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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were trending 1 cent higher in the East, unchanged elsewhere when compared to early week prices. The market tone was steady to fully steady in the East, steady elsewhere. Retail and food service demand was light to instances good entering the weekend. Supplies of all sizes were sufficient to satisfy current trade needs. Floor stocks were in a full range. In the parts structure, movement was moderate to good for late week trading. Wings were closely cleared to tight and moving well. Supplies of breast items were light to moderate and dark meat items were moderate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

**Preliminary Report** Prices negotiated for truck lot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers FOB Dock and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 18-JAN-2010 (cents per lb)

### US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
New York	81.00-84.00			
Los Angeles	92.00			
Whole Body 2/				
Chicago	73.00-79.00	70.00-89.25	77.35	30
FOB Dock Equivalent 3/:				
Mississippi	74.00-78.00	65.00-83.00	78.66	60

1/: Includes branded product.

2/: Whole Body category includes whole body birds with or without giblets, all grades, brands, and packaging.

3/: Southeast area

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 83.00 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
630	79.23-87.41	82.98

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	172.50	1,334
BREASTS - B/S	147.50	5,600
BREASTS - WHOLE	82.00	1,318
THIGH MEAT - B/S	93.00	1,155
THIGHS	50.50	1,039
DRUMSTICKS	60.50	1,075
LEG QUARTERS	38.50	7,725
WINGS	175.50	2,943

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

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair to fairly good entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes were balanced to no more than adequate. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was at least steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, wings and breast items were closely cleared to short of current needs. Dark meat cuts were moderate.

**MIDWEST BROILER/FRYER** Chicago preliminary majority delivered prices for next week were unchanged. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady. Offers were light to moderate for the light trade inquiry. Retail and food service demand was slow to moderate, at times good into some sports bars. Floor stocks were in a full range; weights desirable. Supplies of wings were short; breast cuts adequate to tight and dark meat cuts were adequate. The market tone was fully steady to firm on wings and breast cuts, and steady on the balance of parts.

**WESTERN BROILER/FRYER** The Los Angeles preliminary majority was unchanged at 92 cents. The market tone on whole broiler fryers and WOGs was mostly steady. Offerings light to adequate. Retail demand moderate to good. Foodservice demand light to moderate. Weights desirable. Floor stocks mostly adequate. Offerings of wings short to light with the balance of white items light to adequate with some noting boneless skinless breasts not as tight as early week. Dark parts offerings ranged from light on boneless skinless thigh meat to adequate on the balance of items. Parts demand moderate to good, best into retail channels. The market tone on wings was fully steady to firm, balance of white items steady to fully steady and dark items steady to instances fully steady.

**SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYER** The market tone was steady to fully steady. Demand entering the weekend was mostly moderate. Supplies of all sizes were sufficient to satisfy current trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was moderate to good for late week trading. Dark meat items were moderate. Supplies of breast items were light to moderate with boneless skinless in the best position. Wing remain light and moving well. In production areas live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to fairly good entering the weekend. Seller offerings were balanced to closely cleared. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but reported as desirable. Processing schedules were heavy when combined with operations set for Saturday. Many plants planned to close on Monday in observance of the MLK holiday. Less than trucklot asking prices remained unchanged at 83 to 93 cents. The market tone was fully steady. In the parts complex, breast items were in good balance to tight. Dark meat cuts were light to moderate. Wings were closely balanced to short.

\*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	80-98
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	01/11/10-01/15/10 (A)
	01/12/09-01/16/09 (A)
NO. OF BOXES	01/11/10-01/15/10 (A)
	01/12/09-01/16/09 (A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER 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.  
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ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	317	126.00-185.00	-	131.76
TENDERLOINS	139	133.00-198.00	-	142.71
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	396	31.00-37.00	-	35.17
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	626	35.00-40.00	-	36.34
WINGS (WHOLE)	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
WINGS (CUT)	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

JAN 15, 2010

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	LBS (000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	320	128.00-185.00	-	132.89	1,598	129.08
TENDERLOINS	231	131.00-198.00	-	142.61	904	140.12
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TFEWR	
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				340	73.51
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TFEWR	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	448	31.00-37.00	-	35.15	2,290	34.55
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	882	35.00-40.00	-	36.60	3,232	36.71
WINGS (WHOLE)	TOO FEW TO REPORT				760	166.26
WINGS (CUT)	TOO FEW TO REPORT				331	181.14
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				137	49.12
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				125	42.44
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				262	91.07

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 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR JAN 14, 2010 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

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 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR JAN 15, 2010 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
52.50 - 56.50	54.85

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
53.00 - 56.50	55.29	54.19

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 PARTS** Trucklot buying activity was fair to fairly good entering the weekend. Offerings of breast items remained in good balance to tight. Dark meat cuts and tenders were mostly adequate for current needs and wings were closely cleared to short and held with confidence. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was firm for wings and breast items. Other items were generally steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.  
 JAN 14, 2010

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS
BREAST - B/S	135-140	127.48	380,160
TENDERLOINS	135	132.97	102,960
BREAST - WITH RIBS	76-77	85.81	74,160
BREAST - LINE RUN	76	76.53	96,000
LEGS	56-57	54.42	191,600
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	36-37	37.52	264,640
DRUMSTICKS	49-50	58.37	98,000
THIGHS	40-41	53.69	61,800
B/S THIGHS	94-95	96.00	52,280
WINGS (WHOLE)	172-173	178.57	148,240
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	13-15	15.00	20,520
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	47.00	11,240
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	65.03	16,560

JAN 15, 2010

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS	WEEKLY WTD AVG	WEEKLY VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	140	131.80	484,880	125.71	2,491,000
TENDERLOINS	135	131.08	133,600	130.92	665,500
BREAST - WITH RIBS	77-78	87.79	77,160	84.80	355,800
BREAST - LINE RUN	77	79.45	59,960	76.36	378,440
LEGS	56-57	54.18	130,040	53.74	699,040
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	36-37	37.81	233,240	37.49	1,348,920
DRUMSTICKS	49-50	56.56	89,480	57.43	494,720
THIGHS	40-41	53.51	49,120	53.68	270,480
B/S THIGHS	94-95	98.76	86,080	97.24	303,720
WINGS (WHOLE)	173-174	178.82	159,200	176.61	803,040
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	13-15	15.00	24,960	15.00	121,520
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	47.00	9,680	47.24	47,840
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	63.69	27,920	64.50	107,880

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, RI, AND PA (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.

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS**

	ESTIMATED (1,000)		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WTS		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WTS	
	01/15	01/14	01/13	01/12	01/13	01/12	01/08	01/06		
Alabama	4,211	3,975	3,894	4,028	5.64	5.63	2,818	5.56		
Arkansas	4,504	5,243	5,109	5,454	5.46	5.53	3,753	5.46		
Delmarva	2,754	2,255	2,158	2,268	6.07	6.01	2,207	5.90		
KY-LA-TN	2,202	2,042	2,233	2,269	5.04	5.13	2,352	5.11		
Mississippi	2,657	2,790	2,577	2,704	6.04	5.95	2,850	6.00		
North Carolina	4,138	2,830	2,747	2,727	7.04	7.12	3,410	7.27		
Texas	2,720	2,721	2,702	2,695	5.59	5.50	2,320	5.53		
Total	23,186	21,856	21,420	22,145	5.80	5.80	19,710	5.78		
Mon-Fri	111,151 (A)									108,083 (A)
Saturday	2,500 (included in total for date shown)									888

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 15-Jan-10 and 16-Jan-10 is estimated to be 34,689,000 head up 17.28 percent from a week ago and up 5.12 percent from a year ago. (Last week 29,577,000, last year 33,000,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 16-Jan-10 is estimated to be 164,944,000 head up 0.21 percent from a week ago, and up 3.06 percent from a year ago. (Last week 164,596,000, last year 160,046,000)

Actual data incorporated when available.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)**

**PROCESSED POULTRY, DLVRD TO RETAILERS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	109-122
ROASTERS 4# & UP	125-135
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY,**

**DLVRD TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK 170
	ICE PACK 159
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK 117
	ICE PACK
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK 116
	ICE PACK 125
DUCKS	262-265

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED**

W/E 09-JAN-10 Under Federal Inspection (Preliminary) (In Thousands)

	A 4.25 lbs & down	B 4.26 - 6.25 lbs	C 6.26 - 7.75 lbs	D 7.76 lbs & up	Total
Head	42,498	75,797	25,253	21,048	164,596
Avg Live Wgt	3.85	5.46	6.73	8.44	5.62
% of total /1	26%	46%	15%	13%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	26,132	66,879	19,793	17,068	129,872
Avg Live Wgt	3.84	5.32	6.61	8.38	5.62
% of total /1	20%	52%	15%	13%	100%
Year Ago 2/	39,038	86,536	23,748	17,494	166,816
Avg Live Wgt	3.82	5.38	6.99	8.57	5.58
% of total /1	23%	52%	14%	11%	100%
To date/2010*	42,498	75,797	25,253	21,048	164,596
To date/2009*	39,038	86,536	23,748	17,494	166,816

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.

\*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

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**

Note: Beginning today, YTD percent change is included for head and RTC weight.

(PRELIMINARY) W/E 09-JAN-2010

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
Head	164,596	1,397	1,226	2,623	396
Avg Wt	5.62	3.22	7.62	5.28	6.78
Last week	129,872	1,320	929	2,249	371
Same wk yr ago	166,816	1,374	1,563	2,937	438
Avg Wt	5.58	3.28	7.82	5.70	6.60
To-date/2010*	164,596	1,397	1,226	2,623	396
To-date/2009*	166,816	1,374	1,563	2,937	438
% Change YTD	-1%	2%	-22%	-11%	-10%
<b>Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage</b>					
Current week	689,147	2,407	6,213	8,620	1,933
Last week	543,761	2,258	4,843	7,101	1,828
Same wk yr ago	693,471	2,276	8,128	10,404	2,081
To-date/2010*	689,147	2,407	6,213	8,620	1,933
To-date/2009*	693,471	2,276	8,128	10,404	2,081
% Change YTD	-1%	6%	-24%	-17%	-7%
Dressing %	74.5%	52.0%	66.5%		71.0%

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 145.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 166.6 million head, or 20.9 million more than estimated available. (B) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update. \*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

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

Week Ending	Million Head Slaughtered	Million Head Available*	Pct	Avg Wt
Dec 5	162.2	146.2	111%	5.73
12	160.1	145.3	110%	5.65
19	161.3	146.8	110%	5.53
26	116.7	155.1	75%	5.45
Jan 2	131.4	153.7	85%	5.62
9	166.6	145.7	114%	5.62
Year to date	166.6	145.7	114%	
Jan 16		152.8		
23		156.8		

\*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

**BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**

Under Federal Inspection (Thousands) (Actual\*)

W/E	01/09/10	01/02/10	%CHG	01/10/09	%CHG
Broilers	164,944	164,596	+0.21	160,046 *	+3.06
Cattle	652	640	+02	617 *	+06
Hogs	2,176	2,099	+04	2,310 *	-06

**EASTERN REGION MISC POULTRY** Delivery Week of 11-JAN-10

**DUCKLINGS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS DLVRD IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER LB

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	196-200	201-207
MIDWEST	179-195	185-199

**ROASTERS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A & PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS & UP, DLVRD, CENTS PER LB

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	75.00-88.00	76.00-82.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	72.00-87.00	77.00-86.00

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

12 OZ.	69.84- 99.63
14 OZ.	77.76-112.59
16 OZ.	84.96-124.82

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

**CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS**

All reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was seasonal and ranged fairly good to very good. Supplies were adequate for current trade needs. Schedules were mostly normal. Prices paid, first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$7.70-8.70, bone in legs at \$2.75-3.10, gizzards at \$1.20-1.50, wings at \$.70-.90, livers at \$1.25-2.05, and feet at \$.70-1.45.

PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 11-JAN-10

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	177-210	179-210

**GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - 12-JAN-10**

\*\*AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY\*\* PRICES PAID PER LB, EXCEPT AS NOTED

	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.20 - 1.40 lbs.
Quail	1.00 - 1.20 ea.
Pullets 4-6 LBS	- 1.10 lbs.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.60 - .80 lbs.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.35 - .50 lbs.
Leghorn Roosters .	- 1.75 ea.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.80 - .90 lbs.
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	1.20 - 1.40 lbs.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.70 - .90 lbs.
Banty Roosters	4.00 - 4.25 ea.
Banty Hens	3.00 - 3.20 ea.
Guinea Pigs	4.00 - 4.75 ea.
Guinea Fowl	2.00 - 2.20 lbs.
Kid Goats	- 13.00 ea.
Pigeons	3.40 - 3.90 ea.
White Pigeons	4.00 - 4.40 ea.
Chukars	- 2.80 ea.
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	1.20 - 1.50 lbs.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.45 - 1.75 lbs.
Leghorn Hens	- 1.25 ea.
Bunnies	2.00 - 3.50 ea.
Silkie	.75 - 2.00 ea.
Goats	45.00 - 75.00 ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.10 - 1.60 lbs.

Total Coops Sold 2672

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL** Sales were too few to report. Offerings were at least sufficient for current trade needs. Demand was light to fair with limited trading due to the majority of supplies being used internally. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was steady.

Cents per pound, current negotiations, without freight cost

**LIGHT CANNER HENS  
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)**  
TOO FEW TO REPORT

**HEAVY CANNER HENS  
(WITHOUT NECKS)**  
TOO FEW TO REPORT

Cents per pound, current negotiation, freight cost included

**LIGHT CANNER HENS  
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)**  
TOO FEW TO REPORT

**HEAVY CANNER HENS  
(WITHOUT NECKS)**  
TOO FEW 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** Prices were unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was at least moderate for the generally sufficient offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	2-11	3-7

**SOUTH CENTRAL** Trading was TFEWR. Demand was light to fair for fully sufficient offerings of light fowl. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

**NORTH CENTRAL** Prices unchanged. Demand fairly good to good with offerings tight to adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	0-10.5	0-5

**HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\***

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB. GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 18-JAN-10

**SOUTH CENTRAL** Trading levels were TFEWR. Demand was moderate for readily available offerings of spent hens. Schedules were normal to light. Finishing sales were slow. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY** Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was fair to moderate for the generally sufficient offerings of heavy fowl. Processing schedules for next week were noted as normal. Finished product supplies were at least sufficient for current trade needs. The undertone was steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
AT FARM PRODUCES LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT

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