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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

The market tone was steady overall. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate for midweek business. Supplies of all sizes were moderate to satisfy current trade needs. Floor stocks were balanced. In the parts structure, movement was light to moderate. Supplies of breast items and dark meat items were mostly moderate with good movement. Wings were moderate to heavy with larger wings slow to clear. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 83.25 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 86.00 cents last year on March 4, 2009.

GA f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	176.50
BREASTS - B/S	156.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	84.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	94.00
THIGHS	47.00
DRUMSTICKS	60.50
LEG QUARTERS	37.50
WINGS	160.50

Information supplied by the GA Dept of Ag's Poultry Market News Service.

<u>SOUTHERN REGION</u> The market tone was steady. Demand was fair to moderate with trading usually limited to regular commitments. Supplies of all sizes were moderate to satisfy current trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was light to moderate for midweek trading. Wings were moderate to heavy with jumbos in the weakest position. Breast items were light to moderate with good movement and dark meat items were mostly moderate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

MIDWEST REGION The whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady. Whole bird offers were light, while buyer interest was light to moderate at best. Retail demand continued slow for early into the first of month. Food service movement was light to moderate. Floor stocks were in balance to fully adequate; weights were desirable. Parts trade was limited as current commitments fully satisfy trade needs. Supplies of all parts ranged from light to fully adequate. Trade sentiment was weak on drums, about steady to weak on wings and steady on the balance of parts.

WESTERN REGION The market tone on whole broiler fryers and WOGs was steady. Offerings adequate. Retail and foodservice demand slow to moderate. Weights desirable. Floor stocks mostly adequate. Offerings of wings adequate to ample, balance of parts offerings adequate to fully adequate. Parts demand light to fair. The market tone on wings was barely steady to weak, balance of parts items steady to barely steady.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was generally fair for midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes were sufficient for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, wings were noted in better balance and were moderate to heavy for present needs. Dark meat cuts and boneless skinless breasts were moderate; bone-in breast were about adequate to adequate with good movement.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES <u>UP 1 PERCENT</u>

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 208 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 27, 2010. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 27, 2010. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 3, 2010 through February 27, 2010 were 1.33 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED TOTAL 19 SELECTED STATES

WEEK ENDING 02/27/10	0 <u>2010</u>	2009	PREVIOUS YEAR
	Tho	usand	
EGGS SET	207,795	206,753	+01
CHICKS PLACED Source: NASS, USDA	167,344	166,495	+01

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 10-Apr-10 is estimated at 153.4 million head. This compares to 152.2 million head the previous week and to 155.2 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 150.3 million head and the composite weighted average price was 76.30 cents per pound.

MAR 02

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

MAR 03

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.

POUNDS WTD			POUNDS			WTD			
<u>ITEM</u>	<u>(000)</u>	RANGE	MAJORITY	<u>AVG</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>(000)</u>	RANGE	MAJORITY	<u>AVG</u>
BREAST - B/S	312	124.00-182.00	-	130.12	BREAST - B/S	427	120.00-181.00	-	127.88
TENDERLOINS	175	123.00-191.00	-	134.94	TENDERLOINS	193	123.00-187.00	-	135.72
BREAST - LINE RUN	T	OO FEW TO REP	PORT		BREAST - LINE RUN	Т	OO FEW TO R	EPORT	
FRONT HALVES	T	OO FEW TO REP	PORT		FRONT HALVES	Т	OO FEW TO R	EPORT	
LEGS	T	OO FEW TO REP	PORT		LEGS	Т	OO FEW TO R	EPORT	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	412	31.00-36.00	-	34.20	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	379	32.00-36.00	-	34.14
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	712	34.00-39.00	-	36.30	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	647	34.00-39.00	-	36.57
WINGS (WHOLE)	190	131.00-146.00	-	136.63	WINGS (WHOLE)	180	125.00-146.00	-	133.11
WINGS (CUT)	T	OO FEW TO REP	PORT		WINGS (CUT)	Т	OO FEW TO R	EPORT	
DRUMSTICKS	T	OO FEW TO REP	PORT		DRUMSTICKS	Т	OO FEW TO R	EPORT	
THIGHS	T	OO FEW TO REP	PORT		THIGHS	Т	OO FEW TO R	EPORT	
B/S THIGHS	T	OO FEW TO REP	PORT		B/S THIGHS	Т	OO FEW TO R	EPORT	

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR F.O.B. DOCK

 RANGE
 TODAY'S AVERAGE
 RANGE
 TODAY'S AVERAGE
 5-DAY AVERAGE

 55.00 - 59.50
 57.37
 55.50 - 59.50
 57.12
 57.16

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 was mostly fair for midweek trading. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts, tenders and most dark meat cuts were moderate for current needs; bone-in breasts were light to moderate. Wings were available but noted in better balance than earlier in the week. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was barely steady for wings. The balance of items were generally steady.

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

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MAR 02	CURRENT NEG	WTD		MAR 03	CURRENT NEG	WTD	
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG	VOL/LBS	ITEM	TRADING*	AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	140-145	132.71	798,560	BREAST - B/S	140-145	132.93	503,080
TENDERLOINS	135	127.98	169,160	TENDERLOINS	135	132.72	97,440
BREAST - WITH RIBS	78-79	87.60	79,240	BREAST - WITH RIBS	78-79	84.52	75,160
BREAST - LINE RUN	78	80.81	66,680	BREAST - LINE RUN	78	81.14	63,000
LEGS	52-53	48.50	158,480	LEGS	52-53	48.55	204,320
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	36-37	35.13	321,640	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	36-37	36.65	197,480
DRUMSTICKS	45-46	54.42	104,400	DRUMSTICKS	45-46	56.87	39,880
THIGHS	40-41	47.73	58,960	THIGHS	40-41	47.38	51,176
B/S THIGHS	94-95	95.31	79,600	B/S THIGHS	94-95	94.23	49,640
WINGS (WHOLE)	148-149	142.47	308,000	WINGS (WHOLE)	148-149	139.72	209,400
BACKS AND NECKS (STRI	PPED) 13-15	15.00	25,080	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIP	PED) 13-15	15.00	17,800
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	44.77	16,160	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	47.61	7,680
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	55.00	37,880	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	57.47	14,600

INCLUDES NY CITY METRO. AREA, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, RI, & 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.

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ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS

							AVG
ESTIMATED		<u>ACTUAL</u>		AVG WTS		<u>ACTUAL</u>	WTS
(1,000)		(1,000)				(1,000)	
03/03	03/02	03/01	02/26	03/01	02/26	02/24	02/22
4,023	4,080	3,860	3,647	5.37	5.23	3,900	5.49
4,945	4,944	5,161	3,655	5.43	5.16	5,121	5.52
2,273	2,271	2,204	2,152	5.92	5.55	2,257	5.82
2,353	2,131	2,239	2,329	5.14	4.83	2,234	5.08
2,844	2,721	2,766	2,990	5.99	5.72	2,836	6.05
2,642	2,795	2,529	2,401	7.15	6.92	2,645	6.98
2,452	2,600	2,638	2,201	5.59	5.47	2,243	5.59
21,532	21,542	21,397	19,375	5.73	5.52	21,236	5.75
65,122 ((A)					63,868 (A)
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(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 03-Mar-10 is estimated to be 32,214,000 head up 1.09 percent from a week ago and up 2.58 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,867,000, last year 31,405,000)

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

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

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DLVRD TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

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

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 06-Mar-10								
CUF	RRENT WEEK P	REVIOUS WEEK						
	03/06/10 (1)	02/27/10	_					
Class	Thous	sand head	R					
Broiler/fryer	158,860(2)	152,868	Lo					
Light hens	1,300	1,531	Н					
Heavy hens	1,296	1,269	M					
Total	161,456	162,668	_					
(1)ESTIMATED			S					
		vailable for slaughter the	Lo					
9		nead compared to 155.3	H M					
		ast year. The estimated	IVI					
		nead or 2.3 million more	N					
		13-Mar-10 the estimated	Lo					
available is 156.0 milli	on head.		Н					
WEEKLY COLD STOR	AGE HOLDINGS-SE	ELECTED STGE CENTERS	ı.					
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(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

PROCESSED TURKEY LBS			
117,910	63,848		
103,658	60,250		
14,252	3,598		
14	6		
	LBS 117,910 103,658 14,252		

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCES	SED TUR	PROC	ESSED PO	DULTRY	
	03/01/10	02/22/10	03/02/09	03/01/10	02/22/10	03/02/09
PACIFIC	;					
COAST	3,105	3,063	646	7,102	7,440	7,870
LOS						
ANGELE	ES 325	278	206	911	900	934`

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES FOR 03/02/10

AI PAPERS REQUIRE	р то s	ELL A	ALL OUT OF STATE	POU	LTRY	
LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb	-	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	1.75	-
LIGHT FOWL lb	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-	-
BROILERS lb	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	-	-
ROOSTERS lb	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	3.00	8.25	5.10
GEESE lb	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb. 1.95	2.05	1.99	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb. 1.20	3.00	2.04	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb. 1.10	2.05	1.46	RABBITS ea.	2.75	3.00	2.83
PIGEONS lb	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.50	3.25	3.02
GUINEA FOWL lb	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea	9.00	10.50	9.75
DUCKLINGS lb	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea. 4.00	4.75	4.42	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea	-	-	TURKEY POULTS	ea	-	-
CHUKARS ea	-	-	PEACOCKS ea.	-	-	-
PARTRIDGES ea	-	-	COCKATIELS ea.	-	-	-
DOVES ea	-	-	PHEASANTS ea.	-	-	-
TOTAL COOPS 27						

WAJOR WHOLESALE WARRENGO CHT								
Cents per pound for the week ending February 26, 2010								
Who	le	L	egs Ne	cks,Backs	Livers			
Chic	kens Br	easts W/			Gizzards	Hens		
RAYON					0			
Low	71.17	138.78	71.17	17.79	7.12	64.05		
High	72.95	149.45	78.28	21.35	10.68	64.05		
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Mostly	71.17	145.89	74.73	19.57	7.12	64.05		
SAN JUAN								
Low	70.10	135.22	67.61	17.79	3.56	64.05		
High	72.23	145.89	74.73	21.35	7.12	64.05		
Mostly	71.17	142.33	71.17	17.79	3.56	64.05		
,								
NEW SAN JUAN								
Low	71.17	142.33	74.73	21.35	7.12	67.61		
High	74.73	153.01	81.84	24.91	10.68	67.61		
Mostly	71.17	149.45	78.28	21.35	8.90	67.61		
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BECERRA								
Low	72.59	142.33	74.73	21.35	7.12	69.39		
High	75.79	153.01	85.40	24.91	10.68	69.39		
Mostly	72.59	153.01	81.84	23.13	10.68	69.39		
iviostry	12.00	100.01	01.04	20.10	10.00	09.59		

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S.GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE,5LBS AND UP, FOR WEEK OF MARCH 1, 2010

DANCE

		KANGE
HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	79-86
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	79-90

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally fair for midweek trading. Seller offerings were at least sufficient for current trade requirements. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but reported as mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less G than trucklot asking prices remained unchanged at 83 to 92 cents. - The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, wings were readily available. Breast items and dark meat items were moderate.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

79-99 - RANGE WEIGHTED AVERAGE (A) NO. OF BOXES (A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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