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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was about steady to barely steady in the East, mostly steady elsewhere. Retail demand was light to fair; food service was fair to moderate, at times moderate to good into fast food. Supplies varied, but were overall sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structures, trading was usually limited to regular commitments. Tenders were close balanced, but the remaining breast items were at least adequate to ample. Wings were mixed, depending on sizes, but were available, and dark meat continued to have the best movement. 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 73.75 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 72.25 cents last year on February 25, 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	171.50
BREASTS - B/S	149.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	84.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	95.00
LEG QUARTERS	32.00
WINGS	120.50

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

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was generally steady. Retail and food service demand was light to fair, instances moderate for active ads and promotions. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was moderate at best. Dark meat was balanced to well cleared, and breast items were at least adequate with tenders in the closest balance. Wings were mixed, with smaller sizes in the best position, and larger sizes readily available to ample. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was seasonally light and generally unaggressive. Offerings were more than sufficient for trade needs. Retail and distributive movement was reported as mostly light. The market tone was about steady to barely steady. In the parts complex, bone-in and boneless skinless breasts were at least adequate to fully adequate. Tenders were in close balance. Wings were at least adequate.

MIDWEST REGION Trade sentiment was steady on whole broiler/fryers. Additional offers were short to moderate; light weight birds were limited, while heavier, 3 up birds were generally adequate for the light to moderate trade call. Retail demand was frequently sluggish, although some good interest noted in the Chicago area on scattered features. Food service movement was ordinarily moderate with Ohio, Michigan and Chicago reporting a moderate to good fast food call. Floor stocks were in a full range. Weights desirable to heavy. Current commitments were generally sufficient, lending to very light and selective trade on parts items even discounted items. Supplies of breast items were in the longest position. The market tone was firm on tenderloins, steady to firm on dark meat cuts and cautiously steady to weak on remaining parts.

WESTERN REGION The market tone was about steady. Offerings generally adequate to cover trade needs. Buying activity fair and buyers' were cautious not to over commit. Retailer demand was moderate overall best where ads in progress. Floor stocks adequate. The market tone was mixed on parts with boneless items in the strongest position.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES WEEK ENDING 02/19/05	2005	2004	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	213,355	209,844	+02
CHICKS PLACED	175,506	167,390	+05

BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 19, 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 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

CHICKS PLACED UP 5 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 176 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 19, 2005. Placements were up 5 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through February 19, 2005 were 1.22 billion, 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 02-Apr-05 is estimated at 161.6 million head. This compares to 160.6 million head the previous week and to 156.9 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 153.9 million head and the composite weighted average price was 76.77 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	720	122.00-215.00	-	132.45
TENDERLOINS	236	142.00-170.00	143-149	145.75
BREAST - LINE RUN	96	82.00-91.00	84-87	85.74
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	522	27.00-32.00	29	29.15
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,020	30.00-33.00	31	30.98
WINGS (WHOLE)	293	85.00-120.00	112-115	111.38
WINGS (CUT)	445	100.00-134.00	129-132	128.16
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 FEBRUARY 23, 2005 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
49.00 - 55.00	52.02	52.20

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 selective as dealers saw no need to extend floor stocks beyond normal commitments. Offerings of breast items were fully adequate and noted as slightly better balanced than earlier in the week. Tenderloins were well cleared. Dark meat cuts were clearing satisfactorily. Wings were at least adequate. Movement through retail and distributive channels was no better than fair with limited features noted. The market tone was about steady on boneless skinless breast and whole breast; tenderloins were at least steady. Other items were generally steady.

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

ITEM	CURRENT		WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
	NEGOTIATED TRADING*			
BREAST - B/S	140-145		141.47	587,720
TENDERLOINS	145-150		147.95	135,920
BREAST - WITH RIBS	82-83		89.27	107,720
BREAST - LINE RUN	82		82.69	161,760
LEGS	44-45		43.14	249,560
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	30-31		32.30	190,935
DRUMSTICKS	30-31		37.58	89,760
THIGHS	37-38		46.38	77,320
B/S THIGHS	96-97		97.39	91,200
WINGS (WHOLE)	114-115		122.98	131,720
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12		11.53	20,640
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35		28.72	17,680
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65		64.84	20,760

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 WTS		AVG WTS	
	(1,000)	02/22	(1,000)	02/18	02/21	02/18	02/16	02/14
Alabama	3,993	4,101	3,701	3,867	5.28	5.07	3,645	5.26
Arkansas	5,219	5,412	5,370	4,949	5.21	5.00	5,086	5.19
Delmarva	2,228	2,235	2,208	2,191	5.54	5.34	2,149	5.64
KY-LA-TN	2,106	2,128	2,138	2,107	5.20	4.95	2,155	5.13
Mississippi	3,001	2,907	3,039	2,803	5.62	5.21	2,983	5.53
North Car	2,459	2,482	2,017	2,515	6.46	6.42	2,495	6.59
Texas	2,190	2,423	2,463	2,802	5.30	5.27	2,446	5.26
Total	21,196	21,688	20,936	21,234	5.45	5.27	20,959	5.46
Mon-Wed	64,114(A)						63,474(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 23-Feb-05 is estimated to be 31,712,000 head up 0.83 percent from a week ago and up 1.60 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,451,000, last year 31,214,000)

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	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		180-192

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 26-Feb-05

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	02/26/05 (1)		02/19/05	
	THOUSAND HEAD			
Broiler/fryer	159,306(2)		162,454	
Light hens	1,519		1,389	
Heavy hens	1,364		1,322	
Total	162,189		165,165	

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 26-Feb-05 is 163.4 million head compared to 154.6 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 159.6 million head or 3.8 million less than estimated available. For the week of 05-Mar-05 the estimated available is 163.0 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 02/21/05	86,513		42,297	
AM 02/01/05	78,113		44,671	
CHG	8,400		-2,374	
PCT CHG	11		-5	

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	02/21/05	02/14/05	02/23/04	02/21/05	02/14/05	02/23/04
PACIFIC COAST LOS ANGELES	2,321	2,038	6,236	6,821	6,912	4,029
	65	56	442	3,651	3,735	1,953

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 21, 2005

HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	RANGE	
			74-81	76-83

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES FOR 02/22/05

	AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY			LOW HIGH AVG		
	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.	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	-	.70	-	RABBITS ea.	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.00	4.00
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-			
TOTAL COOPS	13					

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending February 18, 2005

	Whole		Legs W/Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards Hens	
	Chickens	Breasts				
RAYON						
Low	75.83	127.07	86.08	20.50	8.20	54.11
High	77.47	135.27	94.28	24.59	12.30	54.11
Mostly	76.24	135.27	90.18	22.55	10.25	54.11
SAN JUAN						
Low	75.42	131.17	90.18	20.50	12.30	54.93
High	77.06	139.37	98.38	24.59	16.40	54.93
Mostly	76.24	135.27	94.28	20.50	14.35	54.93
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	75.42	127.07	90.18	24.59	8.20	55.34
High	76.24	139.37	94.28	26.64	12.30	55.34
Mostly	75.83	131.17	90.18	24.59	10.25	55.34
BECERRA						
Low	76.65	131.17	90.18	20.50	12.30	54.93
High	77.06	139.37	94.28	24.59	14.35	54.93
Mostly	77.06	131.17	94.28	22.55	14.35	54.93

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds continued seasonally light and unaggressive. Seller offerings varied by size, but volumes were more than sufficient. Live supplies were moderate; weights varied and were mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 69 to 83 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady. In the parts complex, supplies remained at least adequate.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

RANGE	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
	63-87	72.46
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		72.46
NO. OF BOXES		6,741

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