

USDA BROILER MARKET NEWS REPORT

ISSN 1522-0567

FRIDAY APRIL 09, 2010 VOL. 57 NO. 42

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Agricultural Marketing Service

Poultry Programs

Market News and Analysis Branch



NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Preliminary majority prices were trending unchanged in the East and West, and slightly lower in the Midwest when compared to early week's prices. The market tone was steady in the East, steady to weak elsewhere. Retail and food service demand was slow to moderate at best. Supplies were at least sufficient with heavier sized product more available. Floor stocks were adequate to heavy. In the parts structure, movement was fair entering the weekend. Boneless skinless breasts and wings were fully adequate to ample, dark meat cuts and the remaining breast items were sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to light weights.

<u>Preliminary Report</u> 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 12-Apr-2010 (cents per lb)

	branded product)		WTD	
AREAS	MAJORITY	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>AVG</u>	LOADS
Delivered to First	Receivers			
New York	81.00-84.00			
Los Angeles	94.00			
Whole Body 2/				
Chicago	71.00-77.00	66.00-90.50	74.60	41

FOB Dock Equivalent 3/:

Mississippi	82.00-85.00	76.00-90.00	83.11	57
-------------	-------------	-------------	-------	----

- 1/: Includes branded product.
- 2/: Whole Body category includes whole body birds with or without giblets, all grades, brands, and packaging.
- 3/: Southeast area

<u>GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES</u> The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 85.25 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
676 81.01-88.75 84.77

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice-packed parts:

	WTD. AVG.	VOLUME
ITEM	(CENTS PER POUND)	(000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDER	S 188.00	1,209
BREASTS - B/S	176.00	4,778
BREASTS - WHOLE	93.00	1,205
THIGH MEAT - B/S	88.00	1,160
THIGHS	47.00	794
DRUMSTICKS	58.00	842
LEG QUARTERS	38.00	6,402
WINGS	151.00	2,586

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 generally fair entering the weekend. Offerings of three pound and smaller sizes were moderate; heavier sizes were moderate to heavy for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, supplies of boneless skinless breasts and wings were readily available and competitively priced. Dark meat cuts were sufficient and tenders were clearing satisfactorily.

MIDWEST BROILER/FRYER Preliminary majority delivered prices into the Chicago market were down 2 cents. Fill-in trade noted on 3 up wogs at 70 cents delivered. The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was steady to weak. Offers of whole fryers were light to moderate on small birds and ample on heavy weight birds. Trade interest remained nonaggressive and price sensitive. Retail and food service demand was slow to moderate at best. Very little promotional activity was noted in either the food service or retail sectors. Floor stocks were fully adequate to adequate; weights desirable. Offerings of part items were fully sufficient for light trade needs. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak on wings and boneless/skinless breast, and steady on the balance of parts.

WESTERN BROILER/FRYER The Los Angeles preliminary majority was 94 cents, unchanged from Monday's. The market tone on whole broiler fryers was mostly steady and WOGs were barely steady to weak. Offerings adequate to ample. Retail and food service demand slow to moderate with some improvement noted into retail channels. Weights mostly desirable. Floor stocks adequate to sometimes longer than desired. Offerings of wings and bone-in breasts adequate to fully adequate, boneless skinless breasts adequate to ample, tenderloins light, balance of items mostly adequate. Parts demand light to fair. The market tone on wings steady to barely steady, boneless skinless breasts barely steady to weak, balance about steady.

<u>SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYER</u> The market tone was steady to about steady. Demand entering the weekend was fair with trading usually limited to most immediate needs. Supplies were sufficient with heavier weights more available. In the parts structure, movement was no better than moderate ending the week. Boneless skinless breasts and wings were adequate to ample with some discounting noted. Dark meat cuts were in good supply, and the remaining breast items were adequate. In production areas live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable to at times lighter weights.

<u>DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS</u> Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally fair entering the weekend. Seller offerings were adequate to available with the heavier sizes in the longest position. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but noted as mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices remained unchanged at 83 to 92 cents. The market tone was generally steady. In the parts complex, supplies were moderate to heavy.

*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		75-97
WEIGHTED AVER	RAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES		(A)
CUMULATIVE	04/05/10-04/09/10	(A)
	04/06/09-04/10/09	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	04/05/10-04/09/10	(A)
	04/06/09-04/10/09	(A)
(A) Not reported to	avoid disclosing individu	al operations.

(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.

APR 08, 2010					APR 09, 20	10			WE	EKLY
	LBS			WTD	LBS			WTD	LBS	WTD
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJ	AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJ	AVG	(000)	AVG
BREAST - B/S	450	138.00-200.00	-	153.19	530	135.00-195.00	-	146.59	2,607	152.20
TENDERLOINS	255	145.00-212.00	-	153.22	565	142.00-200.00	-	145.10	1,442	149.46
BREAST - LINE RUN	TO	O FEW TO REPO	ORT		TO	O FEW TO REPORT			390	89.96
FRONT HALVES	TO	O FEW TO REPO	ORT		TO	O FEW TO REPORT			305	90.89
LEGS	TO	O FEW TO REPO	ORT		TO	O FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	388	32.00-36.00	-	34.19	398	31.00-36.00	-	33.94	2,031	34.17
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	832	35.00-38.00	-	36.52	607	35.00-38.00	-	36.57	3,492	36.62
WINGS (WHOLE)	TO	O FEW TO REPO	ORT		TO	O FEW TO REPORT			740	138.12
WINGS (CUT)	TO	O FEW TO REPO	ORT		TO	O FEW TO REPORT			354	138.01
DRUMSTICKS	TO	O FEW TO REPO	ORT		TO	O FEW TO REPORT			137	44.23
THIGHS	TO	O FEW TO REPO	ORT		TO	O FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
B/S THIGHS	TO	O FEW TO REPO	ORT		TO	O FEW TO REPORT			394	80.81
WHOLE BODY INDEX BASE	********	**********************	***********	********	**************************************	**************************************	*********	EDNI STAT	************ 	**********
WHOLE BODT INDEX DAGE	-D 011 01	COMPLE	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	(, DII 10	I WINOFF F	DOD! INDEX DAGED ON	000111		LOT AILTO	IIIADINO

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR APR 08, 2010 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE **TODAY'S AVERAGE** RANGE **TODAY'S AVERAGE 5-DAY AVERAGE** 60.50 - 64.00 62.43 59.50 - 64.00 62.05 62.54

FOR APR 09, 2010 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

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 light to no better than fair entering the weekend. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts and wings were heavy with light movement. Dark meat cuts were sufficient and tenders were balanced and clearing satisfactorily. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was barely steady to weak for wings and boneless skinless breasts. The balance of items were mostly steady.

Ice Packed Broiler/Fryer Parts, Delivered To First Receivers in Pool Trucklot and Trucklot Quantities, Cents per Pound.

APR 08, 2010				APR 09, 2010				
	CURRENT NEG	WTD	VOL	CURRENT NEG	WTD	VOL	WEEKLY	WEEKLY
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	/LBS	TRADING*	AVG**	/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	165	159.67	464,920	160-165	157.72	634,120	157.60	3,057,560
TENDERLOINS	155	156.59	122,080	₁ 155	151.25	248,640	153.52	752,720
BREAST - WITH RIBS	90-91	96.92	114,117	90-91	94.37	78,917	94.55	445,908
BREAST - LINE RUN	90	92.27	71,046	90	92.63	64,995	92.60	339,783
LEGS	52-53	48.25	178,000	52-53	48.31	184,920	47.02	1,090,120
LEG QUARTERS (BULK) 36-37	36.94	159,360	36-37	35.49	382,760	35.48	1,440,520
DRUMSTICKS	44-45	54.85	72,080	44-45	52.19	104,640	52.17	407,760
THIGHS	40-41	45.93	95,040	40-41	50.98	71,520	47.32	343,600
B/S THIGHS	92-93	93.44	51,040	92-93	94.86	45,600	94.53	276,960
WINGS (WHOLE)	146-147	150.54	156,120	144-145	150.52	201,960	144.75	896,640
BACKS AND NECKS (ST	ΓRIPPED) 13-15	15.00	2,520	13-15	15.00	20,520	15.00	81,400
LIVERS (5 POUND TUB	S) 40-45	43.05	8,680	40-45	43.69	8,040	43.41	46,240
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	50.79	12,880	50-55	51.89	17,560	51.55	87,280

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								
E	STIMATE	D	ACTUA	L	AVG	WTS	ACTUAL	AVG
	(1,000)		(1,000))			(1,000)	WTS
	04/09	04/08	04/07	04/06	04/07	04/06	04/02	03/31
Alabama	4,001	4,061	3,849	3,936	5.42	5.50	3,227	5.47
Arkansas	3,996	5,286	4,974	5,148	5.62	5.53	3,728	5.40
Delmarva	2,088	2,250	2,243	2,248	5.94	6.01	1,736	5.93
KY-LA-TN	2,369	2,362	2,388	2,391	5.21	5.13	2,485	5.13
Mississippi	3,019	2,993	2,876	2,955	6.05	6.07	2,821	5.96
North Carolin	a 2,872	2,787	2,671	2,698	7.17	7.13	2,113	7.00
Texas	2,636	2,641	2,402	2,643	5.65	5.55	2,628	5.57
Total	20,981	22,380	21,403	22,019	5.83	5.80	18,738	5.73
Mon-Fri	107,629	(A)					104,829 (4)
Saturday	425	(include	d in total	for date	shown)		300	
(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 09-Apr-10 and 10-Apr-10 is estimated to be 31,390,000 head up 11.64 percent from a week ago and up 21.90 percent from a year ago.								

ре go. (Last week 28,118,000, last year 25,751,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 10-Apr-10 is estimated to be 160,662,000 head up 2.86 percent from a week ago, and up 8.20 percent from a year ago. (Last week 156,199,000, last year 148,483,000) Actual data incorporated when available.

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

109-122 125-135

FRESH FRYERS **ROASTERS 4# & UP** HENS UNDER 5# HENS OVER 5# **DUCKS RABBITS-WHOLE**

RABBITS-CUT UP

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY. **DLVRD TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS** DANCE

		KANGE
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	170
	ICE PACK	159
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK	117
	ICE PACK	
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	116
	ICE PACK	129
DUCKS		262-265

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED

Under Federal Inspection (Preliminary) (in Thousands)						
Α	В	C	D	,		
4.25 lbs	4.26 -	6.26 -	7.76 lbs			
& down	6.25 lbs	7.75 lbs	& up	Total		
37,464	72,485	26,512	19,738	156,199		
3.71	5.29	6.53	8.68	5.55		
24%	46%	17%	13%	100%		
42,712	70,337	24,723	20,094	157,866		
3.79	5.45	6.64	8.21	5.54		
27%	44%	16%	13%	100%		
38,128	78,961	24,273	12,552	153,914		
3.88	5.36	7.00	8.31	5.49		
25%	51%	16%	8%	100%		
522,161	1,017,758	263,378	256,698	2,059,995		
517,271	1,024,175	288,326	184,436	2,014,208		
	A 4.25 lbs & down 37,464 3.71 24% 42,712 3.79 27% 38,128 3.88 25%	A B 4.25 lbs 4.26 - & down 6.25 lbs 37,464 72,485 3.71 5.29 24% 46% 42,712 70,337 3.79 5.45 27% 44% 38,128 78,961 3.88 5.36 25% 51% 522,161 1,017,758	A B C 4.25 lbs 4.26 - 6.26 - & down 6.25 lbs 7.75 lbs 37,464 72,485 26,512 3.71 5.29 6.53 24% 46% 17% 42,712 70,337 24,723 3.79 5.45 6.64 27% 44% 16% 38,128 78,961 24,273 3.88 5.36 7.00 25% 51% 16% 522,161 1,017,758 263,378	A B C D 4.25 lbs 4.26 - 6.26 - 7.76 lbs & down 6.25 lbs 7.75 lbs & up 37,464 72,485 26,512 19,738 3.71 5.29 6.53 8.68 24% 46% 17% 13% 42,712 70,337 24,723 20,094 3.79 5.45 6.64 8.21 27% 44% 16% 13% 38,128 78,961 24,273 12,552 3.88 5.36 7.00 8.31 25% 51% 16% 8% 522,161 1,017,758 263,378 256,698		

^{/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

(Preliminary) W/E 03-Apr-2010	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
			Thousar	nds	
Head	156,199	1,634	1,230	2,864	389
Avg Wt	5.55	3.16	7.81	5.16	6.89
Last week	157,866	1,458	1,281	2,739	430
Same wk yr ago	153,914	1,193	1,560	2,753	411
Avg Wt	5.49	3.14	7.79	5.77	6.77
To-date/2010*	2,059,995	18,976	17,274	36,250	5,313
To-date/2009*	2,014,208	16,012	19,613	35,625	5,334
% Change YTD	2%	19%	-12%	2%	0%
Ready-to-Cook We	eight and Dre	ssing Perc	centage		
Current week	645,844	2,711	6,388	9,099	1,930
Last week	651,560	2,699	6,628	9,327	2,102
Same wk yr ago	629,516	1,892	8,081	9,973	1,989
To-date/2010*	8,522,361	32,517	89,207	121,724	26,037
To-date/2009*	8,232,534	26,510	101,690	128,200	25,600
% Change YTD	4%	23%	-12%	-5%	2%
Dressing %	74.5%	52.5%	66.5%		72.0%

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 158.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 158.1 million head, or 0.0 million less than estimated available. (B) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update. *Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

EST. U.S. FR	<u>YER SLAUGHTER</u>	R/FRYER AVAILA	BILITY COMPARISON
Week	Million Head	Million Head	Δνα

	Week	Million Head	Million Head		Avg
	Ending	Slaughtered	Available*	Pct	Wt
Feb	27	160.2	156.2	103%	5.49
Mar	6	160.7	156.9	102%	5.60
	13	161.0	156.0	103%	5.57
	20	161.7	154.7	105%	5.58
	27	159.8	156.9	102%	5.54
Apr	3	158.1	158.1	100%	5.55
Year	to date	2084.9	2025.5	103%	
Apr	10		157.2		
	17		158.7		

^{*}Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Fed	eral Inspection	(in Thousands)				
W/E	04/10/10	04/03/10	%CHG	04/11/09	%CHG	
Broilers	160,662	156,199	+2.86	148,483 ¹	+8.20	
Cattle	616	637	-03	599 ²	+03	
Hogs	2,012	2,170	-07	2,127 ²	-05	
Actual data incorporated when available.						

EASTERN REGION MISC POULTRY Delivery Week of 05-Apr-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 LE	BS & UP, DLVRD,				
CENTS PER LB					

RANGE MOSTLY ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX) 77.00-90.00 80.00-88.00 VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX) 75.00-87.00 77.00-86.00

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES

FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

11 OZ. 69.84-87.59 13 OZ. 77.76-101.25 15 OZ. 84.96-112.08

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 steady. Demand was moderate to fairly good. Supplies ranged mostly adequate to instances short for current trade needs. Processing schedules were full-time. 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 05-Apr-10

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

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION -06-Apr-10 *AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY** PRICES PAID PER LB, EXCEPT AS NOTED

RANGE 1.25 lbs. Muscovy Ducks - Drakes 1.15 **Ducklings** .75 1.90 ea. Pekin Ducks 4.50 6.00 ea. Pullets 4-6 LBS .90 .95 lbs. Red Fowl 5-6 LBS .80 .90 lbs. .75 lbs. Red Fowl 4-5 LBS .60 Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS .60 .80 lbs. Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS 1.05 lbs. .80 Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS .60 .80 lbs. **Banty Roosters** 3.00 3.75 ea. Banty Hens 2.00 2.10 ea. Guinea Pigs 5.00 9.00 ea. Guinea Fowl 1.20 1.50 lbs. Kid Goats 8.00 15.00 ea. Geese 9-14 LBS 1.00 lbs. 4.10 4.75 ea. **Pigeons** White Pigeons 5.00 5.30 ea. Chukars 9.00 ea. Rabbits 6-9 LBS 1.70 1.80 lbs. Rabbits 4-6 LBS 2.00 2.30 lbs. Leghorn Hens 2.00 ea. Bunnies 4.00 8.00 ea. Doves 4.00 5.00 ea. Silkies 4.00 ea. 3.00 Goats 50.00 55.00 ea. Guinea Keets 4.00 5.00 ea. Chicks .90 1.50 ea. Muscovy Ducks - Hens 1.10 1.20 lbs. Fancy Bantams 6.00 - 18.00 ea. **Fancy Pigeons** 45.00 80.00 ea. Fancy Pheasants 28.00 35.00 ea. Ringneck Pheasants 9.00 ea Laying Pullets 5.50 6.00 ea. Total Coops Sold 2,627

^{*}Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

² Totals adjusted to reflect USDA, NASS revisions.

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET

Sales were too few to report prices. Offerings were mostly moderate for current trade needs. Demand was generally fair with limited trading due to the bulk of supplies being used internally. Processing schedules were reduced to the holiday. The undertone was steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITH OUT FREIGHT COST

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

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

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

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

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 12-APR-2010

<u>SOUTH CENTRAL</u> Trading was TFEWR. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings from primary users. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was about steady.

RANGE MAJORITY

AT FARM BUYER LOADING

TOO FEW TO REPORT

<u>SOUTHEAST</u> Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was fair to moderate for the generally adequate offerings of heavy fowl. Processing schedules for next week were mostly normal. Finished product supplies were sufficient for current trade needs. The undertone was at least steady.

AT FARM BUYER LOADING AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING FOB PLANT RANGE MAJORITY
TOO FEW TO REPORT
TOO FEW TO REPORT
TOO FEW TO REPORT

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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 Prices were unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was mostly moderate for the at least sufficient offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules were normal to less than normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

REMOVAL COST 2-11 3-7

<u>SOUTH CENTRAL</u> Sales of spent light hens were TFEWR. Demand was slow for fully adequate offerings of slaughter stocks. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was no better than steady.

RANGE MAJORITY

REMOVAL COST TOO FEW TO REPORT

NORTH CENTRAL Prices unchanged. Demand was moderate with offerings adequate to ample. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

REMOVAL COST RANGE MAJORITY 0-10.5 0-5

USDA, AMS, POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS & ANALYSIS BRANCH OFFICES

Washington, DC Voice (202)720-6911 Michael Sheats, Des Moines, IA Voice (515)284-4471 Jason Karwal, Fax (202)720-2403 Chief Fax (515)284-4468 Officer-in-Charge

Atlanta, GA Voice (404)562-5850 Annie Terry, Jackson, MS Voice (601)965-4662 Gary Brown,

Fax (404)562-5875 Officer-in-Charge Fax (601)359-1175 Southern States Area Supervisor

4

website: http://www.ams.usda.gov/pymarketnews.htm email: PYMNDSM@ams.usda.gov