



Fast Food Fax

MAY 17, 2004

Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Demand ranged light to good. Breast items and dark meat cuts were in good balance and well cleared. Wings were readily available. Weights were mixed and irregular.

The "SOURCE" of Poultry and Egg Market Information

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Young Chickens Slaughtered under Federal Inspection Classified by Weight, WEEKENDING: May 01, 2004

	FOOD SERVICE/			
	<u>FAST FOOD</u>	<u>RETAIL</u>	<u>DEBONING</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Weight Range	4.20 & Down	4.21 - 5.25	5.26 & Up	----
Total (000)	24,546	22,584	48,500	95,630
Percentage	26%	24%	51%	101%

Fast Food and Food Service Sizes

<u>Live Weights</u>	<u>RTC WOG Weights</u>	<u>No. of Head (000)</u>	<u>Percentage of Total Slaughter</u>
3.60 lbs. & Lighter	Under 2 lbs., 8 oz.	5,052	5.28
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2 lbs., 8 oz. - 2 lbs., 10 oz.	4,458	4.66
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2 lbs., 10 oz., -2 lbs., 12 oz.	9,959	10.41
4.01 - 4.20 lbs.	2 lbs., 12 oz. - 2 lbs., 14 oz.	5,077	5.31
		24,546	25.66

BROILER EGG SET CHICKS PLACED IN 19 STATES COMPARED WITH U.S. BROILER SLAUGHTER

Slaughter Week	Egg Sets		Chicks Placed		Eggs Set 10 Weeks Previous		Chicks Placed 7 Weeks Previous		Prelim. Fed. Insp. Million head Slaughtered	
	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%**
Mar 13	210,020	102	170,462	102	205,547	101	165,515	100	157,179	102
Mar 20	209,673	102	171,496	101	206,529	101	168,098	101	153,006	97
Mar 27	210,955	103	172,440	102	206,764	102	168,937	102	152,749	100
Apr 03	211,195	100	172,271	103	205,540	100	167,265	101	152,052	100
Apr 10	212,939	102	171,566	102	204,460	100	167,390	102	150,462	99
Apr 17	213,662	102	171,422	102	206,642	102	168,319	103	152,185	101
Apr 24	213,468	103	173,068	101	208,421	103	169,208	102	156,011	103
May 01	212,631	102	174,978	102	209,844	103	170,698	102	157,894	101
May 08	212,557	103	174,628	102	210,864	102	171,783	101	157101	100

Data in bold are subject to revision *Percent of previous year **Percent change from previous week

Whole Broiler/Fryers (cents/lb.)	Majority	Current Week	Previous Week	Year Ago
Week of 05/17/04				
NEW YORK Grade A Ice-packed	81-83	81.25	78.10	55.13
CHICAGO Grade A Ice-packed	77-80	78.80	75.71	52.52
LOS ANGELES Grade A Ice-packed	81	81.33	80.65	67.85
12-CITY COMPOSITE Weighted Avg.		80.50	78.12	60.00
GEORGIA DOCK FOB Wtd. Avg. (Wed Dock 76.25)		76.11	75.12	63.12
SOUTHERN STATES FOB Whole Body 5 Day Avg.		76.45	75.68	50.85

Broiler/Fryer Parts (cents/lb.)	Northeast (Delivered)	Southern States (FOB)	Georgia (FOB)
Weekly Weighted Average	05/14/04	0514/04	05/17/04
Breast - B/S	231.59	246.07	243.00
Tenderloins	228.82	234.73	255.00 (Line run)
Breast - Line Run	127.32	127.17	129.50(Whole)
Leg Quarters	36.25	35.00	36.50
Wings	110.32	107.63	120.50