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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was mixed, but overall no better than steady. Demand into all channels covered the full range, but had strongest movement for active retail ads and fast food specials. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate for trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was fair to no better than moderate. Breast items were more than sufficient with tenders in the closest balance, and dark meat was adequate to closely cleared. Supplies of wings increased, ranging adequate to at times ample. In production areas, live supplies were mostly moderate. Weights were in a full range.

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 73.75 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 71.00 cents last year on February 04, 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	167.00
BREASTS - B/S	166.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	87.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	93.00
LEG QUARTERS	31.50
WINGS	123.50

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

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was light to moderate, best for fast food, active retail ads, and first of the month business. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to satisfy trade requirements. In the parts structure, trading was fair to moderate. Breast items were sufficient with tenders in the closest balance. Dark meat was adequate to barely adequate, and although wings were more available, cut wings moved seasonally well. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was generally no better than fair. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate for current trade needs. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items were adequate to at least adequate; tenderloins continued in close balance to well cleared. Dark meat cuts were closely cleared. Wings were at least adequate.

MIDWEST REGION Whole broiler/fryer market tone remained steady on moderate to heavy offerings. Trade interest was light; fill-in trade noted at 55 cents on 3 up Wogs. Demand was mixed, light to fairly good with best movement into retail features and fast food promotions. Floor stocks were in a full range; weights mostly desirable. Parts interest was cautious and on an as needed basis. Product was available and breast cuts were showing more. The trade sentiment was fully steady on dark meat cuts and steady on balance.

WESTERN REGION Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Offerings were fully adequate to cover needs. Buying activity was light. Buyers' were cautious when procuring product. Retailer demand was moderate to fairly good, best where features in progress. Floor stocks adequate overall. Trade sentiment was generally steady on parts.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES	WEEK ENDING 01/29/05		PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
	2005	2004	
EGGS SET	211,302	204,460	+03
CHICKS PLACED	171,613	168,098	+02

BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 3 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 211 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 29, 2005. This was up 3 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 29, 2005. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through January 29, 2005 were 693 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 12-Mar-05 is estimated at 158.5 million head. This compares to 159.5 million head the previous week and to 157.0 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 159.1 million head and the composite weighted average price was 75.92 cents per pound.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 05-Feb-05

CLASS	Current Week	Previous Week
	02/05/05(1)	01/29/05
	THOUSAND HEAD	
Broiler/fryer	163,612(2)	157,884
Light hens	1,398	1,435
Heavy hens	1,309	1,066
Total	166,319	160,385

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 05-Feb-05 is 162.5 million head compared to 155.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 163.9 million head or 1.4 million more than estimated available. For the week of 12-Feb-05 the estimated available is 162.1 million head.

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 31, 2005

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

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

		RANGE	
		TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM	01/31/05	74,727	45,938
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CHG		14811	-8438
PCT CHG		25%	-16%

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	01/31/05	01/24/05	02/02/04	01/31/05	01/24/05	02/02/04
PACIFIC COAST	1,456	1,231	6,269	7,266	7,348	4,456
LOS ANGELES	67	70	452	4,4054	4,021	2,273

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

	FOR 02/01/05		
	LO	HI	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	.95	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	.50	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	1.00	1.40	1.28
RABBITS lb.	.25	1.00	.85
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-
TOTAL COOPS	27		

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending January 28, 2005

	Whole		Legs W/Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
	Chickens	Breasts				
RAYON						
Low	74.66	129.14	84.75	20.18	10.09	53.27
High	76.27	137.21	96.85	24.21	12.11	53.27
Mostly	74.66	133.17	88.78	22.20	10.09	53.27

SAN JUAN

Low	73.45	125.10	84.75	20.18	12.11	52.46
High	75.06	133.17	92.82	24.21	14.12	52.46
Mostly	74.66	129.14	88.78	20.18	14.12	52.46

NEW SAN JUAN

Low	72.64	121.07	88.78	20.18	10.09	52.46
High	75.46	137.21	96.85	28.25	14.12	52.46
Mostly	74.66	133.17	92.82	24.21	12.11	52.46

BECERRA

Low	73.45	125.10	92.82	20.18	8.07	54.08
High	75.87	137.21	96.85	24.21	16.14	54.08
Mostly	74.66	133.17	96.85	20.18	10.09	54.08

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair. Seller offerings were adequate to fully adequate. Live supplies were moderate; weights varied in the full range of light to heavy. Processor schedules were mostly moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 69 to 83 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. In the parts complex, supplies were generally adequate. Tenders and thighs were tight. Wings were in fairly good balance to fully adequate for delivery this week, readily available for next week.

*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	59-88
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	71.48
NO. OF BOXES	7,383

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