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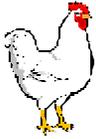
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady in the West, generally steady elsewhere. Retail and food service demand was slow to moderate with best movement for retail ads and fast food specials. Supplies of all sizes were at least sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was light to moderate. Wings were well cleared to tight, dark meat was sufficient to close balanced, and breast items were in the tightest positions and frequently moving at premium levels. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights in a full range.

The Composite Weighted Average Price for 01/17/05 was 72.05, compared to 72.01 last week, and 69.79 a year ago.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .25 cents to 73.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 70.00 cents last year on January 21, 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	163.50
BREASTS - B/S	151.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	77.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	84.00
LEG QUARTERS	31.00
WINGS	119.50

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

SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was mixed, but mostly steady. Retail and food service demand was fair to moderate, best for active features and fast food promotions. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was moderate to good. Breast items were barely adequate to tight and moving well. Wings were in good balance and clearing, and dark meat was no more than adequate and moving satisfactorily. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was no better than fair during midweek trading. Offerings ranged adequate to ample with 3 pound and smaller sizes in the best balance. Retail and distributive movement was no better than moderate, best where scattered features were planned. The market tone was steady to about steady. In the parts complex, breast items were in close balance to tight with premiums noted. Drums and thighs were in good balance to well cleared. Wings were about adequate. Other items were generally adequate.

MIDWEST Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady. Offerings were light overall with buyers and sellers haggling over market values. Fill in trade noted into the Chicago market area at 57 cents on 3 up Wogs. Movement into retail and food service outlets remained sluggish, slow to moderate with best interest on retail features and fast food. Retail features noted on whole fryers at 88 cents; boneless/skinless breasts at \$2.99; IQF 4 pound bag at \$8.29; split breast at \$1.00; tenderloins at 3.29; Pick of the chick at 97 cents; drums at 67 and 49 cents; thighs at 67 cents; and leg quarters at 49 cents. Floor stocks were adequate to short of trade needs. Weights were desirable to trending light. Trade on parts was light to moderate with wings and boneless/skinless breasts clearing best. Supplies of all items were in close balance to short with wings, drums and boneless/skinless breasts in the tightest position. The market tone was fully steady to firm on all parts.

WESTERN Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Offerings were at least adequate for trade needs. Buying activity was fair with interest focused on immediate needs. Retailer demand was moderate at best. Parts were fully steady to firm with breasts in the strongest position. Floor stocks were adequate.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES WEEK ENDING 01/15/05	2005	2004	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	209,323	206,764	+01
CHICKS PLACED	172,115	166,529	+03

Broiler Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 209 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 15, 2005. This was up 1 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.

Broiler Chicks Placed Up 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 15, 2005. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through January 15, 2005 were 346 million, up 4 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 26-Feb-05 is estimated at 159.1 million head. This compares to 159.2 million head the previous week and to 156.8 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 154.6 million head and the composite weighted average price was 75.09 cents per pound.

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	747	142.00-195.00	144-147	147.65
TENDERLOINS	183	105.00-170.00	117-125	121.12
BREAST - LINE RUN	75	73.00-82.00	75-77	76.64
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	89	33.00-49.00	35-36	36.69
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	512	26.00-30.00	27-28	27.50
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	976	27.00-34.00	29	28.81
WINGS (WHOLE)	300	117.00-122.00	119-122	119.42
WINGS (CUT)	1,409	132.00-140.00	136-140	137.28
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR JANUARY 19, 2005 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
47.50 - 52.50	49.07	47.36

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 during midweek trading. Offerings of breast items were tight and commanding premiums. Wings were well cleared. Thighs, boneless thighs and drums were in close balance. Leg and leg quarters were sufficient. Movement through retail channels was fair to moderate, distributive movement was fair. The market tone was firm on on breast items; fully steady to firm on wings, thighs and drums. Balance of items were generally steady.

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

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME LBS
BREAST - B/S	155	142.15	666,880
TENDERLOINS	110-115	123.46	170,820
BREAST - WITH RIBS	76-77	81.58	117,340
BREAST - LINE RUN	76	78.37	140,280
LEGS	42-43	39.85	319,320
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	28-29	29.30	280,187
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	34.36	177,960
THIGHS	33-34	41.47	69,560
B/S THIGHS	90-91	83.05	69,440
WINGS (WHOLE)	115-116	124.72	126,440
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.90	37,800
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	27.17	17,480
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	64.55	23,520

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
	01/19	01/18	01/17	01/14	01/17	01/14	01/12	01/10
Alabama	3,676	4,061	(A)	3,916	(A)	5.13	4,029	5.36
Arkansas	5,140	5,232	(A)	5,029	(A)	4.84	4,867	5.16
Delmarva	1,931	2,047	(A)	2,512	(A)	5.56	2,220	5.68
KY-LA-TN	2,149	2,123	(A)	2,178	(A)	5.10	2,030	5.29
Mississippi	3,093	3,093	(A)	3,506	(A)	5.53	3,048	5.66
North Car	2,550	2,558	(A)	3,504	(A)	6.30	2,506	6.51
Texas	2,229	2,476	(A)	2,383	(A)	5.12	2,365	5.25
Total	20,768	21,590	14,753	23,028	4.89	5.35	21,065	5.50
Mon-Wed	57,052(B)						64,166(B)	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 19-Jan-05 is estimated to be 31,071,000 head down 1.71 percent from a week ago and down -0.57 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,610,000, last year 31,249,000)

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	DRY PACK	103-108
	ICE PACK	103-105
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK	111
	ICE PACK	108-111
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	89-95
	ICE PACK	89-93
DUCKS		175-192

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 22-Jan-05

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	01/22/05 (1)		01/15/05	
	THOUSAND HEAD			
Broiler/fryer	157,130 (2)		164,797	
Light hens	1,526		1,635	
Heavy hens	1,223		1,224	
Total	159,879		167,656	

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 22-Jan-05 is 161.5 million head compared to 149.3 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 157.4 million head or 4.1 million less than estimated available. For the week of 29-Jan-05 the estimated available is 162.4 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 01/17/05	69,173		45,962	
AM 01/01/05	59,916		54,376	
CHG	9,257		-8,414	
PCT CHG	15		-15	

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	01/17/05	01/10/05	01/19/04	01/17/05	01/10/05	01/19/04
PACIFIC COAST LOS ANGELES	3,960	906	6,257	4,091	7,215	3,954
	51	49	421	1,493	3,674	1,805

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 17, 2005

HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	RANGE
			74-78 76-83

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES FOR 01/18/05

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW HIGH AVG			LOW HIGH AVG		
	HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	-	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	1.50	2.75
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	8.00
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	1.25	1.50
ROOSTERS lb.	.80	.90	.83	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	.85	1.20	1.05	RABBITS ea.	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.25	3.50
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	.50	2.00	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-			
TOTAL COOPS	35					

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending January 14, 2005

	Whole		Legs W/Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
	Chickens	Breasts				
RAYON						
Low	72.72	125.24	80.80	20.20	12.12	50.10
High	75.15	133.32	92.92	28.28	14.14	50.10
Mostly	72.72	129.28	88.88	24.24	12.12	50.10
SAN JUAN						
Low	72.72	129.28	88.88	20.20	12.12	50.50
High	75.15	137.36	92.92	28.28	14.14	50.50
Mostly	72.72	129.28	88.88	24.24	12.12	50.50
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	72.32	129.28	88.88	20.20	12.12	50.10
High	74.34	137.36	96.96	28.28	18.18	50.10
Mostly	72.72	133.32	92.92	24.24	14.14	50.10
BECERRA						
Low	72.72	129.28	88.88	24.24	10.10	50.10
High	75.15	133.32	92.92	28.28	14.14	50.10
Mostly	72.72	133.32	88.88	24.24	14.14	50.10

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was no better than fair. Offerings were adequate to ample and in the more desirable balance on the 2.50 and 3.00 pound sizes. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were mostly moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 71 to 85 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. In the parts complex, supplies were in good balance to short of immediate needs. Most breast items were well cleared to short. Drums and thighs were closely cleared. Wings were about adequate. ACTUAL SLAUGHTER WEEK ENDING 01/15/2005 WAS 11,406,725 @ 5.60 LBS.

*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	60-86
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	71.61
NO. OF BOXES	7,572

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