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Majority prices were generally unchanged in the major terminal markets when compared to a week earlier. Trade sentiment was mostly steady with traders closely watching the snow storm in the Northeast. Retail and food service demand was slow to moderate. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient for full trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was light to fair. Offerings of breast items were adequate, wings were irregular and sufficient on the heavier sizes; small wings were reported as tight in the Midwest. Dark meat cuts were in the longest position and generally ranged adequate to available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable.

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 13-FEB-2006 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	
Boston/New England	TFEWR		:	60.42	27
Chicago	52.00-55.00	55.88	40	57.52	76
Ohio Cities	TFEWR		:	58.25	20
Denver	75.50	75.29	13	76.13	14
Detroit	54.00-56.00	56.50	8	59.98	52
Los Angeles	76.00	74.17	63	70.02	139
New York	55.00-58.00	57.24	25	59.90	50
Philadelphia	54.50-56.00	55.33	12	55.48	24
Pittsburgh	54.00-57.00	55.92	12	61.50	60
St. Louis	54.25-54.50	53.86	20	55.79	34
San Francisco	76.50	75.74	33	72.33	89

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	02/13/06	Change/Last Wk	02/06/06	02/14/05
585	62.87	-.07	62.94	71.37

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

REGIONS	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads
Eastern	58.50-60.00	59.95	33
Central	52.00-61.00	59.49	77
Western	59.00-67.00	63.40	39
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent			
Mississippi	67.00-70.00	68.39	90

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 68.20 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG

LOADS	RANGE	FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,100	52.00-71.00	68.20
The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:		
	WTD AVG	VOLUME
LINE RUN TENDERS	135.00	1,418
BREASTS - B/S	112.50	6,028
BREASTS - WHOLE	60.50	1,478
THIGH MEAT - B/S	96.00	1,206
LEG QUARTERS	24.00	8,554
WINGS	100.00	3,086

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying interest was mostly fair entering the week as dealers assess market developments following the snow storm that hampered parts of the Northeast. Offerings were at least sufficient for current trade needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels ranged light to moderate. Fast food movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, breast items were adequate; leg and leg quarters were at least adequate to available. Wings were generally sufficient.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was usually steady on whole product. Retail demand was fair to moderate, with traders closely watching weather conditions in the Northeast. Supplies of all sizes were at least sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was mostly moderate, but not active. Breast items were adequate, dark meat was adequate to fully adequate, and wings were irregular. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged from previous week. Reported trading on regular commitments was at unchanged prices, with new negotiations at mixed levels. Offerings were adequate overall. Buying activity had improved to cover planned features and specials. Retailer demand was fairly good at best. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 60.36 up .79, with the volume at 28 loads unchanged from last Mondays' reported level. Trade sentiments remained weak on leg quarters and about steady on balance of parts.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Majority prices on whole broiler/fryers were unchanged to slightly higher from last Monday's final; Ohio cities TFEWR. The market tone was steady. Offerings were adequate on light buyer interest. Retail and food service movement was light to moderate. Floor stocks were in balance to ample; weights generally in a desirable range. Offerings of parts were adequate with leg quarters plentiful and small wings tight. The market tone was barely steady to weak on dark meat items and steady on the balance; occasionally firm on wings.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was just fair for post weekend fill-in needs. Adverse weather conditions in both shipping and receiving channels curtailed some activity, but was generally offset by increased movement prior to the storm. Seller offerings were adequate to fully adequate. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 56 to 70 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, both items and volumes available differed from plant to plant, but were at least adequate overall. *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	53-71
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was mostly fair as dealers assess market developments following the snow storm that blanketed parts of the Northeast. Offerings of breast items were at least sufficient for current needs. Wings were adequate. Dark meat cuts were at least adequate to available. Movement through retail channels was light; distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was steady to barely steady for most dark meat cuts. The balance of items were generally steady.

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

ITEM	NEGOTIATED TRADING*	CURRENT	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	115	104.43	104.43	575,320
TENDERLOINS	90-95	90.92	90.92	166,600
BREAST - WITH RIBS	57-58	67.20	67.20	72,680
BREAST - LINE RUN	57	59.89	59.89	81,000
LEGS	38-39	34.75	34.75	263,320
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	21-22	26.06	26.06	336,865
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	33.32	33.32	80,800
THIGHS	33-34	39.71	39.71	42,480
B/S THIGHS	99-100	93.70	93.70	100,280
WINGS (WHOLE)	98-99	100.21	100.21	251,560
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.57	11.57	12,080
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	33.46	33.46	14,683
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	50.27	50.27	18,040

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	1,079	95.00-173.00	105-113	109.82
TENDERLOINS	252	84.00-191.00	84-89	92.00
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,059	16.00-27.00	18-19	18.99
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	956	19.00-27.00	19	19.97
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS	1,522	28.00-33.00	28-29	28.90

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	Estimate (1,000)	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wts	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wts
	02/13	02/09	02/09	02/06	02/02
Alabama	4,080	3,948	5.37	3,871	5.32
Arkansas	5,454	5,368	5.11	5,341	5.14
Delmarva	2,272	2,360	5.63	2,290	5.78
KY-LA-TN	2,274	2,186	4.97	2,149	5.16
Mississippi	2,869	2,987	5.68	3,133	5.71
North Carolina	2,499	2,548	6.72	2,108	6.60
Texas	2,459	2,519	5.16	2,552	5.22
Total	21,907	21,916	5.47	21,444	5.50
Mon	21,907 (A)			21,444 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 13-Feb 2005 is estimated to be 32,775,000 up 1.85 percent from a week ago. and up 3.8 percent from a year ago. (last week 32,179,000 last year 31,569,000)

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 (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	730	93.00-165.00	95-100	102.29
TENDERLOINS	233	82.00-144.00	-	89.60
BREAST - LINE RUN	106	52.00-61.00	55-58	56.58
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	206	27.00-42.00	30-32	29.77
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	586	16.00-24.00	17-18	17.58
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,130	18.00-29.00	19-20	20.18
WINGS (WHOLE)	295	92.00-101.00	93-96	95.86
WINGS (CUT)	340	110.00-117.00	112-115	114.03
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 FEBRUARY 13, 2006 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
38.00 - 44.00	39.65	40.42

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 PARTS ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 13-FEB-2006 TO 17-FEB-2006, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	93.00 - 116.00	97.00 - 103.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	54.00 - 81.00	57.00 - 61.00
LEGS	26.00 - 49.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17.00 - 29.00	21.00 - 23.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	20.00 - 31.00	23.00 - 25.00
DRUMSTICKS	25.00 - 33.00	-
THIGHS	31.00 - 46.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	99.00 - 113.00	101.00 - 104.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 23.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 49.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 59.00	-

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

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	81.75-99.75
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	85.25-102.25

FROZEN HENS 5# & UP
 FROZEN DUCKS
 FROZEN SQUABS
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	95-98
ROASTERS 4# & UP	97-106
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	DRY PACK 114 ICE PACK 89-105
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK 118 ICE PACK 100
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK 109 ICE PACK 88-102
DUCKS	185-190

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.

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

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	17.50	17.00-19.00	662,000	-
WTD AVERAGE	17.50	18.04		
15-20%				
RANGE	15.50-21.00	13.00-18.00	1,808,000	1,048,000
WTD AVERAGE	18.50	15.37		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	14.00	160,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		14.00		

* 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.

FEBRUARY 10, 2006

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

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	19.00	122,400	-
WTD AVERAGE		19.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	15.00-21.00	13.00-18.00	1,017,600	326,400
WTD AVERAGE	17.42	14.59		
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 week earlier. Demand was mostly fair to moderate for the mostly adequate to at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules were noted as normal to less than normal. Sales of finished product was mostly moderate. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 13-FEB-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9.75-15	11-13	12.25
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 Prices were generally unchanged compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate supplies of spent hens. Schedules were normal. Sales of finished product were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 13-FEB-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9-15.25	11-13	12.05

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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