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Majority prices for next week were trending higher in the East and Midwest, unchanged in the West. Trade sentiment was at least steady, mostly fully steady to firm. Retail demand entering the weekend was light to moderate; food service was light to fairly good, best for promotions. Supplies were adequate to well cleared, at times tight, and held with confidence. In the parts structure, trading was moderate to fairly good. Breast items were close balanced to tight and clearing at premium levels. Wings were adequate to ample, but steadier than early week, and dark meat was mixed, but available and moving. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

Preliminary report Prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 14-MAR-2005 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	66.00-69.00	63.00-76.00	68.38	28
New York	69.00-73.00			
Los Angeles	80.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	73.00-76.00	66.00-80.00	73.90	92

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.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
989	69.50-75.60	73.69

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	173.00	1,231
BREASTS - B/S	145.50	5,771
BREASTS - WHOLE	84.50	1,312
THIGH MEAT - B/S	94.00	1,055
LEG QUARTERS	32.00	7,099
WINGS	109.50	3,013

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

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices increased for next week's deliveries into the Chicago area. The whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady to fully steady. Offerings were light on moderate to fairly good trade call. Retail demand was slowing and generally no better than fair. Food service movement was light to fairly good, best into promotions. Floor stocks were in a full range with spot shortages noted in Michigan and Ohio. Weights were in a desirable range. On parts supplies, large wings were the only item long. Offerings were limited with light to instances fair trade call. The market tone was steady to firm on all parts, except large wings which were weak.

SOUTHERN BROILER Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Demand entering the weekend was fair to good, best for retail ads, fast food specials, and where weekend needs increased. Supplies were close balanced to short of full trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair to active. Breast items were close to tight and clearing well, often at premium levels. Dark meat was sufficient, and wings were better balanced, but still readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices were unchanged. The market tone was fully steady overall. Trading reported for next week's deliveries were at generally unchanged prices on regular commitments and higher on new negotiations. Buying activity was fair but cautious. Offerings were adequate and very confidently held by most sellers. Retailer demand was moderate with best interest where features in progress. Dealers anticipated satisfactory week-end clearances. The market tone was firm on breasts and generally steady on balance of parts.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly moderate entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes were generally in good balance to closely cleared. Retail and distributive movement was light to moderate. The market tone was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, breast items and tenders were tight and commanding premiums. Dark meat cuts were clearing satisfactorily. Wings were at least adequate, but reported as slightly steadier.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was moderate to moderately good entering the weekend. Seller offerings were adequate, instances tight. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to light. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged to 1 cent higher at 71 to 83 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady. In the parts complex, breast items were in good balance to well cleared. Leg items were adequate to fully adequate. Wings were fully adequate to ample.

*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		64-88
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		74.00
NO. OF BOXES		6,099
CUMULATIVE	03/07/05-03/11/05	73.54
	03/08/04-03/12/04	79.14
NO. OF BOXES	03/07/05-03/11/05	26,721
	03/08/04-03/12/04	31,864

MAR 10		SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS								MAR 11	
ITEM	POUNDS		WTD		POUNDS		WTD		(000)	WTD AVG	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG			
BREAST - B/S	630	144.00-156.00	145-148	146.94	745	147.00-215.00	148-151	152.48	3,235	146.69	
TENDERLOINS	203	145.00-170.00	147-152	149.88	183	149.00-202.00	151-155	156.67	1,098	150.56	
BREAST - LINE RUN	110	79.00-94.00	87-90	88.55	86	93.00-102.00	94-97	95.44	496	90.06	
FRONT HALVES	85	76.00-82.00	79-80	79.65	TOO FEW TO REPORT				335	76.99	
LEGS	85	39.00-51.00	40-41	41.36	TOO FEW TO REPORT				340	41.44	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	522	28.00-34.00	29	29.38	495	29.00-33.00	-	29.78	2,599	29.33	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,309	30.00-36.00	31-33	32.11	965	30.00-36.00	31-32	31.85	5,134	31.73	
WINGS (WHOLE)	293	73.00-115.00	102-106	102.47	305	73.00-109.00	102-109	101.59	1,588	102.06	
WINGS (CUT)	490	88.00-120.00	115-119	114.46	425	103.00-128.00	122-125	121.89	2,155	118.77	
DRUMSTICKS	54	35.00-56.00	-	39.70	TOO FEW TO REPORT				218	40.45	
THIGHS	70	36.00-53.00	-	38.20	TOO FEW TO REPORT				243	39.13	
B/S THIGHS	80	91.00-99.00	-	94.88	TOO FEW TO REPORT				425	94.15	

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
 TRADING FOR MAR 10, 2005 F.O.B. DOCK.

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RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
52.00 - 58.00	54.52	51.50 - 57.50	54.03	52.96

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.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS - Trucklot buying activity was moderate to instances fairly good entering the weekend. Offerings of white meat items were in close balance to tight and commanding premiums in some instances; However, wings were irregular but reported as steady and in a better position than early week. Dark meat cuts were about adequate to adequate for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to good with best movement reported where features were in progress. The market tone was firm on breast items; at least steady on dark meat cuts. Wings were generally reported as slightly steadier.

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

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG		WTD	VOL/LBS	CURRENT NEG		WTD	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	WEEKLY
	TRADING*	AVG**			TRADING*	AVG**				
BREAST - B/S	155-160	144.27	144.27	705,120	155-160	147.40	147.40	980,887	147.17	3,685,891
TENDERLOINS	150-155	151.22	151.22	148,030	155	151.78	151.78	149,920	151.71	694,194
BREAST - WITH RIBS	92-93	98.40	98.40	98,240	92-93	96.34	96.34	147,200	95.53	579,200
BREAST - LINE RUN	92	92.73	92.73	121,760	92	93.46	93.46	67,400	91.44	535,800
LEGS	44-45	45.23	45.23	161,960	44-45	43.82	43.82	271,320	43.87	1,137,400
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	31-32	31.89	31.89	287,900	31-32	33.14	33.14	154,094	31.97	1,355,290
DRUMSTICKS	31-32	39.08	39.08	101,840	31-32	39.17	39.17	159,840	37.52	681,460
THIGHS	37-38	45.26	45.26	71,600	37-38	46.54	46.54	57,520	45.62	293,140
B/S THIGHS	96-97	92.91	92.91	49,960	96-97	96.01	96.01	78,960	94.35	381,880
WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101	105.79	105.79	216,280	100-101	103.72	103.72	229,640	106.28	914,260
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.05	12.05	39,600	10-12	11.69	11.69	30,120	11.80	152,920
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	27.62	27.62	14,560	30-35	28.75	28.75	17,160	28.94	72,760
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	63.19	63.19	14,400	60-65	64.73	64.73	19,360	64.18	101,240

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		SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED	
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	
Alabama	03/11	03/10	03/09	03/08	03/09	03/08	03/04	03/02	5.21	5.21	FRESH FRYERS	
Arkansas	4,022	3,974	3,874	3,926	5.19	5.29	3,869	5.21	5.21	5.21	ROASTERS 4# & UP	
Delmarva	5,167	5,501	5,214	5,370	4.96	5.16	5,450	5.08	5.08	5.08	HENS UNDER 5#	
KY-LA-TN	2,153	2,247	2,271	2,131	5.40	5.55	2,070	5.39	5.39	5.39	HENS OVER 5#	
Mississippi	2,104	2,222	2,228	2,109	5.09	5.08	2,245	4.70	4.70	4.70	DUCKS	
North Carolina	2,799	3,043	3,026	3,020	5.57	5.53	2,938	5.38	5.38	5.38	RABBITS-WHOLE	
Texas	2,587	2,521	2,340	2,318	6.40	6.52	2,824	6.53	6.53	6.53	RABBITS-CUT UP	
Total	2,354	2,786	2,409	2,361	5.25	5.30	2,282	5.29	5.29	5.29		
Mon-Fri	21,186	22,294	21,362	21,235	5.34	5.43	21,678	5.33	5.33	5.33		
	108,413(A)						107,441(A)				SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 11-Mar-05 and 12-Mar-05 is estimated to be 31,697,000 head down 2.56 percent from a week ago and up 3.08 percent from a year ago.
 (Last week 32,530,000, last year 30,751,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 12-Mar-05 is estimated to be 156,824,000 head down 2.04 percent from a week ago, and down 0.23 percent from a year ago.
 (Last week 160,095,000, last year 157,179,000)

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

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 26-Feb-05 (Preliminary),

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

	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	27,994	20,402	50,222
Avg Weight	3.67	4.75	6.39
% of total /1	28%	21%	51%
Comparisons			
Last week	29,133	22,573	48,384
Avg Weight	3.56	4.71	6.33
% of total /1	29%	23%	48%
Same week, yr ago /2	30,710	21,166	49,163
Avg Weight	3.61	4.78	6.31
% of total /1	30%	21%	49%
To date/2005	207,897	168,420	381,323
To date/2004	201,555	170,426	333,927

/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 (Preliminary)

W/E 05-Mar-2005	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	160,095	1,547	1,451	2,998	529
Avg Wt	5.24	3.35	8.01	5.61	6.80
Last week	156,421	1,511	1,477	2,988	551
Same wk yr ago	153,459	1,129	1,250	2,379	440
Avg Wt	5.41	3.22	7.80	5.63	5.39
To-date/2005	1,411,064	12,815	11,602	24,417	4,581
To-date/2004	1,379,453	11,393	11,481	22,874	4,081

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 163.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 162.0 million head, or 1.0 million less than estimated available.

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION -

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.90 - 1.00	Banty Roosters	3.25 - 5.00ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.85 - .90	Banty Hens	2.00 - 3.00ea.
Pekin Ducks	2.75ea.	Leghorn Hens	.10 - .15ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.50 - .60	Pigeons	4.75 - 5.00ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.60 - .80	White Pigeons	6.00 - 6.10ea.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.60 - .70	Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.30 - 1.70
Crossbred Roosters		Rabbits 6-9 LBS	1.00 - 1.10
4-6 LBS	.90 - 1.15	Bunnies	5.00 - 12.00ea.
Crossbred Roosters		Guinea Pigs	.75 - 3.50ea.
7-11 LBS	.80 - .90	Kid Goats	37.00 - 40.00ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.50 - 1.60	Total Coops Sold	375

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EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 07-MARCH-2005

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

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	143-145	149-151
MOSTLY		
MIDWEST	127-131	128-133
MOSTLY		

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

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	66.00-74.00	72.00-74.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	68.00-85.00	77.00-80.00

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

12 OZ.	63.36-72.90
14 OZ.	69.84-81.00
16 OZ.	74.88-89.10

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 steady. Demand was moderate to at times fairly good. Supplies were adequate. Schedules full-time. 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 07-MARCH-2005

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	123-135	127-139

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
January	29 159.7	162.4	98%	5.28
February	5 158.5	162.5	98%	5.35
	12 156.3	162.1	96%	5.29
	19 158.6	162.8	97%	5.16
	26 158.3	163.4	97%	5.28
March	5 162.0	163.0	99%	5.24
Year to date	1428.2	1451.4	98%	
March	12 161.9			
	19 162.0			

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection

W/E	-----THOUSANDS-----				
	03/12/05	03/05/05	% CHG	03/13/04	% CHG
Broilers	156,824	160,095*	-2.04	157,179*	-0.23
Cattle	599	598	0	624*	-04
Hogs	1,918	1,969	-03	1,950*	-02

*ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading was too few to report on heavy canners; slightly lower on lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to moderate for light canners; heavy canners were at least moderate with most available supplies of the heavy canners being used internally. Offerings were generally adequate for current trade needs. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was at least steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST
LIGHT CANNER HENS **HEAVY CANNER HENS**
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) **(WITHOUT NECKS)**
 28-33 MAJORITY 28-30 TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED
LIGHT CANNER HENS **HEAVY CANNER HENS**
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) **(WITHOUT NECKS)**
 30-35 MAJORITY 31-33 TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

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 prices were unchanged when compared to a week ago. Demand was at least moderate with offerings of spent hens more than sufficient for current trade needs. Processing schedules were mostly normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	3-13	8-11

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Costs of disposal were too few to report. Demand was light for adequate supplies of raw materials. Schedules were normal. Sales of dressed product were moderate. Values were expected to remain steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Removal costs ranged unchanged. Demand was fair while offerings increased and were reported as fully adequate to ample. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment mixed.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-12	3.5-8.5

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
 PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 14-MAR-05

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was at least moderate for the mostly adequate offerings. Processing schedules for next week were noted as normal to less than normal. Sales of finished product were sufficient and clearing satisfactorily. 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 Trading levels were too few to report. Demand was moderate for adequate supplies of spent fowl. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plant schedules full-time. Offerings ample.

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