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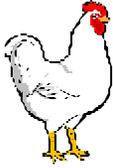
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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was at least steady, but mostly fully steady to firm. Demand into all channels ranged light to fairly good; however, in the Midwest, buying activity increased and deliveries were delayed in areas being affected by adverse winter weather. Supplies were in good balance to well cleared with smaller sizes in the best balance. In the parts structure, trading was fair to moderate. Wings were in good supply to tight and continued to move well at premium levels. The remaining items were irregular, but overall available if needed. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy, but mostly desirable.

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 73.25 based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 69.00 cents last year on January 7, 2004.

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	161.00
BREASTS - B/S	143.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	74.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	78.00
LEG QUARTERS	31.00
WINGS	112.00

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

**SOUTHERN REGION** Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Demand into all channels was fair to moderate with active trading. Supplies of all sizes were in good supply to well cleared for trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was fair to fairly good. Wings were tight, and breast items were sufficient with fronts closer balanced. Dark meat was adequate, barely adequate for leg and thigh meats. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST REGION** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was moderate to good. Offerings of 2.5 and 3 pound sizes were in good balance. Other sizes were about adequate to well cleared. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, wings were short of inquiry. Breast items were fully sufficient for current trade needs. Thighs and boneless thigh meat were clearing satisfactorily. Other items were generally adequate.

**MIDWEST REGION** The whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady to fully steady. Offerings were moderate on light to fair trade interest. Movement into all sectors was varied, slow to fairly good, best into retail features, fast food and areas experiencing or anticipating winter storm activity. Much of the upper Midwest is under a watch through Thursday, with mixtures of freezing rain, sleet and snow. Floor stocks were adequate to in close balance with some receivers noting delays in shipments due to weather. Weights desirable to trending heavy. Parts trade continued strong for wings when offered with light to moderate interest on all remaining parts. Supplies of wings were very limited, all other parts were adequate for current trade needs. The market tone was fully steady to firm on wings and breasts and steady to fully steady on dark meat items.

**WESTERN REGION** The market tone was fully steady. Offerings of whole bodies generally adequate with sized product confidently held. Retailer demand was fair to fairly good, best for parts. Floor stocks generally adequate.

## CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES	WEEK ENDING 01/01/05		PERCENT CHANGE
	2005	2004	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	210,659	172,321	+02
CHICKS PLACED	205,672	168,268	+02

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

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 211 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 1, 2005. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 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 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 1, 2005. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week 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 12-Feb-05 is estimated at 158.5 million head. This compares to 158.3 million head the previous week and to 158.5 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 154.4 million head and the composite weighted average price was 75.41 cents per pound.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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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	641	118.00-150.00	120-125	124.62	BREAST - B/S	669	119.00-150.00	120-125	125.22		
TENDERLOINS	168	105.00-170.00	108-114	112.62	TENDERLOINS	190	105.00-170.00	112-115	116.08		
BREAST - LINE RUN	82	69.00-75.00	69-70	70.30	BREAST - LINE RUN	87	69.00-75.00	69-71	70.57		
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT					
LEGS	63	32.00-49.00	32-34	35.43	LEGS	63	30.00-49.00	32-34	35.43		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	509	23.00-29.00	26-27	26.33	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	509	23.00-29.00	26-27	26.33		
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	976	25.50-32.00	28-29	28.27	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,016	26.00-32.00	28-29	28.70		
WINGS (WHOLE)	298	97.00-113.00	99-100	102.93	WINGS (WHOLE)	298	112.00-116.00	113-114	112.91		
WINGS (CUT)	610	127.00-133.00	128-132	129.52	WINGS (CUT)	627	122.00-134.00	129-131	129.62		
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT					
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT					
B/S THIGHS	86	76.00-82.00	76-79	78.51	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	
	40.50 - 47.00		44.50			39.50-47.00		43.05		43.59	

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 fair to mostly moderate. Offerings of breast items were noted as fully sufficient for current trade needs. Wings were in good balance to tight and commanding premiums. Thighs and boneless thighs were well cleared. Leg and leg quarters were adequate. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was firm on wings; at least steady on thighs and boneless thighs. Other items were generally steady.

\*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES. **JANUARY 04, 2005**

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD	ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	TRADING*		AVG**	VOL/LBS		
BREAST - B/S	135	129.89	591,220	BREAST - B/S	135	129.88	541,860		
TENDERLOINS	110	112.53	115,600	TENDERLOINS	110	114.10	99,320		
BREAST - WITH RIBS	68-69	74.93	128,720	BREAST - WITH RIBS	68-69	75.60	118,400		
BREAST - LINE RUN	68	69.59	127,200	BREAST - LINE RUN	68	68.90	107,560		
LEGS	42-43	37.50	511,440	LEGS	42-43	40.52	214,200		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	28-29	29.52	469,708	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	28-29	29.27	322,200		
DRUMSTICKS	23-24	32.27	163,330	DRUMSTICKS	23-24	33.30	122,640		
THIGHS	28-29	40.54	111,140	THIGHS	28-29	37.81	63,120		
B/S THIGHS	82-83	73.91	74,640	B/S THIGHS	83-84	74.26	78,720		
WINGS (WHOLE)	109-110	118.19	174,120	WINGS (WHOLE)	110-111	119.28	151,160		
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.64	31,720	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.76	31,360		
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	28.20	15,890	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	29.03	21,440		
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	64.96	21,480	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	64.77	25,680		

\*\*\*\*\* 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
	01/05	01/04	01/03	12/31	01/03	12/31	12/29	12/27
Alabama	4,045	4,103	4,011	(A)	5.48	(A)	4,003	5.39
Arkansas	5,606	5,566	4,871	(A)	5.22	(A)	5,275	5.20
Delmarva	2,233	2,290	2,252	(A)	5.60	(A)	2,156	5.66
KY-LA-TN	2,181	2,276	2,166	(A)	5.24	(A)	2,141	5.31
Mississippi	3,109	2,912	3,037	(A)	5.28	(A)	3,113	5.70
North Car	2,533	2,392	2,348	(A)	6.67	(A)	2,480	6.80
Texas	2,467	2,472	2,471	(A)	5.17	(A)	2,458	4.92
Total	22,174	22,011	21,156	8,258	5.48	5.00	21,626	5.49
Mon-Wed	65,548(B)						63,640(B)	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 05-Jan-05 is estimated to be 33,175,000 head up 2.23 percent from a week ago and up 5.93 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,452,000, last year 31,317,000)

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

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS		97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP		99-107
HENS UNDER 5#		-
HENS OVER 5#		63-71
DUCKS		-
RABBITS-WHOLE		-
RABBITS-CUT UP		-
SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY		
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS		
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	103-105
	DRY PACK	103-108
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	108-111
	DRY PACK	111
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	89-93
	DRY PACK	89-95
DUCKS		175-192

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

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 08-Jan-05

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK
	01/08/05 (1)		01/01/05
	THOUSAND HEAD		
Broiler/fryer	164,938	(2)	135,098
Light hens	1,521		1,348
Heavy hens	1,474		1,269
Total	167,933		137,715

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 08-Jan-05 is 154.9 million head compared to 160.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 165.3 million head or 10.4 million more than estimated available. For the week of 15-Jan-05 the estimated available is 158.8 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 01/03/05	59,916		54,376	
AM 12/01/04	66,595		60,214	
CHG	-6,679		-5,838	
PCT CHG	-10		-10	

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT** (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	01/03/05	12/27/04	01/05/04	01/03/05	12/27/04	01/05/03
<b>PACIFIC COAST</b>	1,868	1,868	6,241	7,574	7,574	4,985
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>	62	62	417	3,804	3,804	2,914

**CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS**

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 3, 2005

HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	RANGE
		72-78
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	74-83

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES FOR 01/04/05**

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW HIGH AVG			LOW HIGH AVG		
	HEAVY FOWL lb.	.60	.80	.64	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	.80	1.10	.89	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	2.00	3.50
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	1.25	2.50
ROOSTERS lb.	1.30	1.65	1.43	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	.75	1.10	.87	RABBITS ea.	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.50	3.25
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	1.50	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-			
TOTAL COOPS	34					

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City**

Cents per pound for the week ending December 31, 2004

	Whole		Legs W/Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
	Chickens	Breasts				
<b>RAYON</b>						
Low	74.03	122.02	81.35	20.34	10.17	51.25
High	75.25	130.15	89.48	28.47	14.24	51.25
Mostly	75.25	126.09	89.48	24.40	12.20	51.25
<b>SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	73.21	126.09	81.35	20.34	12.20	50.84
High	75.25	134.22	89.48	28.47	14.24	50.84
Mostly	75.25	126.09	81.35	24.40	14.24	50.84
<b>NEW SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	73.21	126.09	81.35	20.34	12.20	49.62
High	75.25	134.22	89.48	24.40	14.24	49.62
Mostly	75.25	126.09	85.41	22.37	12.20	49.62
<b>BECERRA</b>						
Low	74.84	126.09	81.35	20.34	12.20	48.81
High	76.47	134.22	89.48	28.47	14.24	48.81
Mostly	74.84	130.15	85.41	24.40	14.24	48.81

**DELMARVA**

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was moderate to good and was sufficient in keeping the bulk of seller offerings well cleared, particularly on the 2.50 and 3.00 pound sizes. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable to a bit heavy. Processor schedules remained moderate to moderately heavy. Less than tucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher at 71 to 85 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, wings were well cleared. Other items were irregularly balanced, but adequate overall.

\*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	65-88
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	74.03
NO. OF BOXES	6,994

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