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Majority prices were higher in the East and Midwest; but unchanged in the West when compared to a week earlier. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Retail and food service demand ranged light to good, best into fast food. Supplies of all sizes were generally in close balance to tight with heavier sizes in the East at least sufficient. Truck availability was still an issue and continued to cause product shortages and delivery complications. In the parts structure, wings and tenders were available and competitively priced. Breast and leg items were good balance to tight and well cleared. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at irregular weights.

Final report Report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 5/17/04-05/21/04 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD LOADS AVG	WTD LOADS AVG	WTD LOADS AVG	WTD LOADS AVG
	Delivered to First Receivers				
Bos/New Eng	82.00-85.00	83.35	17	76.03	36
Chicago	77.00-80.00	78.80	40	80.87	75
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	—	—	80.88	25
Denver	80.50	80.50	14	81.38	16
Detroit	79.00-81.00	80.33	18	81.89	51
Los Angeles	81.00	81.33	68	82.82	134
New York	81.00-83.00	82.25	24	78.01	60
Philadelphia	80.50-83.00	81.36	11	80.11	23
Pittsburgh	81.00-84.00	82.08	13	80.75	58
St. Louis	79.00-79.25	78.48	22	78.57	44
San Francisco	81.50	82.24	33	82.54	83
	Composite Weighted Average				
Loads	05/17/04	Change/Last Wk	05/10/04	05/19/03	
605	80.50	2.38	78.12	60.00	

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AV	LOADS
East	81.50-84.50	82.54	33
Central	80.00-87.00	83.87	74
West	86.00-92.00	87.76	39
	Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent		
Mississippi	75.50-77.00	76.53	86

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 76.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,091	73.00-78.00	76.11

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	255.00	1,421
BREASTS - B/S	243.00	5,618
BREASTS - WHOLE	129.50	1,963
THIGH MEAT - B/S	120.50	1,063
LEG QUARTERS	36.50	8,115
WINGS	120.50	3,000

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was generally fair to no better than moderate. Offerings of the 3 pound and lighter birds were in good balance. The larger sizes were at least sufficient. Retail and distributive movement was about fair. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm on the 2.5 to 3 pound birds and mostly steady on the balance. In the parts complex, breast items were in good balance. Dark meat items were clearing well. Wings were fully sufficient.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady at higher trending price levels. Retail and food service demand remained moderate to good, best for fast food promotions and retail ad activity. Supplies were in close balanced. Trucks are still reported as limited in availability. In the parts structure, movement was fair to good. Wings were slow to clear. Breast items and dark meat cuts were in good balance to tight and well cleared. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged from last Monday's levels. The market tone was fully steady to firm with trading reported for this week deliveries at unchanged prices on regular commitments and higher prices on new negotiations. Offerings were adequate and confidently held. Buying activity was overall moderate but cautious and focused on current needs. Retailer demand was moderate best to cover scattered planned feature activities. Dealers reported moderate weekend carryovers. The market tone was weak on wings and firm on balance of parts reported. Reported trading on parts for this weeks' delivery: leg quarters bulk 38-40 and 4/10s 39.75-45, boneless leg meat 97-98, wings 105-112, bone-in breast 132-146 and boneless 234-237. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 86.21 up 1.74 with the volume reported at 30 loads up 15 percent.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices increased into all areas from last Monday's final; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was fully steady to firm. Offerings of light weight product were tight to short; heavy sizes limited. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate, occasionally good into catering and fast food. Floor stocks short to adequate; weights trending heavy. Offerings of wings and large tenders readily available, remaining parts barely adequate to less than full trade needs. The market tone was fully steady to firm on breast cuts and drums, steady to firm on leg quarters and barely steady to weak on wings and tenders.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was good for fill-in needs. Offerings were in good balance to well cleared, particularly on the 3.00 pound and lighter sizes. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to light. Processor schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 82 to 92 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, supplies were adequate to closely cleared.

*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	78-96
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	85.41
NO. OF BOXES	8,280

*7 of 7 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying interest was noted as fair at best entering the week as dealers cautiously assessed the market. Offerings of breast items were in good balance. Leg quarters were closely cleared and the balance of dark meat items were adequate to balanced. Wings remained available with discounting noted. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate, best for refill activity. The market tone was fully steady on breast items and dark meat cuts, but cautious on wings.

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

ITEM	NEGOTIATED TRADING	CURRENT	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	240	232.97	232.97	569,390
TENDERLOINS	225	228.35	228.35	111,520
BREAST - WITH RIBS	126-127	132.08	132.08	129,640
BREAST - LINE RUN	126	128.61	128.61	78,560
LEGS	50-51	49.03	49.03	234,520
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	38-39	37.91	37.91	321,336
DRUMSTICKS	40-41	45.87	45.87	158,178
THIGHS	45-46	47.99	47.99	153,861
B/S THIGHS	116-117	116.14	116.14	65,680
WINGS (WHOLE)	101-102	105.85	105.85	159,040
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.94	11.94	22,760
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	26.65	26.65	14,320
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	59.03	59.03	25,960

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (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.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER 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.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	2,018	169.00-255.00	227-237	230.39
TENDERLOINS	364	217.00-250.00	225-235	228.44
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,031	31.00-35.00	32-34	33.02
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,160	34.00-36.00	-	35.59
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS	1,141	36.00-45.00	39-44	43.99

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE (1,000)	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS
	05/17	05/13	05/13	05/10	05/06
ALA	3,693	2,883	5.10	4,011	5.23
ARK	5,469	5,301	4.98	5,262	4.94
DELMARVA	2,231	2,152	5.46	2,207	5.51
KY-LA-TN	2,058	2,012	4.88	1,977	4.92
MISS	3,028	3,254	5.39	2,921	5.37
NC	2,447	2,411	6.30	2,418	6.36
TEXAS	2,464	2,482	5.11	2,460	5.11
TOTAL	21,390	20,495	5.27	21,256	5.29
MON	21,390(A)			21,256(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 17-May 2004 is estimated to be 32,002,000 up 0.33 percent from a week ago. and up 1.8 percent from a year ago. (last week 31,897,000 last year 31,440,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER 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.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	879	229.00-315.00	230-235	235.72
TENDERLOINS	178	220.00-278.00	220-228	232.61
BREAST - LINE RUN	92	125.00-131.00	125-128	127.51
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	173	45.00-58.00	45-47	46.06
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	559	33.00-36.00	33-34	33.71
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	816	36.00-40.00	37-38	37.56
WINGS (WHOLE)	295	102.00-117.00	-	105.73
WINGS (CUT)	618	107.00-121.00	-	116.08
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS	160	114.00-127.00	114-122	118.63

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR MAY 17, 2004 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
73.50 - 79.00	75.86	76.45

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.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF MAY-17-21-2004

CENTS PER POUND	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	222.00 - 246.00	228.00 - 239.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	122.00 - 139.00	126.00 - 131.00
LEGS	35.00 - 56.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	33.00 - 39.00	36.00 - 38.00
DRUMSTICKS	35.00 - 50.00	-
THIGHS	46.00 - 54.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	100.00 - 110.00	104.00 - 106.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 17.00	-
LIVERS	28.00 - 39.50	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 55.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	93.75
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	98.25-102.25
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	600

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	95-97
ROASTERS 4# & UP	95-105
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	71-81
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK 107-115
	ICE PACK 107
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK 107-109
	ICE PACK 107
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 93
	DRY PACK 93-95
DUCKS	162-185

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

14-MAY-2004
CHICKEN — PRICES — VOLUME —
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	14.50-16.00	16.00	1,120,000	520,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.35	16.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	13.25-19.00	12.75-16.00	3,060,800	1,620,000
WTD AVERAGE	17.51	14.27		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	12.00	200,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		12.00		

* INCLUDES THE STATES OF CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly moderate for generally adequate offerings. Processing schedules were normal to less than normal. Supplies of finished product were clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
 FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 17-MAY-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.25-10.5	9-9.5	9.28
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING		TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT		TOO FEW TO REPORT	

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

14-MAY-2004
CHICKEN — PRICES — VOLUME —
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	12.00-15.00	81,600	-
WTD AVERAGE		13.50		
15-20%				
RANGE	15.00-18.00	11.75-14.00	2,173,200	1,124,800
WTD AVERAGE	16.21	12.76		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES OF AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were generally unchanged to slightly higher. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
 PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 17-MAY-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.25-12.25	9-9.75	9.78

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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