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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was fully steady in the West, steady to firm elsewhere. Retail demand was light to fair, moderate where limited features created activity. Food service was in a full range, best into fast food and hotel restaurants. Supplies of smaller sized product were close to tight, heavier weights were sufficient. In the parts structure, trading was light to fair. Breast items were balanced to close, tight for bone-in cuts. Wings were available, and dark meat was at least adequate with discounts reported. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy, mostly desirable weights.

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .50 cents to 79.75 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 66.00 cents last year on June 18, 2003.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	258.00
BREASTS - B/S	262.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	139.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	124.00
LEG QUARTERS	36.00
WINGS	119.00

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

**SOUTHERN** Trade sentiment was at least steady. Retail demand was light to fair; food service was fair to moderate, best for fast food. Supplies were in good balance, often short on smaller sizes. In the parts structure, trading was fair. Breast items were balanced to well cleared and moving well. Wings were sufficient, and dark meat was readily available with drums in the better balance. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair to moderate during midweek trading. Offerings of the 3 pound and lighter birds were closely balanced and clearing with premiums noted. The 3.5 pound and larger birds were sufficient. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm on the 3 pound and lighter birds and mostly steady on the balance. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were tight, although, boneless-skinless breasts were noted as slightly more available at times. Legs, leg quarters and thighs were at least adequate to available. Wings were generally sufficient.

**MIDWEST** The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was fully steady, undertone firm. Offerings of additional product remain light on limited to fair buyer inquiry. Retail call was light to moderate with scattered features receiving little additional demand. Retail features noted on cut-up whole fryers at \$1.09; boneless/skinless breasts at \$3.99 and \$1.59; tenderloins at \$2.99; split breast at \$1.77 and \$1.59; and drums and thighs at 99 and 78 cents. Food service demand was in a full range with fairly good demand into fast food promotions. Floor stocks were adequate to in close balance. Weights were mostly desirable. Parts trade was light and noted as quiet. Supplies of wings and leg quarters were fully available while white meat cuts were barely adequate. The market tone was fully steady to firm on breast cuts; mostly steady on wings and barely steady to weak on dark meat cuts.

**WESTERN** The market tone was fully steady. Offerings were overall adequate. Buyers' continued to watch market developments. Retailer demand was moderate to fairly good with best interest noted where features were in progress. Trade sentiment towards parts were mixed with dark meat items in the weakest position. Floor stocks noted in good balance with current interest.

## CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES	WEEK ENDING 06/12/04		PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
	2004	2003	
EGGS SET	213,335	209,410	+02
CHICKS PLACED	178,225	173,964	+02

## BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending June 12, 2004. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

## CHICKS PLACED UP 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 178 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 12, 2004. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through June 12, 2004 were 4.11 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

**WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING** Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 24-Jul-04 is estimated at 163.4 million head. This compares to 161.4 million head the previous week and to 162.6 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 159.2 million head and the composite weighted average price was 62.57 cents per pound.

JUNE 15, 2004

## SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

JUNE 16, 2004

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			WTD	ITEM	POUNDS			WTD
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG		(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG
BREAST - B/S	874	245.00-332.00	249-252	251.52	BREAST - B/S	847	245.00-332.00	248-252	250.84
TENDERLOINS	228	220.00-280.00	220-225	229.12	TENDERLOINS	237	220.00-280.00	220-225	228.95
BREAST - LINE RUN	82	134.00-141.00	134-136	136.00	BREAST - LINE RUN	72	134.00-141.00	134-136	136.28
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				LEGS	83	44.00-59.00	45-48	47.61
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	469	28.00-35.00	29-31	30.39	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	509	25.00-35.00	29-31	30.28
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	850	29.00-39.00	32-34	32.48	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	890	29.00-38.00	-	32.60
WINGS (WHOLE)	284	93.00-112.00	93-95	97.69	WINGS (WHOLE)	284	93.00-112.00	93-95	97.69
WINGS (CUT)	538	107.00-119.00	115-119	115.90	WINGS (CUT)	607	101.00-119.00	117-119	114.68
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	53	44.00-59.00	-	50.04	THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	107	100.00-135.00	-	117.10	B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

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 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
74.50 - 82.50	78.66	74.50- 84.00	79.64	79.24

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/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity was generally fair during midweek trading. Offerings of bone-in breasts were noted as tight, however, boneless skinless breasts ranged balanced to at times slightly more available. Legs, leg quarters and thighs were increasingly under pressure as floor stocks were fully adequate and discounted in an attempt to entice the light and selective interest. Wings were sufficient. Retail and distributive draw was moderate. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm on bone-in breasts, fully steady on boneless-skinless breasts, steady on wings and barely steady to weak on dark meat items.

\*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT

QUANTITIES. JUNE 15, 2004	CURRENT NEG	WTD		JUNE 16, 2004	CURRENT NEG	WTD	
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	250-255	253.36	600,157	BREAST - B/S	250-255	254.07	595,209
TENDERLOINS	225	218.72	119,680	TENDERLOINS	225	217.53	94,670
BREAST - WITH RIBS	134-135	140.70	155,040	BREAST - WITH RIBS	135-136	141.32	112,640
BREAST - LINE RUN	134	136.38	114,200	BREAST - LINE RUN	135	137.17	118,738
LEGS	53-54	51.13	250,120	LEGS	52-53	51.29	216,038
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	35-36	36.95	464,984	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	34-35	37.15	265,453
DRUMSTICKS	42-43	47.82	169,690	DRUMSTICKS	42-43	46.52	138,193
THIGHS	45-46	54.77	106,090	THIGHS	44-45	49.59	80,734
B/S THIGHS	116-117	118.12	97,520	B/S THIGHS	116-117	118.56	56,800
WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101	104.17	138,840	WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101	106.97	114,228
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.03	26,360	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.03	33,240
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	31.99	19,140	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	28.93	11,680
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	58.60	24,410	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	59.80	22,680

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 INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, 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.

## ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG		AVG	
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	WTS	WTS	WTS	WTS
	06/16	06/15	06/14	06/11	06/14	06/11	06/09	06/07
ALA	4,039	4,110	4,006	4,431	5.29	5.08	3,984	5.35
ARK	5,434	5,478	5,367	5,740	5.11	4.91	5,366	5.21
DELMARVA	2,224	2,199	2,196	2,093	5.67	5.57	2,181	5.68
KY-LA-TN	2,061	2,058	2,064	2,281	5.06	4.54	1,959	4.95
MISS	3,036	3,076	3,039	3,307	5.36	5.23	3,019	5.49
NC	2,305	2,424	2,381	2,826	6.41	6.39	2,324	6.37
TEXAS	2,519	2,450	2,826	2,493	5.15	5.07	2,530	5.12
TOTAL	21,618	21,795	21,879	23,171	5.38	5.21	21,363	5.42
MON-WED 65,078(A)						64,607(A)		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 16-Jun-04 is estimated to be 32,343,000 head up 0.89 percent from a week ago and up 0.54 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,057,000, last year 32,169,000)

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS		97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP		95-107
HENS UNDER 5#		-
HENS OVER 5#		71-81
DUCKS		-
RABBITS-WHOLE		-
RABBITS-CUT UP		-
SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY		
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS		
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	108
	DRY PACK	108-116
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	108
	DRY PACK	110
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	93
	DRY PACK	95
DUCKS		162-185

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 19-JUNE-04

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	06/19/04 (1)	06/12/04

THOUSAND HEAD		
BRO-FRY	161,518 (2)	165,735
LT HENS	1,552	1,509
HVY HENS	1,512	1,418
CHECK TOTAL	164,582	168,662

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 19-Jun-04 is 164.6 million head compared to 161.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 161.8 million head or 2.8 million less than estimated available. For the week of 26-Jun-04 the estimated available is 164.3 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)**

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 06/14/04	197,585	54,333
AM 06/01/04	196,039	50,785
CHG	1,546	3,548
PCT CHG	1	7

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)**

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	06/14/04	06/07/04	06/16/03	06/14/04	06/07/04	06/16/03

<b>PACIFIC COAST LOS ANGELES</b>	9,121	8,766	15,370	4,490	4,374	7,248
<b>CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS</b>	368	375	108	3,049	3,005	3,297

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF JUNE 14, 2004

HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX) VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	RANGE
		68-72 75-79

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES FOR 06/15/04**

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW HIGH AVG				LOW HIGH AVG		
	HEAVY FOWL lb.	.95	1.00		.98	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.25	2.75	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	5.25	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	2.75	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	.70	1.50	.96	RABBITS ea.	3.00	4.50	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.50	3.75	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	2.00	3.50	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	.35	1.75	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	4.25	-	GOSLINGS ea.	2.00	3.00	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	1.00	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-				
TOTAL COOPS	86						

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City**

Cents per pound for the week ending June 11, 2004

	Whole		Legs W/Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards Hens	
	Chickens	Breasts				
<b>RAYON</b>						
Low	58.32	111.85	71.90	11.98	7.99	41.94
High	59.52	115.84	75.90	19.97	11.98	41.94
Mostly	58.32	111.85	71.90	15.98	7.99	41.94
<b>SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	58.32	111.85	71.90	15.98	7.99	41.94
High	59.92	119.84	79.89	19.97	11.98	41.94
Mostly	59.12	115.84	75.90	17.98	9.99	41.94
<b>NEW SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	58.32	107.85	71.90	11.98	7.99	43.94
High	60.72	115.84	79.89	19.97	11.98	43.94
Mostly	58.32	111.85	75.90	15.98	11.98	43.94
<b>BECERRA</b>						
Low	59.12	111.85	71.90	11.98	7.19	43.94
High	60.72	119.84	79.89	19.97	11.98	43.94
Mostly	59.92	119.84	75.90	19.97	7.99	43.94

**DELMARVA** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to fairly good. Seller offering were no more than adequate to short on 2.50 and 3.00 pound sizes, generally sufficient on the heavier sizes. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged to 1 cent higher at 82 to 96 cents. Trade sentiment ranged steady to instances firm. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were in close balance and clearing. Boneless skinless breasts and wings were adequate. Legs and leg quarters were available.

\*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	80-96
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	86.00
NO. OF BOXES	7,209

\*7 of 7 plants reporting.

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