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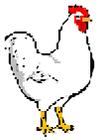
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were generally unchanged when compared to previous week. Trade sentiment was mostly steady to instances fully steady in the Midwest. Retail and food service demand was slow to moderate, good for fast food promotions. Supplies of all sizes were mixed, but available to satisfy trade needs. Processing schedules were part time with many plants down yesterday for the King holiday. In the parts structure, trading was moderate to good. Breast items and wings were close to tight, and dark meat was adequate to well cleared. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at irregular weights.

Final Report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 17-JAN-2005 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Boston/New Eng	72.00-73.00	72.50	18	70.98	44
Chicago	63.00-66.00	67.01	39	67.83	73
Ohio Cities	TFEWR			69.30	25
Denver	78.50	78.50	13	77.97	15
Detroit	65.00-68.00	68.73	11	69.50	55
Los Angeles	79.00	78.35	60	75.51	119
New York	69.00-72.00	71.21	24	70.95	49
Philadelphia	69.50-71.00	70.36	11	68.30	22
Pittsburgh	69.00-72.00	70.73	11	71.19	57
St. Louis	66.00-66.25	65.86	20	66.53	31
San Francisco	79.50	79.74	29	80.87	56

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	01/17/05	Change/Last Wk	01/10/05	01/19/04
546	72.05	.04	72.01	69.79

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

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AV	LOADS
Eastern	69.00-71.00	71.25	35
Central	62.00-74.00	69.47	70
Western	63.00-72.00	70.56	35
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent			
Mississippi	70.00-73.00	71.64	89

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 73.25 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
1,112	63.00-75.25	72.35

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	161.50	1,419
BREASTS - B/S	146.50	5,892
BREASTS - WHOLE	76.50	1,481
THIGH MEAT - B/S	82.50	1,072
LEG QUARTERS	31.00	7,663
WINGS	117.00	3,022

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly fair to moderate following the holiday weekend. Offerings of all sizes were adequate to fully adequate. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, wings were in good balance. Breast items were close balance to tight. Thighs, boneless thighs and drums were well cleared. Leg and leg quarters were adequate.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was mixed, but at least steady. Retail and food service demand following the weekend was fair to fairly good with active trading. Supplies of all sizes were sufficient to well cleared for trade requirements. In the parts structure, movement was moderate to good; availability of all items was no more than adequate to tight and held with confidence. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged from last weeks' levels. The market tone was generally steady with trading reported on regular commitments and new negotiations at mainly unchanged prices. Buying activity was lighter as buyers' continue to watch market developments. Offerings were fully adequate for trade needs. Retailer demand was moderate at best. Dealers reported satisfactory to heavier than desired weekend carryovers. The market tone was firm on boneless breasts, generally steady to fully steady on balance of parts. Trading reported on parts for this week's delivery: leg quarters 30.5-32 bulk and 4/10s mainly 32, boneless leg meat 75-79.5, boneless thigh meat 85-87, breast bone-in 80-89 and boneless 134-140, wings 124-125. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 64.48 down .11 with the volume reported at 27 loads down 7 percent from last week.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices generally unchanged from last Monday's final; Ohio cities TFEWR. Market tone mostly steady, instances fully steady on whole broiler/fryers. Offerings were light. Retail and food service demand slow to moderate, instances good noted into some fast food. Floor stocks were in balance; weights desirable. Parts offerings were light on boneless/skinless breasts, wings and drums, balance of items adequate. Trade sentiment was fully steady on dark meat cuts and fully steady to firm on the white meat lines.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to moderate. Seller offerings were adequate to fully adequate. Live supplies were moderate to light; weights were desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 71 to 85 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. In the part complex, demand was moderate to good and supplies were adequate to often short of immediate needs.

(A) Not released to avoid disclosing individual operations
***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	61-89
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	74.46
NO. OF BOXES	10,400

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was mostly moderate following the holiday weekend. Offerings of breast items were in close balance to tight. Wings were in good balance. Thighs, boneless thighs and drums were well cleared. Leg and leg quarters were adequate. Movement through retail channels was fair to moderate, best where scattered features were noted. Food service and distributive movement was fair. The market tone was firm on on breast items; fully steady on wings, thighs and drums. Balance of items were steady to fully 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	AVG	LBS
BREAST - B/S	150	139.98	658,480	
TENDERLOINS	110	112.29	226,480	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	74-75	80.91	82,640	
BREAST - LINE RUN	74	74.49	118,040	
LEGS	42-43	40.24	262,660	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	28-29	28.13	449,140	
DRUMSTICKS	28-29	31.78	441,710	
THIGHS	32-33	41.82	90,560	
B/S THIGHS	90-91	82.88	133,760	
WINGS (WHOLE)	115-116	125.63	85,760	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.03	27,200	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	30.76	18,320	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	62.68	29,400	

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	4,143	120.00-199.00	135-141	136.94
TENDERLOINS	423	104.00-177.00	110-113	110.97
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,382	24.00-29.00	25-26	25.84
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,691	27.00-31.00	27-29	27.74
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS	1,360	29.00-33.00	29-30	29.85

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

Data for Monday, January 17, 2005

	Estimate	Actual	Avg Wts	Actual	Avg Wts
	(1,000)	(1,000)		(1,000)	
	01/17	01/13	01/13	01/10	01/06
Alabama	(A)	4,003	5.19	4,011	5.17
Arkansas	(A)	5,100	5.02	5,393	4.98
Delmarva	(A)	2,238	5.53	2,196	5.57
KY-LA-TN	(A)	2,148	5.09	2,154	5.08
Mississippi	(A)	3,051	5.57	2,975	5.74
North Carolina	(A)	2,458	6.45	2,492	6.51
Texas	(A)	2,586	5.19	2,446	5.12
Total	14,694	21,584	5.37	21,667	5.39
Mon	14,694(B)			21,667(B)	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 17-Jan 2005 is estimated to be 21,984,000 down 32.39 percent from a week ago, and down 2.9 percent from a year ago.

(last week 32,514,000 last year 22,647,000)

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	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
				AVG
BREAST - B/S	717	137.00-187.00	144-149	146.75
TENDERLOINS	243	105.00-170.00	115-119	120.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	94	75.00-79.00	75-77	76.06
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	78	33.00-49.00	34-35	35.54
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	512	25.00-30.00	27-28	27.42
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	926	26.00-34.00	29-30	29.37
WINGS (WHOLE)	300	115.00-122.00	119-121	119.52
WINGS (CUT)	605	134.00-140.00	137-139	137.64
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 JANUARY 18, 2005 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
45.00 - 50.00	47.17

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 03-JAN-2005 TO 07-JAN-2005, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	127.00 - 147.00	135.00 - 147.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	67.00 - 96.00	74.00 - 85.00
LEGS	39.00 - 45.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	27.00 - 39.00	27.00 - 30.00
DRUMSTICKS	25.00 - 41.00	-
THIGHS	31.00 - 34.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	114.00 - 126.00	118.00 - 122.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	17.00 - 23.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 38.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 65.00	-

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

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	85.75-97.75
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	89.25-101.25

FROZEN HENS 5# & UP

FROZEN DUCKS

FROZEN SQUABS

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

FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-107
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	63-71

DUCKS

RABBITS-WHOLE

RABBITS-CUT UP

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	103-108
	ICE PACK 103-105
ROASTERS 4# & UP	111
	ICE PACK 108-111
HENS OVER 5#	89-95
	ICE PACK 89-93
DUCKS	175-192

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.

Due to changes in the manufacturing processes, the 15% or less chicken category is no longer produced in significant, tradeable quantities. Effective January 7, 2005, this category will be dropped from the Eastern and Central Region Mechanically Separated Chicken Reports.

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CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	18.75	120,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		18.75		
15-20%				
RANGE	15.00-22.00	14.00-19.00	3,250,000	1,570,000
WTD AVERAGE	18.75	17.08		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	17.50	160,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		17.50		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

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.

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CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	19.00	71,400	-
WTD AVERAGE		19.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	12.50-19.00	12.50-18.00	2,446,400	1,122,000
WTD AVERAGE	16.12	15.20		
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

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly moderate for the at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules were noted as mostly normal. Sales of finished product were generally sufficient and clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 17-JAN-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.25-15.25	11-13	11.70
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING		TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT		TOO FEW TO REPORT	

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were reduced. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 17-JAN-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7.5-14.75	10-11	10.95

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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