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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices for whole broiler/fryers are trending fully steady to firm in the Midwest, firm to higher in the East, and steady to firm in the West. Preliminary majority prices are unchanged to 3 cents higher in the Midwest, 1 cent higher in the West, and 4 cents higher in the East when compared to early week prices. Offerings are light with buyer interest light to moderate. Retail and food service demand is light to good, mostly moderate. Some improvement into both retail and food service is being reported for the weekend with retail the most active in parts of the West. Floor stocks are very light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to mostly active. In the parts structure, movement is moderate to good for late week business. Prices are firm to higher for dark meat items, steady for most breast items, and steady to firm for wings. Offerings for dark meat items are light and moving well. Wings are light to moderate with large wings in the best position and breast items moderate. Market activity for parts is moderate to active. In production areas, live supplies are moderate. Weights are mixed, but noted are mostly desirable.

### 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-APR-2011 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Including branded product)		AVG	WTD LOADS
	MAJORITY	RANGE		
Delivered to First Receivers				
New York	79.00-82.00			
Los Angeles	96.00			
Whole Body 2/ Chicago	75.00-82.00	59.00-88.25	77.70	34
FOB Dock Equivalent 3/:				
Mississippi	83.00-87.00	76.00-89.00	84.87	31

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 86.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

### PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG

LOADS	RANGE	WTD AVG
673	83.79-93.61	86.33

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

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER LB)	VOL (000 LBS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	198.50	1,104
BREASTS - B/S	155.00	4,993
BREASTS - WHOLE	92.50	1,032
THIGH MEAT - B/S	129.00	886
THIGHS	64.00	742
DRUMSTICKS	64.00	784
LEG QUARTERS	46.50	6,978
WINGS	81.50	2,538

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

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER** Prices continue to trend firm to higher on most sizes. Trucklot buying activity for ready-to-cook whole broiler fryers is moderate to mostly good entering the weekend. Offerings are light and well cleared. Trade activity is moderate to active. In the parts complex, supplies thighs and thigh meat are light and clearing satisfactorily; light to moderate for wings and bone-in breasts. Other items are sufficient for current needs.

**MIDWEST BROILER/FRYER** Preliminary majority prices were unchanged to 3 cents higher than last Monday's majority into Chicago and TFEWR elsewhere in the Midwest. Whole bird prices were to fully steady to firm. Offerings were light for mostly moderate interest. Retail and food service demand was light to mostly moderate. Floor stocks were light to moderate with sizes desirable. Parts prices were steady on small wings, steady too fully steady on boneless skinless breasts and firm on dark meat items. Supplies of wings and boneless skinless breasts were moderate with the remainder of parts light to balanced. Overall parts market activity was light to moderate.

**WESTERN BROILER/FRYER** The Los Angeles preliminary majority is 96 cents, up 1 cent. The market on whole broiler fryers and WOGs is steady to firm. Offerings light to moderate. Retail demand light to moderate, instances good. Foodservice demand light to good, mostly light to moderate. Floor stocks very light to moderate. Weights desirable. The market on bone-in breasts steady is steady to fully steady and split breasts firm, wings steady to firm with prices on jumbo sizes higher, tenderloins and boneless skinless breasts steady. The market on dark items is steady to firm. Demand light to good, mostly light to moderate. Instances of better than expected boneless skinless breast movement is being reported resulting in purchases of extra loads for next week's deliveries at steady price levels. Offerings of bone-in breasts light to moderate with fresh tray pack split breasts short of needs, boneless skinless breasts light to moderate, wings light to moderate, and tenderloins light. Offerings of dark items are very light to light. Movement light to good, mostly light to moderate.

**SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYER** Prices are holding firm to mostly higher for whole broiler/fryers. Offerings are light for current trade needs. Demand entering the weekend is moderate to good. Market activity is active. In the parts structure, movement is moderate to good for late week business. Prices are firm to higher for dark meat cuts and held with confidence. Wings are steady to firm and breast items are steady. Offerings are light for most dark meat with good movement. Wings are light to moderate and breast items are moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate. Weights are desirable to light, but mostly desirable.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Less-than-trucklot asking prices are 1 cent higher at 81 to 92 cents, with a firm to higher trending undertone. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds is moderate to good entering the weekend. Offerings are light and moving well. Live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed, but noted as mostly desirable. Processing schedules are moderate. Market activity is moderate to active. In the parts complex, supplies ranged light to moderate.

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	63-96
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	04/11/11 - 04/15/11 (A)
	04/12/10 - 04/16/10 (A)
NO. OF BOXES	04/11/11 - 04/15/11 (A)
	04/12/10 - 04/16/10 (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.

April 14, 2011

Item	Pounds (000)	Range	Maj	Wtd Avg
Breast - B/S	451	120.00-185.00	-	131.29
Tenderloins	254	148.00-215.00	-	154.07
Breast - Line Run	Too Few To Report			
Front Halves	Too Few To Report			
Legs	Too Few To Report			
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	363	42.00-45.00	-	44.41
Leg Quarters (4/10)	887	44.00-47.00	-	46.45
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			

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 Whole Body Index Based On Southern States Parts Trading For Apr 14, 2011  
 -- F.O.B. Dock.

Range	Today's Average
56.00 - 61.00	58.04

April 15, 2011

Item	Pounds (000)	Range	Maj	Wtd Avg	Weekly Pounds (000)	Weekly Wtd Avg
Breast - B/S	TOO FEW TO REPORT				1,996	134.01
Tenderloins	TOO FEW TO REPORT				1,175	154.20
Breast - Line Run	TOO FEW TO REPORT				391	86.19
Front Halves	TOO FEW TO REPORT				295	72.66
Legs	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TFEWR	
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	410	42.00-45.00	-	43.78	1,646	44.04
Leg Quarters (4/10)	867	45.00-47.00	-	46.55	4,075	46.21
Wings (Whole)	TOO FEW TO REPORT				540	71.83
Wings (Cut)	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TFEWR	
Drumsticks	TOO FEW TO REPORT				190	47.18
Thighs	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TFEWR	
B/S Thighs	TOO FEW TO REPORT				352	109.30

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 Whole Body Index Based On Southern States Parts Trading For Apr 15, 2011  
 -- F.O.B. Dock.

Range	Today's Average	5-Day Average
56.00 - 61.00	58.24	58.42

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** Prices are trending firm to higher for thighs and thigh meat; steady to firm for drums and wings, generally steady for the balance of items. Trucklot buying activity is moderate to good entering the weekend. Offerings are light to moderate for wings, bone-in breast and most dark meat cuts; sufficient for the balance of items. Movement is moderate to active.

Ice packed broiler/fryer parts, delivered to first receivers in pool trucklot and trucklot quantities, cents per pound.

April 14, 2011

Item	Current Neg Trading*	Wtd Avg**	Vol /lbs.
Breast - B/S	150-155	135.43	755,000
Tenderloins	155-160	159.57	163,240
Breast - With Ribs	89-90	99.98	88,627
Breast - Line Run	89	91.23	74,557
Legs	65-66	65.33	144,840
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	44-45	46.62	207,840
Drumsticks	52-53	61.14	85,760
Thighs	66-67	69.32	77,560
B/S Thighs	132-133	127.80	111,120
Wings (Whole)	77-78	83.35	231,480
Backs and Necks (Stripped)	13-15	15.00	17,080
Livers (5 Pound Tubs)	45-50	47.00	16,980
Gizzards (Hearts)	60-65	65.00	13,400

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.

\*\* Weighted average price of all grades and brands of product shipped, or to be shipped as of 1:30 p.m.

April 15, 2011

Item	Current Neg Trading*	Wtd Avg**	Vol /lbs.	Weekly Wtd Avg	Weekly Vol/lbs.
Breast - B/S	150-155	137.91	586,680	135.82	3,490,440
Tenderloins	155-160	159.14	63,880	158.16	634,798
Breast - With Ribs	89-90	97.24	103,492	99.45	432,316
Breast - Line Run	89	91.25	73,387	91.09	360,120
Legs	65-66	64.99	146,140	66.32	718,120
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	44-45	47.61	205,800	47.04	1,068,725
Drumsticks	52-53	57.11	148,053	58.92	575,866
Thighs	67-68	68.30	84,320	68.65	398,520
B/S Thighs	134-135	129.99	74,720	128.53	393,080
Wings (Whole)	77-78	85.92	170,120	83.79	977,840
Backs and Necks (Stripped)	13-15	15.00	19,880	14.98	108,400
Livers (5 Pound Tubs)	45-50	49.21	17,580	46.20	85,770
Gizzards (Hearts)	60-65	64.12	28,520	64.60	94,440

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS**

	Estimated (1,000)		Actual (1,000)		Avg Wts		Actual (1,000)		Avg Wts	
	04/15	04/14	04/13	04/12	04/13	04/12	04/08	04/06	04/08	04/06
Alabama	3,846	4,040	4,014	4,089	5.65	5.64	3,820	5.54		
Arkansas	3,960	5,032	4,779	4,946	5.62	5.50	4,037	5.40		
Delmarva	1,909	2,221	2,263	2,272	6.16	6.22	1,909	5.99		
KY-LA-TN	2,171	2,430	2,393	2,805	5.24	5.15	2,317	5.17		
Mississippi	3,030	2,891	2,622	2,892	5.90	5.95	2,611	5.72		
North Carolina	2,892	2,808	2,694	2,690	7.19	7.20	2,691	7.21		
Texas	2,719	2,720	2,703	2,541	6.11	5.78	2,426	5.69		
Total	20,527	22,142	21,468	22,235	5.93	5.85	19,811	5.76		
Mon-Fri	107,971 (A)								106,141 (A)	
Saturday	892 (included in total for date shown)								550	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 15-Apr-11 and 16-Apr-11 is estimated to be 30,711,000 head up 3.31 percent from a week ago and down 6.47 percent from a year ago. (Last week 29,728,000, last year 32,836,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 16-Apr-11 is estimated to be 160,964,000 head up 0.76 percent from a week ago, and down 0.36 percent from a year ago. (Last week 159,746,000, last year 161,552,000)

Actual data incorporated when available.

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

Processed poultry, delivered to retailers	Range
Fresh Fryers	109-122
Roasters 4# & Up	129-139
Hens Under 5#	
Hens Over 5#	
Ducks	
Rabbits-Whole	
Rabbits-Cut Up	

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**

Delivered to restaurants and institutions	Range
Fresh Fryers	Dry Pack 128-188
	Ice Pack
Roasters 4# & Up	Dry Pack 124
	Ice Pack
Hens Over 5#	Dry Pack 135
	Ice Pack 129
Ducks	274-279

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED** Under Federal Inspection  
 Week Ending 09-Apr-2011 (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	37,126	72,079	28,740	21,801	159,746
Avg Live Wgt	3.85	5.37	6.78	8.42	5.69
% of total /1	23%	45%	18%	14%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	40,057	65,845	29,367	27,255	162,524
Avg Live Wgt	3.83	5.47	6.75	8.30	5.77
% of total /1	25%	40%	18%	17%	100%
Year Ago 2/	44,557	75,121	19,748	20,627	160,053
Avg Live Wgt	3.67	5.48	6.68	8.30	5.49
% of total /1	28%	47%	12%	13%	100%
To date/2011*	538,775	1,000,488	367,625	328,170	2,235,058
To date/2010*	566,718	1,092,879	283,126	277,325	2,220,048

/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**  
 (Preliminary)  
 W/E 09-Apr-2011

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
-----Thousands-----					
Head	159,746	1,493	1,392	2,885	475
Avg Wt	5.69	3.16	8.12	5.55	6.85
Last week	162,524	1,060	1,301	2,361	431
Same wk yr ago	160,053	1,449	1,135	2,584	404
Avg Wt	5.49	3.37	7.84	5.33	6.78
To-date/2011*	2,235,058	20,143	20,763	40,906	6,308
To-date/2010*	2,220,048	20,425	18,409	38,834	5,717
% Change YTD	1%	-1%	13%	5%	10%
<i>Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage</i>					
Current week	677,171	2,548	7,347	9,895	2,343
Last week	698,634	1,895	6,867	8,762	2,129
Same wk yr ago	654,625	2,612	5,917	8,529	1,972
To-date/2011*	9,463,380	34,116	109,090	143,206	31,192
To-date/2010*	9,176,986	35,155	95,124	130,279	28,009
% Change YTD	3%	-3%	15%	10%	11%
Dressing %	74.5%	54.0%	65.0%	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 158.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 161.7 million head, or 3.5 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
Mar 5	161.5	158.0	102%	5.58
12	159.7	158.1	101%	5.63
19	162.0	158.3	102%	5.65
26	160.0	158.1	101%	5.64
Apr 2	164.5	157.8	104%	5.77
9	161.7	158.2	102%	5.69
Year to date	2262.3	2213.3	102%	
Apr 16		158.3		
23		159.0		

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

**BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY EST SLAUGHTER**

Under Federal Inspection (in thousands)

W/E	04/16/11	04/09/11	%chg	04/17/10	%chg
<b>Broilers</b>	160,964	159,746 <sup>1</sup>	+0.76	161,552 <sup>1</sup>	-0.36
<b>Cattle</b>	640	631	+01	643 <sup>2</sup>	0
<b>Hogs</b>	2,028	2,069	-02	2,018 <sup>2</sup>	0

<sup>1</sup> Actual data incorporated when available.

<sup>2</sup> Totals adjusted to reflect USDA, NASS revisions.

**EASTERN REGION MISC POULTRY** Delivery Week of 11-Apr-11  
**Ducklings:** Prices Negotiated by First Receivers, US Grade A, 4-5 lbs. Delivered in Trucklot and Pool Trucklot Quantities, Cents/lb.

Origin	Frozen	Fresh
Long Island	206-210	211-217
Midwest	187-202	192-206

**Roasters:** Prices Negotiated by First Receivers, US Grade A & Plant Grade, 5 Lbs & Up, Delivered, Cents/lb.

	Range	Mostly
Ice Packed (12 per box)	75.00-84.75	77.00-83.00
Vacuum Packed (6-9 per box)	76.00-81.00	76.00-79.00

**Squabs:** New York Area Wholesale Prices, Frozen, Plant Grade, Dollars/Dozen, 1 to 10 Boxes

11 oz.	72.00-90.72
13 oz.	80.64-104.64
15 oz.	87.84-109.63

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 remain steady. Demand is moderate to good. Supplies are mostly moderate for current needs. Market activity continues moderate. Schedules are full-time. Prices paid, first receivers for 10-18 oz. boneless breast at \$7.70-8.70, bone in legs at \$2.75-3.10, gizzards at \$1.20-1.50, wings at \$.75-.90, livers at \$1.25-2.05, and feet at \$.75-1.45 cents per lb.

Prices Negotiated by First Receivers for US Grade A Delivered in Trucklot & Pool Trucklot Quantities, 4-5 lbs., cents/lb. Week of 11-Apr-11

Origin	Frozen	Fresh
Midwest and Others	187-210	189-210

**GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION** Date of Auction: 04/12/11  
 \*\*\*All Papers Required to Sell All Out of State Poultry\*\*\*

Prices Paid per lb., Except as Noted	Range
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.70 - 2.30 lbs.
Ducklings	1.20 - 1.30 ea.
Pekin Ducks	- 6.00 ea.
Pullets 4-6LBS	- 1.40 lbs.
Red Fowl 5-6LBS	.90 - 1.00 lbs.
Red Fowl 4-5LBS	.75 - 1.00 lbs.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11LBS	.75 - .90 lbs.
Crossbred Roosters 4-6LBS	1.20 - 1.40 lbs.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9LBS	.95 - 1.05 lbs.
Banty Roosters	4.50 - 5.75 ea.
Banty Hens	3.00 - 3.50 ea.
Guinea Pigs	1.00 - 4.00 ea.
Guinea Fowl	6.50 - 7.00 lbs.
Kid Goats	35.00 - 45.00 ea.
Geese 9-14LBS	1.50 - 1.75 lbs.
Pigeons	2.80 - 2.90 ea.
White Pigeons	4.50 - 5.50 ea.
Chukars	- 4.75 ea.
Rabbits 6-9LBS	2.00 - 2.30 lbs.
Rabbits 4-6LBS	2.50 - 2.70 lbs.
Leghorn Hens	- 3.25 ea.
Bunnies	3.00 - 9.00 ea.
Doves	- 8.00 ea.
Silkies	3.50 - 4.00 ea.
Goats	65.00 - 70.00 ea.
Turkeys	21.00 - 35.00 ea.
Chicks	.50 - 1.70 ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.60 - 1.70 lbs.
Goose Eggs	1.00 - 1.60 ea.
Fancy Pheasants	20.00 - 30.00 ea.
Hamster	.50 - 1.00 ea.
Chick Family	- 21.00 ea.
Emus	- 42.00 ea.
Goslings	7.00 - 9.00 ea.
Ferret	- 21.00 ea.
Total Coops Sold	5077

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Sales are too few to report prices. Offerings are moderate to heavy for demand that was light and generally unaggressive. Trading was limited due to the majority of supplies being used internally. Processing schedules are normal. Market activity is slow to moderate.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
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**LIVE HEAVY TYPE HENS**

(7 POUNDS AND UP) \*

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB.,  
GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER  
THE WEEK OF 18-APR-11

**SOUTH CENTRAL** Sales were TFEWR. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of heavy hens. Schedules were as desired. Finished sales were moderate. 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** Sales are too few to report prices. Offerings are sufficient for the mostly moderate demand. Processing schedules for next week are noted as normal. Finished product supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is moderate.

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

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**LIVE 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 continue to trend steady. Demand is moderate to good for the no more than adequate offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules are normal. Market activity is moderate.

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

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

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

**NORTH CENTRAL** Prices are unchanged. Offerings are light to moderate for the moderate to good demand. Schedules mostly part to full time. Market activity is moderate.

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

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