

**Eastern Region
Miscellaneous Poultry**

Atlanta, Ga.
February 28, 2003

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EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY FOR CURRENT DELIVERY for week of Feb 24

DUCKINGS Prices negotiated by first receivers, US Grade A, 4-5 pounds, delivered in trucklot and pool trucklot quantities. **LONG ISLAND**—Frozen 140, Fresh 146. **MIDWEST**—Frozen 122-126, Fresh—123-127

ROASTERS: Prices negotiated by first receivers, US Grade A and Plant Grade, 5 pounds and up, delivered: **ICE PACKED** (12 per box) 62-66 mostly 64-66. **VACUUM PACKED** (6-9 per box) 62-85 mostly 68-73.

SQUABS: New York Wholesale Prices, Frozen, Plant Grade, dollars per dozen, 1 to 10 boxes, 12 oz 60.48-69.66, 14 oz 66.96-76.14; 16 oz 73.44-83.43.

The eastern region includes: CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA.

**Eastern Region
Frozen Eggs**

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Mostly prices were higher on whites, unchanged on whole, but lower on yolks when compared to previous week's trading. The market tone remained firm on whites, generally steady on whole, and barely steady on yolks. Demand was mostly light to moderate with supplies limited on whites to at least adequate on yolks. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending February 22, 2003 were 11% less than the previous week, and 14% lower than a year ago.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 L.B. CONTAINERS: TRUCKLOTS: Whole: 38-48, mostly 43-46. **Blends (/) too few to report. Whites:** 28-40, mostly 32-35. **Sugared Yolks (min 43% solids):** 70-82, mostly 70-73. **Salted Yolks (min. 43% solids):** 66-77, mostly 67-69.

LESS THAN TRUCKLOT: (MIN. 25 CONT.): Whole: 51-55. **Blends (/) 68-80. Whites:** 39-44. **Sugared Yolks (min 43% solids):** 78-87. **Salted Yolks (min. 43% solids):** 73-90. (/) - Whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally

28-32% egg solids.

**National Retail
Egg Purchases**

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Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending March 7 will decrease by 4 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending Feb 28 were 234,637 cases which was 10 percent below the prior week and 9 percent below estimates.

CASFS PURCHASED CARTONED 188,928 — down 15%, **LOOSF** 45,709 — up 15%; **TOTAL** 234,637 — down 10%

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 16 cooperators, 30 dozen cases or equivalent

**National Egg Market
At A Glance**

Atlanta, Ga.
March 5, 2003

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Prices were unchanged in all areas. However, in the South Central region, prices were trending higher on the larger sizes. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand ranged light to at times very good, best into limited feature activity. Supplies were in close balance to fully adequate for full trade needs. Breaking stock supplies were generally sufficient for the light to instances moderate demand. Breaking schedules were normal to reduced. The National shell egg inventory was 3% higher than last week. Spent hen offerings were at least adequate for the fair to moderate demand

**National Turkey
Market At A Glance**

Des Moines, Iowa
March 5, 2003

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DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS. The market tone was steady on retail sized hens and toms. Offerings satisfied current buyer interest. Supplies of bulk meats were balanced, tom parts were close, hen v-type wings were tight, balance of parts were adequate. Demand cleared most available product and kept the trade sentiment steady or better.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS. Export trading was moderate on thigh meat, light on balance. Hen necks traded at 11 cents and mature hen thigh meat at 45 cents delivered port. Fresh thigh meat was 52 cents to the border. Inquiries for tom drums were circulating.

**National Broiler
Market At A Glance**

Atlanta, Ga.
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Trade sentiment was steady overall, to instances fully steady in the Midwest. Retail demand was mixed, mostly slow to moderate; however, optimism was high in parts of the Midwest as the area prepares for upcoming winter storm weather. Food service was irregular and spotty, better where fast food promotions were active. Supplies were usually sufficient to more available for heavier sizes. In the parts structure, trading was mixed. Breast items were adequate, closer balanced for boneless skinless, wings were readily available, and dark meat was irregular, but obtainable. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights covered the full range, but was mostly desirable to heavy. The 12-CITY Weighted Average Price for 03/03/03 was 60.83, compared to 60.38 last week, and 55.39 a year ago.

**National Canner
Fowl Market**

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NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET. Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher on light canners, unchanged on heavies. Demand ranged fair to good with very limited trading on heavy canners. Offerings were in close balance to tight and well cleared. The undertone was at least steady to fully steady on lights, at least steady on heavies.

Cents per pound, current negotiations with out freight cost: **LIGHT CANNER HFNS:** Line run without necks 20-25.00, majority 22-22.75. **HEAVY CANNER HFNS:** Without necks 30-35, majority 31-32.

Cents per pound, current negotiations freight cost included: **LIGHT CANNER HENS:** Line run without necks 22.5-26.5, majority 24.5-24.75. **HEAVY CANNER HENS:** Without necks 31.5-37, majority 33-34.

**Delmarva
Broiler/Fryer**

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Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds and parts was slow to moderate at best as many buyers continued to limit incoming receipts to previous commitments. Seller offerings on whole birds were fully sufficient. Live supplies were moderate, weights were light to heavy, mostly desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 56 to 66 cents. Trade sentiment remained about steady. In the parts complex, breast items were generally noted as in good balance. Leg items were fully adequate. Wings were fully adequate to ample.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER/FRYERS IN DELMARVA (000)

ESTIMATED ACTUAL AVG. WEIGHT ACTUAL AVG. WEIGHT

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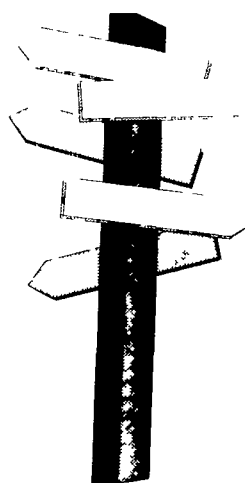
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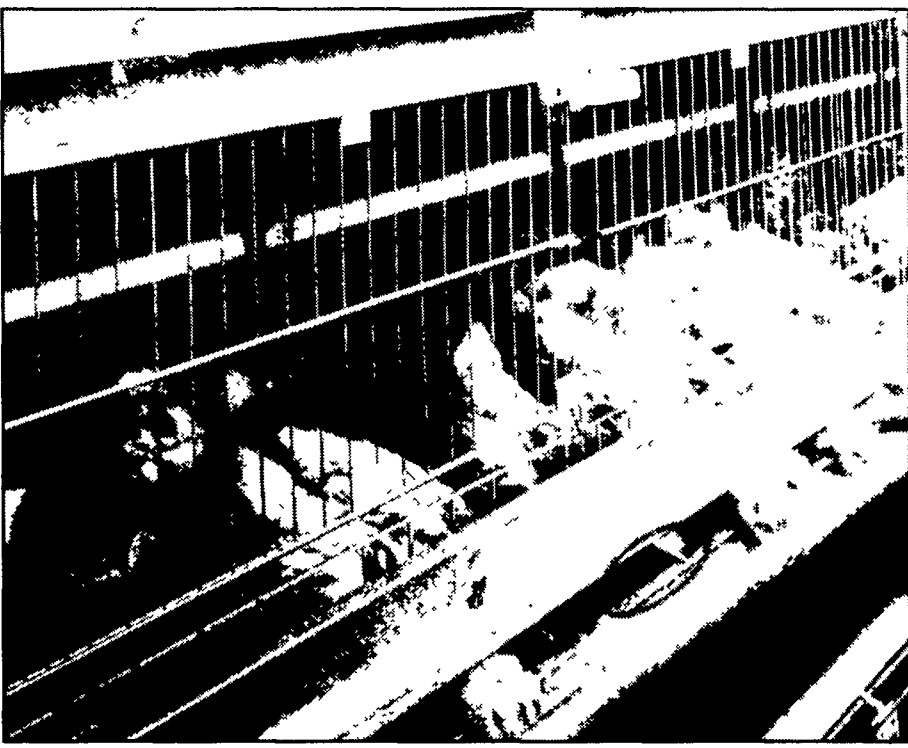


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