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Majority prices in the major terminal markets were unchanged in the West, but lower in the East and Midwest when compared to a week earlier. Trade sentiment improved as interest increased for the week-end. However, values were still at best barely steady. Demand into all channels was usually reported as moderately light, but still best where retail ads and fast food promotions were active. Supplies of all sizes were fully sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was only fair. Supplies of all items were at least adequate with wings often priced competitively to improve interest. In production areas, live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

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 03-APR-2006 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	46.00-49.00	39.00-68.25	47.78	27
New York	48.00-51.00			
Los Angeles	75.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	65.00-68.00	52.00-72.00	66.48	93

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 67.75 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
907	63.94-70.00	67.54
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	136.50	1,202
BREASTS - B/S	110.00	4,861
BREASTS - WHOLE	57.50	1,210
THIGH MEAT - B/S	66.50	1,020
LEG QUARTERS	16.00	7,184
WINGS	86.00	2,537

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

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into the Chicago area were 2 cents lower from Monday's final. Whole broiler/fryers ended the week on a barely steady to weak market tone. Offerings were ample and aggressively priced. Trade activity was light to moderate. Movement into all channels for the most part was light to moderate; instances of fairly good to good demand on active retail and fast food promotions were noted. Floor stocks were in a full range with sizes mostly desirable. Parts supplies were fully sufficient with breast cuts noted in better balance over early week positions. Trade activity was spotty. The market tone was about steady on breast cuts, barely steady to weak on leg items and wings.

SOUTHERN BROILER Trade sentiment improved but was still no better than steady. However, values in the major terminal markets were trending unchanged in the West, but lower in the East and Midwest when compared to a week earlier. Demand improved in late week business, although prices were still disappointing. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate for irregular trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was only fair with availability of most all items fully adequate to ample. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was about steady. Preliminary majority prices were generally unchanged. Reported trading for next week's deliveries at unchanged to lower prices. Offerings remained ample for immediate trade needs. Retail demand was moderate overall. Dealers anticipated fair to slightly heavier than desired carryovers.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers increased entering the weekend and was noted as moderate to fairly good due mostly to first-of-the month and weekend interest. Offerings of all sizes ranged adequate to readily available with 3 pound and heavier sizes in the longest position. Retail and distributive movement was mostly light to fair. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items were adequate to at least adequate. Leg cuts were at least adequate to fully adequate; wings were ample.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds increased and was fairly good as buyers anticipated additional consumer needs during the weekend and first-of-the month. Seller offerings were fully adequate and clearances were generally reported as much improved on all but the 3.50 pound size which remained readily available at several points. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged to 1 cent lower at 48 to 65 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. In the parts complex, supplies were fully adequate.

*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		35-70
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		(A)
NO. OF BOXES		(A)
CUMULATIVE	03/27/06-03/31/06	(A)
	03/28/05-03/01/05	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	03/27/06-03/31/06	(A)
	03/28/05-03/01/05	(A)

(A)Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS										
ITEM	POUNDS				WTD AVG	POUNDS				MAR 31 WEEKLY WTD AVG
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG		(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	
BREAST - B/S	689	82.00-145.00	-	91.69	560	81.00-155.00	82-87	89.87	3,310	91.76
TENDERLOINS	168	90.00-145.00	95-99	95.71	128	90.00-145.00	-	95.94	967	96.03
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				850	54.66
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				275	56.25
LEGS	188	16.00-38.00	17-19	18.96	188	16.00-38.00	17-18	19.17	910	18.87
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	568	11.00-16.00	12-13	12.55	562	11.00-16.00	12-13	12.78	2,891	12.60
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,100	13.00-25.00	14-16	16.98	1,140	13.00-25.00	14-15	15.81	5,540	15.87
WINGS (WHOLE)	285	68.00-96.00	70-76	74.88	275	68.00-96.00	-	82.62	1,395	77.93
WINGS (CUT)	325	84.00-99.00	92-96	92.83	245	85.00-98.00	-	92.35	1,400	93.33
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				320	26.76
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				230	27.72
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				385	54.78
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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS					WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS					
TRADING FOR MAR 30, 2006 -- F.O.B. DOCK.					TRADING FOR MAR 31, 2006 -- F.O.B. DOCK.					
<u>RANGE</u>		<u>TODAY'S AVERAGE</u>			<u>RANGE</u>		<u>TODAY'S AVERAGE</u>		<u>5-DAY AVERAGE</u>	
32.50 - 37.00		34.28			32.50 - 37.00		34.06		34.38	

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 increased slightly under normal weekend and first-of-the month interest, but was no better than fair overall. Offerings of breast items were at least sufficient for current needs; leg items were at least adequate to fully adequate. Wings were fully adequate to available. Tenders were clearing satisfactorily. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair at best. The market tone was mostly steady on breast items and tenders; no better than steady on the balance of items.
 ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS											
ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	CURRENT NEG			WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	MAR 31 WEEKLY WTD AVG
	TRADING*	TRADING*	TRADING*			TRADING*	TRADING*	TRADING*			
BREAST - B/S	100-105	92.50	671,760	92.50	671,760	100-105	95.18	641,700	95.61	3,177,580	
TENDERLOINS	95-100	94.07	140,040	94.07	140,040	95-100	94.49	169,600	95.69	857,583	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	56-57	64.09	120,600	64.09	120,600	56-57	62.08	112,440	64.01	501,960	
BREAST - LINE RUN	56	59.33	81,000	59.33	81,000	56	58.11	81,000	58.89	414,080	
LEGS	29-30	22.24	438,800	22.24	438,800	29-30	26.79	223,680	24.23	1,783,040	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	14-15	15.18	281,800	15.18	281,800	14-15	15.40	293,840	14.73	1,768,727	
DRUMSTICKS	20-21	22.48	86,680	22.48	86,680	20-21	23.61	113,360	23.40	441,350	
THIGHS	23-24	32.25	41,600	32.25	41,600	23-24	30.39	62,120	31.14	275,250	
B/S THIGHS	69-70	63.01	138,000	63.01	138,000	69-70	60.11	102,000	62.41	594,860	
WINGS (WHOLE)	70-71	79.94	185,240	79.94	185,240	70-71	74.53	235,500	73.13	1,227,680	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.27	49,680	12.27	49,680	10-12	11.74	13,800	11.84	139,000	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	25.81	15,040	25.81	15,040	25-30	23.65	15,760	24.28	72,120	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	47.58	13,880	47.58	13,880	45-50	47.25	22,920	48.48	92,840	

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. 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.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WT		ACTUAL		AVG WTS	
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)
Alabama	4,041	4,139	3,957	4,013	5.35	5.42	4,074	5.36	5.36	5.36
Arkansas	4,611	5,380	5,365	5,159	5.19	5.17	5,122	5.17	5.17	5.17
Delmarva	2,239	2,253	2,251	2,559	5.77	5.87	2,285	5.78	5.78	5.78
KY-LA-TN	2,819	2,252	2,274	2,207	5.07	5.08	2,387	5.13	5.13	5.13
Mississippi	3,156	2,866	2,439	2,923	5.67	5.92	3,934	5.81	5.81	5.81
North Carolina	2,604	2,350	2,327	2,315	6.94	6.92	2,543	6.85	6.85	6.85
Texas	2,599	2,557	2,517	2,532	5.35	5.34	2,505	5.33	5.33	5.33
Total	22,069	21,797	21,130	21,409	5.54	5.59	22,850	5.57	5.57	5.57
Mon-Fri	108,316(A)						109,009(A)			
Saturday	866(included in total for date shown)						2,385(A)			

Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 31-Mar-06 and 01-Apr-06 is estimated to be 33,018,000 head down 3.71 percent from a week ago and up 1.11 percent from a year ago. (Last week 34,289,000, last year 32,655,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 01-Apr-06 is estimated to be 161,598,000 head down 0.30 percent from a week ago, and up 4.25 percent from a year ago. (Last week 162,089,000, last year 155,010,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS		
		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	89-103
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK	108-114
HENS UNDER 5#	ICE PACK	100
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	111-118
DUCKS	ICE PACK	88-102
RABBITS WHOLE	DRY PACK	102-109
CUT UP		

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS		
		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	89-103
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK	108-114
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	88-102
	DRY PACK	102-109

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 18-Mar-06 (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	31,680	16,214	52,627
Avg Weight	3.72	4.81	6.44
% of total /1	32%	16%	52%

Comparisons

Last week	28,352	24,324	53,330
Avg Weight	3.71	4.79	6.46
% of total /1	27%	23%	50%
Same week, yr ago /2	29,594	25,484	39,720
Avg Weight	3.57	4.84	6.43
% of total /1	31%	27%	42%
To date/2006	298,652	200,086	593,732
To date/2005	294,537	236,792	520,247

/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 25-MAR-2006	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	162,089	1,082	1,562	2,644	513
Avg Wt	5.36	3.41	8.11	6.19	6.65
Last week	162,304	1,001	1,441	2,442	519
Same wk yr ago	151,161	1,711	1,356	3,067	503
Avg Wt	5.19	3.23	8.14	5.40	6.83
To-date/2006	1,926,751	14,597	17,219	31,816	6,064
To-date/2005	1,877,190	17,631	15,677	33,308	6,102

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 164.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 164.1 million head, or 0.8 million less than estimated available.

**ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/
FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
February 18	164.3	164.0	100%	5.38
25	160.4	163.9	98%	5.48
March 4	160.3	163.4	98%	5.34
11	162.6	164.2	99%	5.32
18	164.3	164.3	100%	5.31
25	164.1	164.9	100%	5.36
Year to date	1950.2	1957.9	100%	
April 1		164.9		
8		163.5		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection

W/E	04/01/06	03/25/06	% CHG	04/02/05	% CHG
Broilers	161,598	162,089*	-0.30	155,010*	+4.25
Cattle	613	583	+05	566*	+08
Hogs	1,973	1,943	+02	1,966*	0

*ACTUAL

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 27-MAR-2006

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 MOSTLY	151-155	157-161
MIDWEST MOSTLY	132-142	133-143

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)	46.00-57.00	52.00-56.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	61.00-86.00	70.00-74.00

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. The trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were adequate for current needs. Schedules were full time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$3.50-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.45-1.95, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$0.50-0.65, livers at \$0.95-1.70, and feet at \$1.00-1.15. NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 27-MAR-2006

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	126-146	128-148

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - DATE OF AUCTION: 03-28-06

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

Prices paid per pound, except as noted.	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.80 - 1.00
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.80 - 1.00
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.50 - .60
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.55 - .70
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.55 - .75
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.70 - .90
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.60 - .70
Guinea Fowl	1.20 - 1.50ea.
Banty Roosters	1.75 - 2.00ea.
Banty Hens	1.50 - 2.00ea.
Pigeons	3.00 - 3.50ea.
White Pigeons	6.00 - 6.50ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	2.95 - 3.05
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	2.90 - 2.95
Bunnies	4.00 - 12.00ea.
Guinea Pigs	3.50 - 6.50ea.
Goats	45.00 - 50.00ea.

Total Coops Sold 608

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading was too few to report for heavy cannery; unchanged on lights when compared to the previous week. Offerings of light cannery were fully sufficient for the light and unaggressive demand; at least adequate for heavy cannery with most available supplies being used internally. Demand was slow to fair. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was no better than steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
18-28 MAJORITY 23-24	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
20-29 MAJORITY 24.5-25.5	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 HENS Prices were generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate to instances fairly good, best into rendering operations. Offerings of spent hens were at least adequate for current needs. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

REMOVAL COST	RANGE	MAJORITY
	3-12	9-10

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS Disposal costs were TFEWR. Demand was light for spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was about steady.

REMOVAL COST	RANGE	MAJORITY
	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS Removal prices ranged higher. Demand was light with offerings adequate. Schedules reduced. Trade sentiment steady.

REMOVAL COST	RANGE	MAJORITY
	4-11	

WEST COAST LIGHT Plant schedules light to moderate. Offerings adequate.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR
SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 03-APR-06

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were too few to report. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was generally fair to no better than moderate for the at least adequate to fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules for next week were noted as mostly normal. Sales of finished product was sufficient. The undertone was about 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	

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