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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were unchanged in all areas when compared to previous week. Trade sentiment was mixed, ranging steady to barely steady. Retail demand was light to instances moderate. Food service was fair to fairly good, best into fast food channels. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate or available for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was mostly light to no better than fair. Wings were sufficient with smaller sizes in the closest position, and breast items were sufficient, aided by retail activity. Dark meat was fully adequate to readily available with some discounting reported. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy, but 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 27-FEB-2006 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Boston/New England	TFEWR		:	57.59	22
Chicago	52.00-55.00	55.90	40 :	57.00	74
Ohio Cities	TFEWR		:	57.97	22
Denver	75.50	75.29	14 :	76.00	15
Detroit	54.00-56.00	56.50	8 :	59.89	58
Los Angeles	76.00	74.21	68 :	71.34	132
New York	55.00-58.00	56.59	22 :	58.33	46
Philadelphia	54.50-56.00	54.91	11 :	55.41	23
Pittsburgh	54.00-57.00	55.64	11 :	61.19	58
St. Louis	54.25-54.50	53.79	20 :	54.93	41
San Francisco	76.50	75.64	33 :	75.93	76
<b>Composite Weighted Average</b>					
Loads	02/27/06	Change/Last Wk	02/20/06	02/28/05	
567	62.94	-.65	63.59	71.52	

**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	58.00-60.00	58.74	36
Central	51.00-60.00	59.05	77
Western	56.00-62.00	61.15	40
<b>Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent</b>			
Mississippi	67.00-70.00	68.43	95

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 69.00 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
1,113	52.00-69.75	67.99
The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:		
	WTD AVG	VOLUME
LINE RUN TENDERS	139.50	1,428
BREASTS - B/S	112.50	5,759
BREASTS - WHOLE	59.00	1,463
THIGH MEAT - B/S	89.50	1,122
LEG QUARTERS	21.00	8,254
WINGS	101.50	2,947

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**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Trucklot buying interest was light to no better than fair entering the week as dealers kept floor stocks in close balance with immediate needs. Offerings were at least adequate to available for current trade needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items were fully adequate. Tenders were clearing satisfactorily. Leg cuts were fully adequate to readily available. Wings were mostly adequate.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was mixed, but overall steady. Demand following the weekend was slow to moderate, best for fast food promotions. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was mostly fair at best. Wings were sufficient, breast items were at least available, and dark meat was adequate to ample. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Final majority prices were unchanged. Trading reported for this weeks' delivery at mainly unchanged prices on regular commitments and unchanged to lower on new negotiations. Offerings were plentiful. Buying activity was fair. Retail demand moderate. Dealers reported generally moderate week-end carryovers. The market tone was overall steady on parts. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was down 1.50 to 57.97; the volume reported was 3 percent lower at 29 loads.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Majority prices on whole broiler/fryers were unchanged from last Tuesday's final; Ohio cities TFEWR. The market tone was steady to barely steady. Offerings moderate to heavy for the light trade call. Retail and food service demand covered the full range; mostly moderate overall. Floor stocks were adequate; weights desirable. Parts offerings were moderate to plentiful. The market tone was fully steady on regular sized wings, and steady to weak on all other parts

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was slow to instances fair for early week fill in needs. Offerings were fully adequate to ample. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processor schedules weremostly moderatate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 56 to 70 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. Breast items were generally noted as fully adequate with tray pack sales at the retail level keepingthe bulk of offerings in manageable balance. Tenders were clearing well. Leg items were readily available and competitively priced in an effort to stimulate buyer interest. Wings were in irregular balance.

\*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	52-71
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying activity was light to no better than fair as dealers were cautious and selective entering the week. Offerings of breast items ranged adequate to available for current needs. Tenderloins were in good balance. Leg cuts were fully adequate to readily available. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light. The market tone was barely steady to weak for boneless skinless thigh meat and most dark meat cuts. Tenders were at least steady. The balance of items were generally steady at best.

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	/LBS
BREAST - B/S	115	104.86	712,120	
TENDERLOINS	90-95	93.25	131,160	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	57-58	67.00	60,360	
BREAST - LINE RUN	57	58.55	99,000	
LEGS	33-34	33.15	356,320	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	19-20	20.28	366,000	
DRUMSTICKS	23-24	29.91	99,760	
THIGHS	26-27	34.73	41,480	
B/S THIGHS	86-87	87.19	129,600	
WINGS (WHOLE)	98-99	95.90	248,280	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.46	26,080	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	38.17	5,040	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	48.72	21,200	

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.

\*\* WTD AVG 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	1,358	85.00-177.00	90-108	104.75
TENDERLOINS	335	83.00-172.00	85-89	90.82
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	2,120	12.00-17.00	14-15	14.79
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,502	15.00-26.00	15-16	16.63
WINGS (WHOLE)	669	71.00-114.00	-	96.20
DRUMSTICKS	330	16.00-36.00	17-21	18.69
THIGHS	1,323	22.00-32.00	22-23	22.11

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

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)
	02/27	02/23	02/23	02/20	02/16
Alabama	4,107	3,906	5.33	3,669	5.32
Arkansas	5,435	5,247	5.08	4,199	5.10
Delmarva	2,287	2,259	5.70	2,258	5.67
KY-LA-TN	2,248	2,253	4.98	1,976	4.97
Mississippi	2,858	2,860	5.75	2,739	5.80
North Carolina	2,659	2,583	6.72	2,271	6.59
Texas	2,459	2,490	5.28	2,490	5.16
Total	22,053	21,598	5.49	19,602	5.46
Mon	22,053(A)			19,602(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 27-Feb 2005 is estimated to be 32,994,000 up 12.17 percent from a week ago. and up 3.1 percent from a year ago. (last week 29,415,000 last year 31,998,000)

**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	720	90.00-155.00	92-95	101.58
TENDERLOINS	218	85.00-145.00	87-94	90.55
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	226	19.00-42.00	20-23	23.15
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	626	14.00-22.00	15-16	15.80
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,250	17.00-25.00	18-19	19.30
WINGS (WHOLE)	295	94.00-101.00	95-98	97.46
WINGS (CUT)	345	90.00-121.00	112-118	113.62
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 FEBRUARY 27, 2006 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
36.00 - 42.00	37.90	39.03

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 27-FEB-TO 03-MAR-2006

	Price (Cents) Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	86.00 - 113.00	97.00 - 108.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	54.00 - 78.00	57.00 - 61.00
LEGS	32.00 - 49.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	14.00 - 27.00	19.00 - 21.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	17.00 - 24.00	21.00 - 22.00
DRUMSTICKS	19.00 - 29.00	-
THIGHS	25.00 - 41.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	92.00 - 116.00	106.00 -
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 23.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 49.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	38.50 - 59.00	-

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

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	81.5-99.5
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	85-102

FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	
<b>DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)</b>	
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	ICE PACK 89-105
	DRY PACK 114
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 100
	DRY PACK 118
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 88-102
	DRY PACK 109-109
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	16.00-19.00	424,000	-
WTD AVERAGE	17.50	17.33		
15-20%				
RANGE	14.75-21.00	12.00-17.00	1,692,000	932,000
WTD AVERAGE	18.17	14.05		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	14.00	80,000	-
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.

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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	20,400	-
WTD AVERAGE		19.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	12.00-14.50	11.00-18.00	1,030,800	563,200
WTD AVERAGE	12.42	14.85		
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 fair to moderate for the mostly adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Sales of finished product was moderate. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 27-FEB-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9.75-15.5	12-14	13.15
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 at least unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 27-FEB-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9-15.25	11-13	12.88

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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