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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were mostly unchanged when compared to previous week; trade sentiment was generally steady. Retail and food service demand over the weekend was fair to fairly good, best into fast food outlets and active retail ads. Supplies were usually sufficient with smaller sizes in the East often short. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate. Breast items were in good balance to well cleared, dark meat was mostly sufficient, and wings were adequate to ample, longest for larger sizes. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at irregular, but mostly desirable 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 07-MAR-2005.

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Boston/New Eng	70.00-73.00	70.57	7	68.61	36
Chicago	63.00-66.00	66.64	40	68.39	79
Ohio Cities	TFEWR			68.76	27
Denver	79.50	79.37	15	79.03	17
Detroit	65.00-67.00	66.83	12	69.65	54
Los Angeles	80.00	78.87	62	76.29	140
New York	67.00-70.00	69.57	23	69.01	55
Philadelphia	67.50-69.00	68.36	11	67.30	22
Pittsburgh	68.00-70.00	68.64	11	70.96	57
St. Louis	66.00-66.25	65.75	21	65.84	34
San Francisco	80.50	80.41	34	81.50	62

### Composite Weighted Average

Loads	03/07/05	Change/Last Wk	02/28/05	03/08/04
583	71.74	.22	71.52	75.92

**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	70.00-71.00	70.56	32
Central	68.00-73.50	70.13	75
Western	69.00-74.00	73.65	35
<b>Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent</b>			
Mississippi	73.00-76.00	73.59	89

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 73.75 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
1,138	63.00-75.30	72.69

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	172.00	1,493
BREASTS - B/S	142.00	5,961
BREASTS - WHOLE	83.00	1,532
THIGH MEAT - B/S	93.50	1,069
LEG QUARTERS	32.00	7,719
WINGS	115.00	3,042

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**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair to moderate entering the week. Offerings were generally sufficient with 2.5 and 4 pound sizes in the better balance. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, breast items and tenders were good balance to well cleared. Wings were fully adequate. Other items were generally adequate.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand following the weekend was fair to moderate, best where retail ads, fast food specials, and first of the month business were active. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient with wogs closer balanced to well cleared. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate. Breast items were balanced to limited, dark meat was sufficient, and wings were mixed but available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Final majority prices were unchanged. Trading reported for this week's deliveries at unchanged prices on regular commitments and higher on new negotiations. Offerings were generally adequate. Buying activity was mainly fair. Retailer demand moderate overall. Dealers reported satisfactory week-end clearances. The market tone was mixed on parts with white meat items showing strength particularly on breasts. Trading reported on parts for this week's delivery: leg quarters 33-36 bulk and 4/10s 36.5-39.5, boneless leg meat 77-87, boneless thigh meat 87-98, breast bone-in 97-105 and boneless 139-148, wings 98- 114.5. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 71.31 higher than last weeks' level with the volume reported up 4 percent.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Whole broiler/fryer majority prices mostly unchanged from last Monday's final; Ohio cities TFEWR. The market tone was steady. Offerings and trade interest noted as light. Retail and food service demand was moderate to fairly good over the weekend with mixed fill-in today. Floor stocks in balance to long; weights desirable. Trade draw on parts was light and on as needed basis. Supplies of large wings were plentiful, boneless/skinless breasts in close balance, all other parts adequate. Market tone was steady to weak on large wings; steady to fully steady on boneless/skinless breasts and steady on the balance.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was about moderate for early week business. Seller offerings were generally adequate. However, 4.00 sizes were clearing and 2.50 pound sizes were short in instances. Live supplies were moderate; weights were irregular. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 69 to 83 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, breast items were in good balance to well cleared. Leg items were adequate, but thighs were well cleared. Wings improved over late last week, but were still reported as sufficient for trade needs.

\*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	63-84
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	74.29
NO. OF BOXES	4,422

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying activity was fair to moderate entering the week. Offerings of breast items and tenderloins were in good balance to well cleared. Dark meat cuts were irregular but generally at least adequate for needs. Wings were fully adequate to ample. Movement through retail and distributive channels was no better than fair. The market tone was firm on breast items; at least steady on dark meat cuts. Wings were barely steady to weak.

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

ITEM	NEGOTIATED TRADING	CURRENT	WTD	VOLUME
			AVG	/LBS
BREAST - B/S	150	147.97	147.97	666,760
TENDERLOINS	150	150.24	150.24	109,860
BREAST - WITH RIBS	88-89	93.35	93.35	88,240
BREAST - LINE RUN	88	89.22	89.22	104,440
LEGS	44-45	44.25	44.25	170,000
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	31-32	32.71	32.71	227,840
DRUMSTICKS	31-32	35.68	35.68	103,760
THIGHS	37-38	45.03	45.03	49,520
B/S THIGHS	96-97	96.37	96.37	64,000
WINGS (WHOLE)	105-106	111.98	111.98	143,220
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.72	11.72	16,200
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	29.63	29.63	11,360
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	64.43	64.43	21,280

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	2,478	127.00-152.00	129-138	136.96
TENDERLOINS	TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-	-
FRONT HALVES	423	73.00-93.00	73-75	75.59
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,011	28.00-30.00	28-29	28.73
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,616	30.00-31.00	-	30.80
WINGS (WHOLE)	TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-	-
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-	-
THIGHS	1,247	29.00-43.00	33-35	34.68

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	(1,000)	(1,000)		(1,000)	
	03/07	03/03	03/03	02/28	02/24
Alabama	4,011	3,967	5.15	3,947	5.12
Arkansas	5,454	5,422	5.03	5,474	5.05
Delmarva	2,183	2,214	5.36	2,250	5.41
KY-LA-TN	2,194	2,102	5.13	1,953	5.09
Mississippi	2,971	2,940	5.41	3,083	5.71
North Carolina	2,532	2,473	6.41	2,357	6.43
Texas	2,387	2,365	5.22	2,410	5.20
Total	21,732	21,483	5.33	21,474	5.37
Mon	21,732(A)			21,474(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 07-Mar 2005 is estimated to be 32,514,000 up 0.90 percent from a week ago. and up 2.0 percent from a year ago. (last week 32,224,000 last year 31,883,000)

**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	575	136.00-215.00	138-141	144.98
TENDERLOINS	228	145.00-170.00	146-149	148.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	110	87.00-95.00	89-90	89.73
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	73	38.00-51.00	-	40.52
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	537	28.00-32.00	29	29.06
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,020	29.00-33.00	31-32	31.37
WINGS (WHOLE)	334	75.00-118.00	105-109	104.17
WINGS (CUT)	390	90.00-126.00	-	120.05
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS  
TRADING FOR MAR 07, 2005 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
49.50 - 55.50	52.03	52.37

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 07-11-MAR-2005

CENTS PER POUND	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	135.00 - 151.00	138.00 - 150.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	83.00 - 111.00	87.00 - 91.00
LEGS	43.00 - 48.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	29.00 - 41.00	31.00 - 33.00
DRUMSTICKS	31.00 - 43.00	-
THIGHS	38.00 - 49.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	83.00 - 117.00	-
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	15.00 - 23.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 40.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 60.00	-

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

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	86.25-98.25
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	89.75-101.75
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#	65-73
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**

**DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 103-105
	DRY PACK 103-108
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 108-111
	DRY PACK 111
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 89-93
	DRY PACK 89-95
DUCKS	180-192

**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.

MARCH 04, 2005  
**CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED** — PRICES — VOLUME —  
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	20.75	18.75-23.00	540,000	260,000
WTD AVERAGE	20.75	21.18		

15-20%				
RANGE	19.00-24.00	21.00-24.00	1,912,000	1,312,000
WTD AVERAGE	21.88	22.57		

20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	19.75	80,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		19.75		

\* 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.

MARCH 04, 2005  
**CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED** — PRICES — VOLUME —  
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	24.00	20,400	-
WTD AVERAGE		24.00		

15-20%				
RANGE	24.00	21.00-28.00	1,487,600	408,000
WTD AVERAGE	24.00	23.16		

20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	15.00	40,800	-
WTD AVERAGE		15.00		

\* 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 at least moderate for the mostly adequate to at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules were noted as normal to instances heavy. Sales of finished product were sufficient to well cleared. The undertone was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
 FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 07-MAR-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.25-15.5	11.25-13	12.20
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 irregular, but slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was good for adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were moderate. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
 PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 07-MAR-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.5-15.25	11-12.5	12.02

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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