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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were higher in all areas when compared to previous week. Trade sentiment was firm in the West, and at least steady in all other areas. Retail demand was slow to moderate with few features. Food service covered the full range, but was best into fast food channels. Supplies of all sizes were usually in balance for trade needs. In the parts structure, demand was fair to fairly good. Wings were mixed, with larger sizes more than sufficient, but smaller cuts less available. Boneless skinless breasts were sufficient, and all other breast items were close balanced to well cleared. Dark meat cuts were generally adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, 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 19-FEB-2007 (cents per lb)

LOADS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	AREAS	MAJORITY	WTD	LOADS	WTD
			AVG		AVG
Boston/New England	TFEWR		:	70.13	16
Chicago	73.00-76.00	76.08	35 :	77.66	61
Ohio Cities	TFEWR		:	76.79	17
Denver	80.50	80.20	14 :	80.85	15
Detroit	76.00-77.00	77.75	8 :	75.41	44
Los Angeles	81.00	80.89	64 :	82.37	121
New York	76.00-79.00	77.96	23 :	76.62	48
Philadelphia	75.50-77.00	76.55	11 :	76.32	22
Pittsburgh	75.00-78.00	77.27	11 :	77.38	56
St. Louis	76.00-76.25	75.66	20 :	75.50	33
San Francisco	81.50	82.21	36 :	83.11	69

### Composite Weighted Average

Loads	02/19/07	Change Last Wk	02/12/07	02/20/06
502	78.21	3.15	75.06	63.59

**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	78.00-80.00	78.84	35
Central	76.00-81.00	79.23	60
Western	79.00-86.00	81.54	39
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent			
Mississippi	74.00-76.00	74.20	93

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 74.25 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
1,114	63.00-76.00	73.52

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

	WTD AVG	VOLUME
LINE RUN TENDERS	184.50	1,413
BREASTS - B/S	154.00	5,867
BREASTS - WHOLE	97.50	1,462
THIGH MEAT - B/S	102.00	1,159
LEG QUARTERS	40.00	9,280
WINGS	134.50	2,736

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**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light to mostly moderate for early week trading. Offerings of all sizes were generally sufficient and clearing satisfactorily. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair. The market tone was steady to at least steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts and tenders were well cleared. Boneless skinless breasts and most dark meat cuts were mostly adequate and wings were at least adequate for current needs.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was mixed, but overall at least steady. Retail demand following the weekend was light to moderate with limited features. Food service was fair to moderate, best for active fast food promotions. Supplies of all sizes were in good balance to well cleared for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair to fairly good. Boneless skinless breasts were sufficient, but the remaining breast items were close balanced to short. Dark meat was adequate to barely adequate, but closest for boneless cuts, 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 1 cent higher throughout the region. The market tone was firm. Trading reported for this week's deliveries at higher prices on regular commitments and new negotiations. Offerings were generally adequate. Buying activity was fair with buyer's closely watching market developments. Retailer demand decreased for bagged whole body product but was fairly good for parts and WOGs. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. Trade sentiments, although mixed on parts, was generally steady overall. Trading reported on parts at 43-51 for leg quarters, 126-139 for wings, breasts with ribs attached 104-121 and boneless breasts 145-157. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was at 83.20 up 5.41 with the volume reported up 3 percent to 30 loads.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Final majority prices into major markets moved higher over last Monday's final; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady to firm. Offerings limited, but adequate for light trade call. Retail movement was slow to moderate. Food service was mixed, slow to good, mostly moderate and best into fast food. Floor stocks were in balance to long; weights mixed. Parts trade call was light and on as needed basis. Supplies of large wings plentiful, regular sized wings and remaining items were in close balance. The market tone was barely steady to weak on large wings; all other parts were generally steady to occasionally firm.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to moderate for early week business. Seller offerings were in close balance to instances short. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but reported as mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices remained unchanged at 77 to 87 cents. Trade sentiment was at least steady. In the parts complex, wings continued to build. Breast and dark meat items were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. \*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 02/20/2007	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A 02/19/2007
RANGE	75-91	76-88
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying interest was moderate to moderately good for early week business. Offerings of bone-in breasts and tenders were in close balance to well cleared. Boneless skinless breasts and most dark meat cuts were generally adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Wings were fully sufficient for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was at least moderate. The market tone was fully steady to firm for bone-in breasts and tenders; steady to fully steady for the balance of items.

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

FEB 19	CURRENT	WTD	VOLUME
ITEM	NEGOTIATED TRADING	AVG	/LBS
BREAST - B/S	160-165	149.89	522,440
TENDERLOINS	170-175	167.54	118,200
BREAST - WITH RIBS	98-99	105.62	69,360
BREAST - LINE RUN	98	100.63	72,000
LEGS	54-55	53.73	142,600
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	41-42	41.85	299,132
DRUMSTICKS	47-48	52.95	83,627
THIGHS	51-52	54.63	50,720
B/S THIGHS	110-111	102.22	95,000
WINGS (WHOLE)	129-130	126.64	160,880
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	10.75	10,840
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	38.47	11,760
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	49.74	23,960

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	139.00-201.00	141-150	147.30
TENDERLOINS	267	153.00-247.00	165-169	168.76
BREAST - WITH RIBS	169	95.00-114.00	-	100.73
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QRTRS (BULK)	329	36.00-38.00	37-38	37.58
LEG QRTRS (4/10)	1,416	30.00-44.00	38-39	39.20
WINGS (WHOLE)	1,147	82.00-142.00	135-139	130.22
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS	1,097	44.00-49.00	49	48.49

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

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	02/20	02/16	02/16	02/13	02/09
Alabama	3,902	4,382	5.34	3,874	5.54
Arkansas	5,147	4,912	4.89	5,040	4.85
Delmarva	2,142	2,030	5.49	2,162	5.55
KY-LA-TN	2,300	2,322	4.73	2,327	5.05
Mississippi	2,974	2,729	5.38	2,946	5.60
North Carolina	2,667	2,673	6.84	2,661	6.68
Texas	2,490	2,466	5.07	2,451	5.02
Total	21,622	21,514	5.35	21,461	5.43
Mon-Tue	43,224(A)			42,874(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 20-Feb 2007 is estimated to be 32,349,000 up 0.45 percent from a week ago and up 2.8 percent from a year ago.

(last week 32,204,000 last year 31,455,000)

**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	652	142.00-215.00	-	152.96
TENDERLOINS	223	172.00-225.00	-	178.08
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	203	52.00-61.00	53-54	53.83
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	550	39.00-43.00	40-41	40.42
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	672	39.00-44.00	42-43	42.78
WINGS (WHOLE)	241	92.00-132.00	-	99.63
WINGS (CUT)	415	129.00-149.00	-	138.15
DRUMSTICKS	76	38.00-61.00	-	40.67
THIGHS	101	41.00-61.00	-	45.13
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS  
TRADING FOR FEBRUARY 20, 2007 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
65.50 - 68.75	66.84

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 19-FEB-TO 23-FEB-2007

**Price (Cents) Per Lb. Mostly**

BREAST - B/S	130.00 - 158.00	143.00 - 149.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	88.00 - 117.00	97.00 - 109.00
LEGS	50.00 - 60.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	32.00 - 44.00	39.00 - 42.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	41.00 - 47.00	41.00 - 44.00
DRUMSTICKS	39.00 - 53.00	-
THIGHS	51.00 - 55.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	123.00 - 145.00	132.00 - 139.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 23.00	-
LIVERS	32.00 - 47.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 53.00	-

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

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	86.75-104.75
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	90.25-107.25
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	

**DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)**

FRESH FRYERS	91-100
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-108
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	65-74
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 93-105
	DRY PACK 110-119
ROASTERS 4# & UP	CE PACK 98
	DRY PACK 111-118
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 86-100
	DRY PACK 100-107
DUCKS	185-195

**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.

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED (Cents per Pound)	FEBRUARY 16, 2007			
	PRICES		VOLUME	
FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS	16.50	15.50-17.00	664,000	262,000
WTD AVERAGE	16.50	16.00		
15-20% RANGE	13.50-21.00	11.00-16.00	1,719,000	958,000
WTD AVERAGE	17.13	13.45		
20% OR MORE RANGE	-	14.00	120,000	-
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.

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED (Cents per Pound)	FEBRUARY 16, 2007			
	PRICES		VOLUME	
FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS RANGE	20.00	16.00	80,800	-
WTD AVERAGE	20.00	16.00		
15-20% RANGE	13.50-19.00	11.00-15.00	1,402,000	244,000
WTD AVERAGE	18.21	12.93		
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** Prices were irregular when compared to the previous week. Demand was noted moderate to at least moderate for the at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Sales of finished product moderate. The undertone was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 19-FEB-07

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	4-9		6.55
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 mixed compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales 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 19-FEB-07

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	4.25-9.5		6.44

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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