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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was steady to about steady. Retail demand was light to fairly good with few features present. Food service was light to moderate, best into fast food for promotions. Supplies of all sizes were irregular, but available to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate and usually limited to immediate needs. Breast items were adequate to ample with some discounting noted; however, tenders were in good balance and moving well. Dark meat was sufficient to close balanced and moving satisfactorily, and wings were available to closer balanced. In production areas, live supplies were mostly moderate at mixed weights.

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 71.75 cents last year on February 11, 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	169.00
BREASTS - B/S	164.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	87.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	94.50
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 mixed, but mostly steady. Demand into retail and fast food was fair to moderate, best for ads and promotions. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was light to moderate. Breast items were more available, but tenders remained in a closer balance. Wings were available, and dark meat was adequate to well cleared. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light to fair at best. Offerings were in close balance on the 3.5 and heavier sizes; adequate to at least adequate on the smaller sizes. Retail and distributive movement was mostly fair. The market tone was steady to about steady. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breasts were readily available and competitively priced in some instances. Bone-in breast were at least adequate to fully adequate. Tenderloins and wings were well cleared. Leg and leg quarters were mostly adequate and clearing satisfactorily.

MIDWEST REGION Whole broiler/fryers trade sentiment was generally steady on mixed offerings. Food service and retail demand was irregular, slow to fairly good; best into fast food and limited retail features. Floor stocks were adequate; sizes trending heavy. Trade interest on parts continued on an as needed basis. Supplies of breast items were adequate to heavy, wings available and dark meat in close balance to tight. The trade sentiment was fully steady to firm on dark meat cuts, barely steady to weak on boneless/skinless breast and steady on balance.

WESTERN REGION The market tone was about steady. Offerings were in fair balance overall. Buying activity was moderate at best and centered on regular needs. Retailer demand was moderate with best interest noted where features in progress. Floor stocks adequate. The market tone was mixed on parts with boneless meat items and leg quarters in the best position.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES WEEK ENDING 02/05/05	2005	2004	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	213,567	206,642	+03
CHICKS PLACED	172,910	168,937	+02

BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 3 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 214 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 5, 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 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 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 5, 2005. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through February 5, 2005 were 865 million, up 3 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 19-Mar-05 is estimated at 158.7 million head. This compares to 158.5 million head the previous week and to 158.6 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 154.9 million head and the composite weighted average price was 75.30 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	740	146.00-220.00	152-157	156.94	BREAST - B/S	655	138.00-225.00	149-152	152.48
TENDERLOINS	295	132.00-170.00	137-141	147.46	TENDERLOINS	248	132.00-170.00	139-143	139.44
BREAST - LINE RUN	97	85.00-104.00	89-90	91.16	BREAST - LINE RUN	92	85.00-90.00	87-89	88.57
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	64	36.00-51.00	38-39	39.83	LEGS	58	36.00-51.00	37-38	39.45
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	527	27.00-31.00	28-29	28.57	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	503	27.00-31.00	28-29	28.68
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	956	28.00-34.00	30	29.96	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	932	28.00-34.00	30	29.89
WINGS (WHOLE)	241	115.00-130.00	117-119	118.30	WINGS (WHOLE)	250	115.00-127.00	117-119	118.12
WINGS (CUT)	525	129.00-136.00	131-134	132.97	WINGS (CUT)	400	130.00-140.00	132-134	133.50
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				B/S THIGHS	95	94.00-97.00	-	95.89
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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
		49.50 - 55.00	51.66				49.00-53.00	50.84	51.35

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 fair to moderate at best during midweek trading as dealers were somewhat cautious and limited orders to immediate needs. Offerings of boneless skinless breast were available; bone-in breast were at least adequate. Tenderloins were in good balance. Leg and leg quarters were adequate. Wings were clearing satisfactorily. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair. The market tone was fully steady on tenderloins, about steady on bone-in breast; weak on boneless skinless breast.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES. FEB 08, 2005

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD	ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	TRADING*		AVG**	VOL/LBS		
BREAST - B/S	165-170	163.18	619,371	BREAST - B/S	160-165	160.67	669,016		
TENDERLOINS	140-145	133.15	153,630	TENDERLOINS	140-145	140.60	134,870		
BREAST - WITH RIBS	87-88	95.54	104,080	BREAST - WITH RIBS	87-88	95.67	93,280		
BREAST - LINE RUN	87	89.97	113,480	BREAST - LINE RUN	87	89.17	94,200		
LEGS	44-45	43.40	210,680	LEGS	44-45	43.60	201,000		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	30-31	30.57	426,772	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	30-31	30.31	215,401		
DRUMSTICKS	30-31	37.73	130,530	DRUMSTICKS	30-31	38.46	96,080		
THIGHS	37-38	46.25	59,360	THIGHS	37-38	46.48	46,320		
B/S THIGHS	96-97	90.57	83,620	B/S THIGHS	96-97	93.23	72,800		
WINGS (WHOLE)	115-116	126.31	73,520	WINGS (WHOLE)	115-116	128.43	65,840		
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.82	7,630	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.49	16,000		
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	29.21	22,840	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	33.14	11,720		
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	63.36	22,360	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	64.54	15,200		

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
	02/09	02/08	02/07	02/04	02/07	02/04	02/02	01/31
Alabama	3,863	3,829	3,866	4,045	5.33	5.06	3,829	5.36
Arkansas	4,719	5,341	5,322	4,897	5.21	4.96	5,036	5.19
Delmarva	2,248	2,208	2,217	2,167	5.53	5.43	2,163	5.60
KY-LA-TN	2,145	2,142	2,091	2,490	5.20	5.05	2,106	5.22
Mississippi	2,899	3,028	2,894	3,045	5.63	5.43	2,983	5.65
North Car	2,209	2,468	2,364	2,628	6.43	6.43	2,390	6.63
Texas	2,222	2,470	2,371	2,663	5.35	5.31	2,270	5.32
Total	20,305	21,486	21,125	21,935	5.47	5.32	20,777	5.50
Mon-Wed	63,561(A)						63,184 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 09-Feb-05 is estimated to be 30,379,000 head down 2.56 percent from a week ago and up 1.47 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,178,000, last year 29,940,000)

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#		65-73
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 12-Feb-05

CLASS	Current Week	Previous Week
	02/12/05 (1)	02/05/05
	THOUSAND HEAD	
Broiler/fryer	159,891(2)	163,612
Light hens	1,446	1,398
Heavy hens	1,254	1,309
Total	162,591	166,319

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 12-Feb-05 is 162.1 million head compared to 154.4 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 160.2 million head or 1.9 million less than estimated available. For the week of 19-Feb-05 the estimated available is 162.8 million head.

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

	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 02/07/05	78,960	44,354
AM 01/01/05	59,916	54,376
CHG	19044	-10022
PCT CHG	32%	-18%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of December 31, 2004 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on February 1, 2005 are:

TURKEYS	376 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
POULTRY	599 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	02/07/05	01/31/05	02/09/04	02/07/05	01/31/05	02/09/04
PACIFIC COAST	1,741	1,456	6,232	6,994	7,266	4,361
LOS ANGELES	62	67	448	3,923	4,054	2,150

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 02/08/05

	LO HI AVG			LO HI AVG		
	LO	HI	AVG	LO	HI	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.50	.60	.55	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	.50
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	3.00
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.40	.70	.60	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	.70	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	.40	.60	.52	RABBITS ea.	.75	1.00
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.00	4.00
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	5.25	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-			

TOTAL COOPS 31

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending February 4, 2005

	Whole		Legs W/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards Hens	
	Chickens	Breasts				
RAYON						
Low	73.38	130.45	89.68	20.38	12.23	52.59
High	76.23	138.60	97.83	24.46	16.31	52.59
Mostly	73.38	134.52	93.76	22.42	14.27	52.59
SAN JUAN						Low
Low	73.38	130.45	89.68	24.46	12.23	52.99
High	77.04	138.60	97.83	28.53	14.27	52.99
Mostly	73.38	134.52	93.76	26.50	14.27	52.99
NEW SAN						
Low	75.01	130.45	89.68	20.38	12.23	53.81
High	76.64	138.60	93.76	26.50	16.31	53.81
Mostly	75.82	134.52	93.76	26.50	14.27	53.81
BECERRA						
Low	75.01	134.52	93.76	24.46	12.23	53.81
High	76.23	138.60	97.83	28.53	16.31	53.81
Mostly	75.82	134.52	93.76	24.46	14.27	53.81

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 FEBRUARY 7, 2005

RANGE		
HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	74-81
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	76-84

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was no better than fair. Seller offerings were in fairly good balance on the 3.50 and 4.00 pound sizes, at least adequate on the balance. Live supplies were moderate; weights varied. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 69 to 83 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. In the parts complex, Boneless/skinless breasts were ample and competitively priced to stimulate buying interest. Bone-in breasts were fully adequate. Leg items were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Tenders and Wings continued to clear well.

*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		69-87
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		72.28
NO. OF BOXES		7,138

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