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## Parts/Slaughter

### Parts:

**Arkansas:** Prices were steady to slightly down on leg quarters and drums; thighs moved higher; tenders moved sharply higher as small sizes dominated sales and other parts were steady. Trade levels improved once again on bulk leg quarters with increased trade also noted on thighs and boneless/skinless breasts. Offerings of large wings lessened and the call was improved; remainder of parts were available and clearing at a light to moderate pace. Export leg quarter trade was slow with offering prices slightly lower. The market tone was steady to weak on drums and about steady on all other parts. Boneless/skinless breasts \$1.20-\$1.67, majority \$1.21-\$1.32; tenderloins \$1.26-\$2.02; leg quarters (bulk) 25-33¢, majority 29-31¢; leg quarters (4/10) 32-38¢, majority 33-36¢; wings \$1.04-\$1.68, majority \$1.37-\$1.47; drumsticks 38-43¢, majority 40-43¢; and thighs 38-46¢, majority 39¢. Breast with ribs, front halves and legs were too few to report.

**Georgia:** The f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-pack parts based on truckload and pool truckload lots for the week of Mar. 4: line run tenders \$1.76½; skinless/boneless breasts \$1.56; whole breasts 84¢; boneless/skinless thigh meat 94¢; thighs 47¢; drumsticks 60½¢; leg quarters 37½¢; wings \$1.60½. Demand on line run tenders, boneless/skinless thigh meat, thighs and leg quarters is mostly normal; while the demand on skinless/boneless breasts, whole breasts, drumsticks and wings ranges normal to good.

Georgia estimated slaughter for the week ending Mar. 5: 23,027,500.

### Fowl:

Light hen removal cost (Mar. 1): 2-11¢

Heavy-type hen (Mar. 1): 8-15½¢

### National Slaughter:

**Broiler:** Estimated slaughter for week ending Mar. 6 is 158,860,000.

Actual slaughter for the week ending Feb. 27 was 159,868,000.

**Heavy-type hen:** Estimated slaughter for the week ending Mar. 6 is 1,296,000.

Actual slaughter for the week ending Feb. 27 was 1,269,000.

**Light-type hen:** Estimated slaughter for the week ending Mar. 6 is 1,300,000. Actual slaughter for the week ending Feb. 27 was 1,531,000.

**Total:** Week of Mar. 6: 161,456,000. Week of Feb. 27: 162,668,000.

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