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Majority prices for next week were trending unchanged in all areas. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail and food service demand entering the weekend was slow to moderate at best with few features. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to easily handle light trade needs. Floor stocks were balanced to long. In the parts structure, demand was mostly fair to moderate at best with supplies of all items adequate to close balanced. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at 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 26-MAR-2007 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	73.00-76.00	69.50-83.00	74.86	31
New York	74.00-77.00			
Los Angeles	84.00			

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	76.00-78.00	73.00-85.00	77.18	95
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 76.75 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.
930	74.00-81.00	76.47
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice-packed parts:	WTD. AVG.	VOLUME
LINE RUN TENDERS	200.50	1,106
BREASTS - B/S	160.00	4,931
BREASTS - WHOLE	100.50	1,109
THIGH MEAT - B/S	108.50	1,012
LEG QUARTERS	41.50	7,626
WINGS	134.50	2,402

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

SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYER Trade sentiment was generally steady. Retail and food service demand entering the weekend was slow to moderate with limited features present. Supplies of all sizes were usually more than sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was light to moderate with supplies of all items generally adequate to available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light to instances moderate entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes were more than sufficient for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair. Fast food interest was noted as fair. The market tone was generally steady. In the parts complex, breast items and most dark meat cuts were at least sufficient. Wings were mostly adequate to closely cleared.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices were unchanged throughout the region. Trade sentiment was steady. Trading reported on regular and new negotiations, for next weeks' delivery, were at mainly unchanged prices. Offerings were in fair balance. Buying activity was moderate. Retailer demand was light to moderate with best interest in parts. Dealers anticipated fair weekend carryovers. The market tone was generally steady on parts.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS The Chicago preliminary majority price for next week's delivery was unchanged from last Monday's final majority. The whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment ends the week steady with additional offerings light for the limited needs. Retail and distributive demand was slow to moderate with anticipation for improvement with the warmer weather and as the basketball tournament continues. Floor stocks were generally balanced. Weights were typically desirable. Supplies of most parts were adequate to in close balance. The market tone was mostly steady on all part items.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to moderate entering the weekend. Offerings were usually sufficient for current trade requirements. Live supplies were noted as moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices remained unchanged at 76 to 85 cents. Trade sentiment was generally steady. In the parts complex, wings were no better than adequate and clearing. The balance of items were generally sufficient.

*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	65-87
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	(A)
	03/19/07 - 03/23/07
	03/20/06 - 03/24/06
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
	03/19/07 - 03/23/07
	03/20/06 - 03/24/06
	(A)

(A) NOT REPORTED TO AVOID DISCLOSING INDIVIDUAL OPERATIONS.

MAR 22

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

MAR 23

ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS				WTD AVG	WTD AVG
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG		
BREAST - B/S	542	146.00-218.00	-	153.08	635	145.00-220.00	-	152.66	3,023	153.11
TENDERLOINS	198	172.00-245.00	177-181	183.46	193	172.00-245.00	-	191.56	1,227	186.18
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				448	102.54
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				230	96.52
LEGS	203	55.00-62.00	56-57	56.46	223	55.00-62.00	56-57	56.28	1,007	56.23
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	609	37.00-42.00	39-40	39.57	691	37.00-42.00	39-40	39.31	3,072	39.43
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	779	39.00-44.00	41-42	41.50	774	38.00-44.00	41-42	41.16	4,020	41.26
WINGS (WHOLE)	241	112.00-135.00	-	121.29	295	111.00-132.00	121-125	123.41	1,421	123.27
WINGS (CUT)	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				1,060	136.34
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				313	42.51
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				185	49.60
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				105	102.00-113.00	-	105.80	365	105.98

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR MARCH 22, 2007 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

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RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
66.00 - 70.00	67.93	66.00 - 70.50	67.70	67.96

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 interest was mostly fair to moderate at best entering the weekend. Offerings of breast items and most dark meat cuts were at least sufficient for current needs. Wings were no better than adequate and clearing with the larger wings in the better balance. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair. The market tone was generally steady on the most items.

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

MAR 22 ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS	MAR 23 WEEKLY
									VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	160-165	152.21	715,726	160-165	152.41	575,247	152.47	3,213,750	3,213,750
TENDERLOINS	180	176.11	107,520	180	177.82	159,939	176.23	646,929	646,929
BREAST - WITH RIBS	99-100	109.16	48,880	99-100	108.29	62,480	109.73	283,820	283,820
BREAST - LINE RUN	99	101.56	77,400	99	101.27	66,600	101.23	376,440	376,440
LEGS	56-57	57.35	148,360	56-57	57.74	198,440	56.96	1,054,800	1,054,800
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	41-42	42.46	251,400	41-42	41.34	192,640	41.39	1,112,240	1,112,240
DRUMSTICKS	47-48	56.25	89,320	47-48	55.13	75,280	54.27	371,000	371,000
THIGHS	51-52	55.27	61,640	51-52	58.36	51,880	57.22	258,960	258,960
B/S THIGHS	110-111	108.40	56,440	110-111	107.86	99,880	108.12	419,520	419,520
WINGS (WHOLE)	130-131	122.59	213,320	130-131	130.18	111,640	126.88	780,360	780,360
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	10.47	21,040	10-12	11.18	11,400	10.87	90,160	90,160
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	40.00	4,600	35-40	37.62	6,040	38.86	35,960	35,960
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	50.15	9,440	45-50	50.00	21,080	49.60	92,240	92,240

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * 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
	03/23	03/22	03/21	03/20	03/21	03/20	03/16	03/14	
Alabama	3,293	3,819	3,551	3,632	5.45	5.59	3,203	5.41	
Arkansas	5,063	4,981	5,172	5,197	5.12	5.27	4,323	5.21	
Delmarva	2,162	2,193	2,210	2,015	5.72	5.96	2,139	5.73	
KY-LA-TN	2,576	2,299	2,226	2,296	5.19	5.20	2,165	5.06	
Mississippi	3,035	3,023	3,038	2,960	5.46	5.39	3,267	5.49	
North Carolina	2,883	2,759	2,485	2,616	6.72	6.86	2,760	6.80	
Texas	2,456	2,456	2,349	2,462	5.22	5.20	2,134	5.22	
Total	21,468	21,530	21,031	21,178	5.49	5.59	19,991	5.52	
Mon-Fri	107,175(A)				104,269(A)				
Saturday	806(included in total for date shown)				467				

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 23-Mar-07 and 24-Mar-07 is estimated to be 32,119,000 head up 7.07 percent from a week ago and down -5.55 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 29,998,000, last year 34,008,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 24-Mar-07 is estimated to be 159,731,000 head up 1.04 percent from a week ago, and down 1.45 percent from a year ago. (Last week 158,088,000, last year 162,089,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	92-102
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-108
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	65-74
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DLVRD TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

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

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection,
W/E 17-Mar-07

	(A) 4.25 lbs & down	(B) 4.26- 6.26 lbs	(C) 6.26- 7.75 lbs	(D) 7.76 lbs & up	Total
	-----Thousands-----				
(Preliminary)					
Head	43,661	82,762	19,437	12,228	158,088
Avg Live Wgt	3.75	5.47	7.00	8.13	5.39
% of total /1	28%	52%	12%	8%	100%
<i>Comparisons</i>					
Last week	41,052	84,393	25,023	10,878	161,346
Avg Live Wgt	3.85	5.37	6.94	8.37	5.43
% of total /1	25%	52%	16%	7%	100%
Year Ago 2/	51,151	77,320	22,136	11,697	162,304
Avg Live Wgt	3.72	5.45	7.01	8.29	5.31
% of total /1	32%	48%	14%	7%	100%

To date/2007 468,461 908,570 210,327 128,298 1,715,656
 To date/2006 502,260 846,069 257,893 158,440 1,764,662

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

Weight Class Description:

(A) This size product is normally marketed bone-in into fast food and food service sectors and may include Cornish hens.

(B) This size product is normally marketed into the retail grocery sector in tray pack or bagged forms.

(C) This size product is normally marketed either into the retail grocery sector in tray pack and IQF form or is further processed and marketed into various sectors.

(D) This size product is normally marketed deboned or as roasters or roasting chicken.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 17-Mar-07	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
(Preliminary)					
Head	158,088	1,223	1,220	2,443	535
Avg Wt	5.39	3.21	7.96	5.58	5.73
Last week	161,346	1,182	1,356	2,538	547
Same wk yr ago	162,304	1,001	1,441	2,442	519
Avg Wt	5.31	3.35	8.09	6.15	6.22
To-date/2007	1,715,656	12,225	14,943	27,168	5,724
To-date/2006	1,764,662	13,515	15,657	29,172	5,551

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 161.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 160.0 million head, or 1.6 million less than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

WEEKENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT	
February	10	159.4	160.9	99%	5.35
	17	160.8	160.7	100%	5.40
	24	161.2	162.0	100%	5.21
March	3	162.0	161.8	100%	5.37
	10	163.3	162.0	101%	5.43
	17	160.0	161.6	99%	5.39
Year to date		1,736.5	1,758.9	99%	
March	24		161.3		
	31		161.1		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**Under Federal Inspection**

W/E	03/24/07	03/17/07	%CHG	03/25/06	%CHG
Broilers	159,731	158,088*	+1.04	162,089*	-1.45
Cattle	640	631	+01	585*	+09
Hogs	2,117	2,133	-01	1,954*	+08

*ACTUAL

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRYFOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 19-Mar-2007
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	155-159	161-165

MIDWEST MOSTLY	136-146	138-148
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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)	70.00-82.00	76.00-82.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	72.00-86.00	74.00-84.00

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

12 OZ.	62.64 - 85.05
14 OZ.	69.12 - 96.39
16 OZ.	74.88 - 106.73

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 fairly good, picking up some for Easter. Supplies were to adequate to cover needs. Schedules full-time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.50-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.45-2.40, gizzards at \$1.20-1.40, wings at \$.60-.70, livers at \$.95-1.70, and feet at \$.55-.90.

DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 19-Mar-2007

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	122-146	130-148

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - March 20, 2007

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

Prices paid per pound, except as noted.	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.80 - .90
Chukars	3.40 - 4.00ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.70 - .80
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.70 - 1.00
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.90 - 1.16
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.70 - .80
Guinea Fowl	7.00 - 8.00
Banty Roosters	3.50 - 4.00ea.
Banty Hens	1.25 - 2.00ea.
Silkie	2.50 - 3.00ea.
Pigeons	4.00 - 4.10ea.
White Pigeons	3.50 - 4.25ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	2.00 - 2.10ea.
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	1.50 - 1.60
Bunnies	5.00 - 12.00ea.
Guinea Pigs	4.00 - 5.75ea.
Goats	57.00 - 65.00ea.
Kid Goats	25.00 - 35.00ea.
Doves	5.00 - 6.00ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.85 - 1.00
Total Coops Sold	480

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading for heavy canners were too few to report; unchanged on lights when compared to the previous week. Offerings of both light and heavy canners were generally sufficient for current needs with most available supplies of heavy canners being used internally. Demand was moderate to at least moderate. Processing schedules were mostly normal. The undertone was steady to fully steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
23-31 MAJORITY 26-28	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)
24-33.5 MAJORITY 29-31	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 unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to at least moderate for the about adequate offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

REMOVAL COST	RANGE	MAJORITY
	5-12	8-10

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS Trading was TFEWR. Demand was light for adequate supplies of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Sales of finished product were fair. Costs of disposal were about steady.

REMOVAL COST	RANGE	MAJORITY
	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS Prices ranged unchanged. Demand remains fair to fairly good with offerings tight to adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

REMOVAL COST	RANGE	MAJORITY
	2-9	2-5.5

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 26-MAR-07

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Negotiations were too few to report. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were as desired. Dressed 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 at least moderate for the mostly adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Sales of finished product was moderate to at least moderate. The undertone was steady to 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	

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