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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices in the major terminal markets were generally unchanged when compared To a week earlier. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail and food service demand was moderate to good and clearing most available offerings. Some plants were scheduled to be closed on Monday. Overall, supplies were sufficient for the holiday weekend. Some interruptions of deliveries were noted due in part to adverse weather conditions. In the parts structure, trading was fair to good. Breast items were reported as short, wings were tight, and dark meat was sufficient to barely adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

Preliminary report Prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 17-JAN-2005 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
(Including branded product)				
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	63.00-66.00	60.00-76.00	66.12	27
New York	69.00-72.00			
Los Angeles	79.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	70.00-73.00	59.00-75.00	71.64	89

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 73.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
977	69.30-75.25	73.14
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:		
ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	164.50	1,329
BREASTS - B/S	146.50	5,632
BREASTS - WHOLE	75.50	1,301
THIGH MEAT - B/S	82.00	1,000
LEG QUARTERS	31.00	6,943
WINGS	117.00	2,935

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

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices for next week's trading into the Chicago area was unchanged from Monday's majority. The whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady to instances fully steady. Offerings were limited for a light to fair trade interest. Movement into retail and food service outlets was slow to moderate, best into scattered retail features and some fast food. Floor stocks were in a full range, but for the most part in close balance. Weights were desirable. Trade on parts was moderate; although wings and boneless/skinless breasts were receiving a better call. Supplies of wings and boneless/skinless breasts continued in tightest position with dark meat lines adequate to in close balance. The market tone was fully steady to firm on all parts.

SOUTHERN BROILER Trade sentiment was full steady to steady on whole product. Retail and food service demand was fairly good and clearing limited offerings at most locations. Supplies were adequate but well cleared. In the parts structure, all items were well cleared including leg quarters. Undertone was fully steady to firm on all items. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The preliminary majority prices were unchanged. Early trading reported for next weeks' deliveries at mainly unchanged prices. Offerings were at least adequate with heavy weights in the longest position. Buyers' watched market developments closely and focused on immediate needs when securing product. Retailer demand was fair to fairly good best to cover feature activities. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers. Trade

sentiment on parts steady to firm with wings and breasts in the strongest position.

Ads noted (per pound unless otherwise stated):

ARIZONA - boneless breast 299-449 and 4# bag IQF 999, breast tenders 349 and 3# bag IQF 899, boneless thigh meat 249, split breast 179, leg quarters 100, wings 139, thigh 99-129, drumstick 99-129;

COLORADO - boneless breast 299- 499 and 3# bag IQF 1199, boneless breast tenders 499, drumstick 100-129, thigh 100-129, leg quarter 100,

(deli food service - rotisserie 499 each, barbeque leg quarter 100 each);

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA - whole body free range 179, whole body organic 289, whole cut-up 149, boneless breast 199 and 4# bag IQF 999, split breast 179-229, leg quarter 89-99 and 10# bag 490, drumstick and thigh combo pack 99, drumstick 89-159 and 4# bag 349, thigh 89-159 and 4# bag 349, whole leg 99-139,

(deli food service - rotisserie 699);

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA - whole body 99, whole body seasoned 99, whole cut-up 129-149, roaster 149, boneless breast 138-199 and 4# bag IQF 796, marinated boneless breast 247, boneless breast and thigh meat combo pack 199, boneless thigh meat 99 and 4# bag 599, split breast 99-118, whole leg 79 and seasoned 89, wings 149, thigh 87-99, drumstick 59-99, drumstick and thigh combo pack 118,

(deli food service - fried 8 piece drumstick and thigh combo 398-399, 24 piece drumstick and thigh combo 899, rotisserie 498- 499).

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers increased slightly entering the holiday weekend and was noted as fair to moderate overall. Offerings varied in availability with some plants down on Monday but were generally fully sufficient for current trade needs. Retail and distributive movement was fair to at least moderate, best where scattered features were planned. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, breast items were in tight balance with premiums noted. Drums, thighs and boneless thigh meat were in close balance to well cleared. Wings were adequate to short. Other items were generally adequate.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds increased entering the holiday lengthened weekend and was fair to moderate overall. Offerings varied as some plants looked to close on Monday in observance of the holiday, but remained at least adequate for current inquiry. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processor schedules were heavy when combined with operations planned on Saturday. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 71 to 85 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, offerings were in good balance to well 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		65-90
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		73.98
NO. OF BOXES		7,240
CUMULATIVE	01/10/05-01/14/05	74.93
	01/12/04-01/16/04	71-72
NO. OF BOXES	01/10/05-01/14/05	36,058
	01/12/04-01/16/04	39,462

JAN 13

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

JAN 14

ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS				WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	706	125.00-150.00	127-133	131.94	727	130.00-185.00	132-137	136.79	3,266	130.82
TENDERLOINS	165	105.00-170.00	113-119	117.10	193	105.00-175.00	115-120	121.22	1,039	118.97
BREAST - LINE RUN	85	72.00-79.00	72-76	73.71	40	74.00-80.00	75-77	76.50	441	73.86
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				260	63.63
LEGS	58	32.00-49.00	33-34	35.72	73	32.00-49.00	34-35	35.58	346	35.64
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	560	24.00-29.00	27-28	27.09	522	24.00-30.00	27-28	27.32	2,612	26.75
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	880	28.00-32.00	29	29.36	1,086	26.00-32.00	29-30	28.75	5,126	29.21
WINGS (WHOLE)	375	115.00-122.00	116-120	117.97	270	115.00-122.00	116-119	117.39	1,560	117.06
WINGS (CUT)	784	135.00-142.00	137-140	137.97	940	134.00-142.00	136-139	138.39	4,103	135.45
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				205	37.66
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				143	41.18
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				302	82.95

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR
 JAN 13, 2005 F.O.B. DOCK.

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RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
42.50 - 49.50	46.55	43.50 - 50.00	46.66	45.32

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 mostly moderate entering the weekend. Offerings of breast items remained in tight balance with premiums noted. Wings were adequate to short. Thighs, boneless thighs and drums were in close balance and continued to be well cleared. Leg and leg quarters were sufficient. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate, best for scattered feature activity. The market tone was firm on on breast items, thighs and drums; fully steady on wings. Balance of items were steady to fully steady.

ICE PACKED B/F PARTS, DLVRD TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER LB.

JAN 14, 2005

JAN 13, 2005

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD	CURRENT NEG			WTD	WEEKLY	
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	140-145	132.32	576,360	145-150	135.48	777,110	131.63	3,287,160		
TENDERLOINS	110	111.64	116,040	110	107.30	208,790	111.54	767,860		
BREAST - WITH RIBS	71-72	80.18	122,040	72-73	79.19	111,160	78.25	480,820		
BREAST - LINE RUN	71	72.53	124,480	72	73.81	131,680	71.72	608,640		
LEGS	42-43	40.56	278,560	42-43	42.57	258,120	39.80	1,508,920		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	28-29	29.37	351,813	28-29	28.70	279,948	28.71	1,584,355		
DRUMSTICKS	27-28	32.36	135,240	28-29	36.40	171,640	32.74	742,690		
THIGHS	32-33	41.20	69,080	32-33	43.82	120,260	41.77	423,960		
B/S THIGHS	90-91	86.29	58,640	90-91	83.29	90,520	82.91	339,240		
WINGS (WHOLE)	115-116	126.25	141,840	115-116	125.37	152,680	123.62	705,120		
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.60	36,800	10-12	11.72	36,160	11.60	157,400		
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	29.20	15,960	30-35	28.94	14,440	30.47	68,320		
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	64.51	21,360	60-65	64.59	27,280	64.52	121,120		

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPE, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WT		ACTUAL		AVG WTS	
	(1,000)	01/13	(1,000)	01/11	(1,000)	01/11	01/07	01/05	(1,000)	01/05
Alabama	3,951	4,072	4,029	4,026	5.19	5.27	4,262	5.26		
Arkansas	5,394	5,451	4,867	5,354	5.10	5.07	5,135	4.97		
Delmarva	2,523	2,230	2,220	2,240	5.58	5.64	2,655	5.59		
KY-LA-TN	2,202	2,177	2,030	2,127	5.44	5.23	2,608	5.16		
Mississippi	3,584	3,101	3,048	2,978	5.68	5.65	3,114	5.67		
North Carolina	3,097	2,546	2,506	2,432	6.65	6.47	3,418	6.44		
Texas	2,442	2,427	2,365	2,277	5.26	5.12	2,484	5.32		
Total	23,193	22,004	21,065	21,434	5.49	5.43	23,676	5.41		
Mon-Fri	111,004(A)						109,452(A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 14-Jan-05 and 15-Jan-05 is estimated to be 34,699,000 head down 2.33 percent from a week ago and up 4.00 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 35,528,000, last year 33,366,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 15-Jan-05 is estimated to be 159,553,000 head down 0.44 percent from a week ago, and up 1.32 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 160,263,000, last year 157,478,000)

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	
CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	ICE PACK	DRY PACK	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS			103-105
ROASTERS 4# & UP			108-111
HENS OVER 5#			89-93
DUCKS			175-192

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 01-Jan-05 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning
Food service
4.20 Lbs. & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs. 5.26 Lbs. & Up

	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	25,548	14,092	40,006
Avg Weight	3.83	4.77	6.48
% of total /1	32%	18%	50%
Comparisons			
Last week	19,829	12,909	34,453
Avg Weight	3.81	4.78	6.32
% of total /1	30%	19%	51%
Same week, yr ago /2	18,409	23,913	39,165
Avg Weight	3.88	4.65	6.26
% of total /1	23%	29%	48%
To date/2004	1,343,234	1,080,676	2,376,130
To date/2003	1,200,175	1,247,380	2,270,292

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION (Preliminary)

W/E 08-Jan-05	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	160,263	1,471	1,483	2,954	550
Avg Wt	5.35	3.37	8.12	5.75	6.90
Last week	137,675	1,345	1,287	2,632	451
Same wk yr ago	158,835	1,258	1,312	2,570	457
Avg Wt	5.17	3.43	8.08	5.80	6.84
To-date/2005	160,263	1,471	1,483	2,954	550
To-date/2004	158,835	1,258	1,312	2,570	457

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 154.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 162.2 million head, or 7.3 million more than estimated available.

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - JANUARY 04, 2005

PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	RANGE	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.35 - 1.40	Silkie 2.50 - 2.75ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.35 - 1.40	Geese 9-14 LBS .75 - .80
Pekin Ducks	2.00 - 2.50ea.	Pigeons 3.00 - 3.20ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.30 - .40	White Pigeons 4.50 - 4.85ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.45 - .55	Rabbits 4-6 LBS 1.40 - 1.50
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.50 - .70	Rabbits 6-9 LBS 1.20 - 1.30
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.75 - 1.00	Bunnies 1.00 - 3.00ea.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.70 - .80	Guinea Pigs .05 - .25
Guinea Fowl	1.50 - 1.60	Goats 45.00 - 55.00ea.
Banty Roosters	3.00 - 4.00ea.	Doves 4.00 - 4.25ea.
Banty Hens	1.75 - 2.25ea.	Total Coops Sold 310

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 10-JANUARY-2005

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	143-145	149-151
MOSTLY		
MIDWEST	127-131	128-133
MOSTLY		

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	64.00-73.50	69.00-73.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	65.00-86.50	72.00-79.00

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-71.28
14 OZ.	66.96-77.92
16 OZ.	73.44-86.67

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Demand was good to very good. Supplies were adequate to close for current needs. Schedules full-time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.25-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.35-1.45, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$0.30-0.50, livers at \$0.75-1.70, and feet at \$0.80-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 10-JANUARY-2005

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	116-134	118-139
MOSTLY		

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

WEEK ENDING	SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
December 4	164.6	155.3	106%	5.41
11	161.8	155.8	104%	5.21
18	161.2	154.3	104%	5.22
25	126.6	152.1	83%	5.27
January 1	139.3	152.6	91%	5.33
8	162.2	154.9	105%	5.35
Year to date	162.2	154.9	105%	
January 15		158.8		
22		161.5		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection

W/E	-----THOUSANDS-----				
	01/15/05	01/08/05	% CHG	01/17/04	% CHG
Broilers	159,553	160,263	-0.44	157,478*	+1.32
Cattle	587	574	+0.2	599*	-0.2
Hogs	2,045	1,989	+0.3	2,103	-0.3

*ACTUAL

