range 499, boneless breast tenders 299, split breast 99-229, boneless thighs 249, leg quarter 100, drumstick 99-129, thigh 99-129, (**deli food service** - fried 8 piece mixed 449);

Idaho - whole body 79, boneless breast 187, thigh 99, drumstick 99, (**deli food service** - whole rotisserie 499 each, chicken strips 499 per pound);

Northern California - whole body 89;

Southern California - whole body 78-99, whole body seasoned 99, whole cut-up 119, roaster 129, boneless breast 197-499, boneless breast seasoned 197, boneless thigh meat 199, boneless leg meat 87-168, split breast 219, whole legs 69-89, whole legs seasoned 99, leg quarters 10# bag 550, leg quarters marinated 69, wings 139, thighs 69-169, thighs 4# bag IQF 396, drumstick 69-169, drumstick 4# bag IQF 396, drumstick 5# bag 299-345, 15 piece combo {5 drumsticks, 5 thighs and 5 wings} 128, ground chicken 149; (deli food service - fried 8 piece drumstick and thigh 298, 12 piece mixed 599, whole rotisserie chicken each 499).

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers increased slightly entering the weekend and was generally fair to no better than moderate. Offerings of the 3 pound and heavier sizes were sufficient; smaller sizes were available. Retail and distributive movement was fair. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, breast items were no more than adequate and well cleared. Legs, leg quarters and drumsticks were less available than earlier in the week and were at least adequate to fully adequate overall. Wings were sufficient.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds increased entering the weekend and was seasonally fair to moderate. Buyers often limited receipts to standing commitments. Offerings varied and more readily available on the 2.50 pound size. 3.00 to 3.50 pound sizes were adequate to cleared. Heavier weights were usually no more than adequate. 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 steady. Breast items were about adequate. Leg cuts were less readily available but remained at least adequate. Wings were 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		69-89
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		78.24
NO. OF BOXES		7,083
CUMULATIVE	03/01/04-03/05/04	79.25
	03/03/03-03/07/03	58.00
NO. OF BOXES	03/01/04-03/05/04	33,611
	03/03/03-03/07/03	46,401

*7 of 7 plants reporting.

MAR 04

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

MAR 05

ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS				WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	807	188.00-264.00	188-192	190.10	874	186.00-264.00	186-189	194.82	4,194	192.93
TENDERLOINS	225	205.00-249.00	-	220.01	203	210.00-249.00	210-215	217.13	1,321	218.80
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT				102	99.00-103.00	99-101	100.39	520	99.53
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				340	101.28
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				103	47.00-62.00	47-49	48.46	495	50.51
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	557	31.00-38.00	31-35	33.76	648	31.00-35.00	31-33	32.33	2,979	34.27
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	760	36.00-41.00	37-40	37.91	939	35.00-39.00	36-38	36.94	4,184	38.44
WINGS (WHOLE)	297	121.00-126.00	-	124.48	284	120.00-126.00	-	124.47	1,472	123.12
WINGS (CUT)	494	132.00-142.00	134-137	136.26	559	132.00-144.00	134-137	136.55	2,659	136.30
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				70	61.14
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				140	55.57
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				435	123.37

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
 TRADING FOR MARCH 04, 2004 F.O.B. DOCK.

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RANGE **TODAY'S AVERAGE**
 63.00 - 72.00 68.05

RANGE **TODAY'S AVERAGE** **5-DAY AVERAGE**
 63.00 - 70.50 66.88 67.84

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent the industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS - Trucklot buying activity was fair to no better than moderate entering the weekend. Offerings of breast items were adequate to closely cleared. Tenderloins were in good balance. Legs, leg quarters and drumsticks were available. Wings were balanced to at least adequate. Retail and distributive movement was fair at best. The market tone was at least steady to fully steady on breast items; fully steady on tenderloins, leg items were barely steady.

ICE PACKED B/F PARTS, DLVRD TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER LB. MAR 05

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD	CURRENT NEG			WTD	WEEKLY	
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	195	189.09	647,240	195	187.37	747,246	189.70	3,016,467		
TENDERLOINS	205-210	182.51	130,580	205-210	203.47	165,020	192.45	667,870		
BREAST - WITH RIBS	98-99	104.35	126,920	99-100	104.45	114,560	104.72	600,600		
BREAST - LINE RUN	98	100.30	100,440	99	102.24	107,080	100.96	443,400		
LEGS	43-44	48.87	408,040	43-44	46.24	307,921	49.33	1,870,963		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	33-34	35.73	448,179	33-34	34.53	272,615	36.44	2,042,199		
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	39.43	137,700	33-34	37.09	164,360	40.85	658,500		
THIGHS	42-43	48.07	52,900	42-43	47.72	71,080	48.53	301,100		
B/S THIGHS	116-117	116.99	83,040	116-117	118.19	64,920	117.81	307,880		
WINGS (WHOLE)	114-115	121.70	166,360	114-115	122.74	141,040	122.39	696,320		
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.99	37,480	10-12	12.15	34,640	11.99	165,040		
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	34.05	14,560	35-40	33.38	15,560	34.05	78,115		
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	62.95	26,560	60-65	64.87	24,600	66.79	109,540		

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.
 ** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPE, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WT		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		
	03/05	03/04	03/03	03/02	03/03	03/02	02/27	02/25			
ALA	3,924	3,972	3,887	3,824	5.24	5.23	3,957	5.27			
ARK	5,003	5,338	5,141	5,193	5.05	5.02	4,817	4.93			
DELMARVA	2,096	2,155	2,183	2,156	5.38	5.48	1,951	5.34			
KY-LA-TN	1,787	1,992	1,906	1,986	5.03	5.07	1,841	5.07			
MISS	2,679	3,120	3,053	3,096	5.42	5.46	2,364	5.41			
NC	2,628	2,450	2,391	2,399	6.39	6.43	1,982	6.28			
TEXAS	2,241	2,271	2,234	2,334	5.19	5.19	2,494	5.07			
TOTAL	20,358	21,298	20,795	20,988	5.34	5.36	19,406	5.29			
MON-FRI	105,415(A)				101,291(A)						

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 05-Mar 04 and 6-Mar-04 is estimated to be 30,458,000 up 4.59 percent from a week ago and up 2.8 percent from a year ago.
 (Last week 29,121,000; last year 29,640,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 06-Mar-04 is estimated to be 152,570,000 head unchanged from a week ago, and up 1 percent from a year ago.
 (Last week 152,700,000; Last year 151,538,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
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

	DRY PACK	ICE PACK	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS			104-106
ROASTERS 4# & UP			102-103
HENS OVER 5#			105
DUCKS			109
			93
			93-95
			152-175

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 21-Feb-04 (Preliminary),

	(A) Fast food/ Food service	(B) Retail	(C) Deboning
	4.20 Lbs & down	4.21-5.25 Lbs	5.26 Lbs & Up
-----THOUSANDS-----			

Head	33,640	22,598	44,271
Avg Weight	3.57	4.82	6.29
% of total /1	33%	22%	44%

COMPARISONS

Last week	28,938	20,603	44,512
Avg Weight	3.71	4.80	6.26
% of total /1	31%	22%	47%

Same week, yr ago /2	22,373	21,547	47,090
Avg Weight	3.76	4.73	6.22
% of total /1	25%	24%	52%

To date/2004	170,845	149,260	284,764
To date/2003	163,349	148,016	296,543

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION W/E 28-Feb-04 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					

HEAD	152,700	1,139	1,252	2,391	471
AVG WT	5.17	3.36	8.00	5.79	6.77
LAST WEEK	152,287	1,291	1,314	2,605	480
SAME WK YR AGO	148,405	1,686	1,296	2,982	425
AVG WT	5.12	3.34	7.86	5.34	6.56
TO-DATE/2004	1,225,994	10,264	10,231	20,495	3,641
TO-DATE/2003	1,199,135	13,604	11,033	24,637	3,399

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 156.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 154.6 million head or 2.2 million head less than or 99% of estimated fryers available.

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - MARCH 02, 2004

PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.00 - 1.05	Silkie	1.75 - 2.00ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.95 - 1.00	Pigeons	3.10 - 3.40ea.
Pekin Ducks	2.00 - 2.25ea.	White Pigeons	4.00 - 4.25ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.70 - .90	Rabbits	
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.90 - 1.05	4-6 LBS	1.25 - 1.40
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.80 - .85	Rabbits	
Crossbred Roosters		6-9 LBS	1.10 - 1.20
4-6 LBS	.70 - .80	Bunnies	2.50 - 7.00ea.
Crossbred Roosters		Guinea Pigs	4.00 - 8.00ea.
7-11 LBS	.55 - .60	Goats	50.00 - 60.00ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.90 - 2.05	Doves	5.00 - 6.50ea.
Banty Roosters	2.75 - 3.50ea.	Chukars	5.00 - 5.50ea.
Banty Hens	1.75 - 2.00ea.		

Total Coops Sold 336

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 01-MAR-2003

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	137-140	144-146
MOSTLY		
MIDWEST	124-128	125-130
MOSTLY		

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	74.00-77.50	76.00-77.50
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	63.00-85.50	67.00-75.00

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-71.28
14 OZ.	66.96-77.92
16 OZ.	73.44-86.67

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment mostly steady. Demand was moderate to fairly good. Schedules full-time. Weights were desirable. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.25-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.35-1.45, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$0.30-0.50, livers at \$0.75-1.70, and feet at \$0.80-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 01-MAR-2003

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	107-124	125
MOSTLY		

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO**ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
JANUARY	24 149.3	157.4	95%	5.24
	31 152.7	158.4	96%	5.26
FEBRUARY	7 155.7	159.1	98%	5.22
	14 154.4	158.5	97%	5.16
	21 154.1	157.7	98%	5.05
	28 154.6	156.8	99%	5.17
YEAR TO DATE	1241.0	1255.3	99%	
MARCH	6 156.2			
	13 157.0			

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**Under Federal Inspection**

	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	03/06/04	02/28/04	% CHG	03/08/03	% CHG
Broilers	152,570	152,700*	0	151,538*	+01
Cattle	615	582	+06	639*	-04
Hogs	1,962	1,955	0	1,907	+03

*ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Majoritiy prices were slightly higher on light canners; unchanged on heavies when compared to a week earlier. Demand was at least moderate on lights; fair to moderate on heavies. Trading was light on heavy canners. Available offerings were clearing satisfactorily. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
22.5-30 MAJORITY 25-26	32-37 MAJORITY 34-35

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
24-32 MAJORITY 27-27.5	33-39 MAJORITY 36.5-37.5

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Majority values were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate to at least moderate. Offerings of spent fowl were about adequate. Processing schedules were mostly normal. Opinions on removal cost were generally steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-12	9-11

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Negotiations were too few to report. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Disposal costs were expected to remain unchanged.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices ranged unchanged. Offerings continued tight to adequate with demand moderate to fairly good. Opinions of value were steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	4-7	6-7

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

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

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. 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.

RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT

SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS 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.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plant schedules moderate. Offerings adequate.