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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices for next week are trending mostly unchanged. Trade sentiment was generally steady in all areas. Retail demand ranged fair to moderate and improved due to weekend and first of the month needs. Food service was fair to good, best into fast food outlets. Supplies of all sizes were mixed in availability, but overall obtainable. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate. Breast items were in good balance to well cleared, and wings were adequate to ample and slow to clear. Dark meat was mixed, ranging close balanced to fully sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at irregular, but 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 07-MAR-2005 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	63.00-66.00	60.00-74.00	66.13	28
New York	67.00-70.00			
Los Angeles	80.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	73.00-76.00	69.00-79.00	73.59	89

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 73.75 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM.	WTD. AVG.
996	69.00-75.30		73.53
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	171.00	1,291	
BREASTS - B/S	142.50	5,701	
BREASTS - WHOLE	82.50	1,352	
THIGH MEAT - B/S	94.00	997	
LEG QUARTERS	32.00	6,999	
WINGS	115.50	2,955	

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

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices were unchanged from Monday's final into the Chicago area. The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was steady. Offerings very light to light on light to moderate trade call. Movement into all sectors was improved as weekend momentum pushes first of the month interest; fair to good most often noted. Floor stocks were balanced to ample; weights desirable. Trade on parts was light to occasionally moderate, best call into further processing. Supplies of wings were plentiful, remaining breast cuts adequate and in balance, leg quarters were in tightest position. The market tone was steady on whole, boneless/skinless breast, tenderloins and dark meat with wings cautiously steady to weak.

SOUTHERN BROILER Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail demand entering the weekend was fair to moderate, best where retail ads and first of the month business was active. Food service was light to moderate, best into fast food for specials. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to less available for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair to fairly good. Breast items were balanced to short and moving well. Dark meat was in good supply and clearing, and wings were at least adequate with mixed interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was steady. Trading for next week reported at generally unchanged prices. Offerings fully adequate for an only fair buyer interest. Retailer demand slowed. Traders anticipated moderate weekend carryovers.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair to about moderate. Offerings of 2.5 pound sizes were short to adequate, 3 pound sizes were adequate; heavier sizes were in good balance. Retail and distributive movement was light to no better than fair. The market tone was steady at best. In the parts complex, breast items and tenderloins were tight to well cleared. Leg quarters were irregular, other dark meat cuts were clearing satisfactorily. Wings were ample.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to good for weekend and first-of-the month needs. Seller offerings were generally adequate; however, 4.00 sizes were closely cleared and 2.50 pound sizes were short in instances. Live supplies were moderate; weights were irregular. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 69 to 83 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, breast items were in good balance to well cleared. Leg items were adequate to fully adequate. Wings were readily available.

*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		67-88
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		72.97
NO. OF BOXES		9,453
CUMULATIVE	02/28/05-03/04/05	72.78
	03/01/04-03/05/04	79.25
NO. OF BOXES	02/28/05-03/04/05	39,575
	03/01/04-03/05/04	33,611

MAR 03		SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS								MAR 04	
ITEM	POUNDS		WTD		POUNDS		WTD		WEEKLY		
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG	
BREAST - B/S	700	132.00-210.00	136-142	143.15	590	132.00-156.00	138-142	139.44	3,557	140.63	
TENDERLOINS	223	141.00-175.00	145-151	148.57	248	135.00-170.00	145-150	145.65	1,103	146.38	
BREAST - LINE RUN	115	82.00-89.00	85-87	86.13	125	82.00-94.00	87-90	88.16	556	87.26	
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				325	75.02	
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				327	41.47	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	527	27.00-32.00	29	29.18	600	28.00-32.00	29	29.40	2,703	29.19	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,100	30.00-36.00	31-32	31.60	1,020	29.00-36.00	31-32	31.37	5,245	31.26	
WINGS (WHOLE)	288	77.00-120.00	108-112	103.73	328	75.00-120.00	109-112	106.20	1,575	106.49	
WINGS (CUT)	480	110.00-128.00	122-126	124.00	340	109.00-129.00	122-125	122.18	2,048	124.87	
DRUMSTICKS	54	33.00-56.00	-	38.22	TOO FEW TO REPORT				280	38.79	
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				125	42.44	
B/S THIGHS	165	88.00-99.00	-	92.10	TOO FEW TO REPORT				497	93.19	
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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS					WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS						
TRADING FOR MAR 03, 2005 F.O.B. DOCK.					TRADING FOR MAR 04, 2005 F.O.B. DOCK.						
		<u>RANGE</u>	<u>TODAY'S AVERAGE</u>				<u>RANGE</u>	<u>TODAY'S AVERAGE</u>	<u>5-DAY AVERAGE</u>		
		49.50 - 55.50	52.51				49.50 - 56.00	53.32	52.15		

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 fair to moderate for weekend needs. Offerings of breast items and tenderloins were well cleared. Dark meat cuts were irregular but usually at least adequate for needs. Wings were ample and slow to clear. Movement through retail and distributive channels was no better than fair. The market tone was fully steady to firm on breast items; at least steady on dark meat cuts. Wings were weak.
 ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

MAR 03, 2005		CURRENT NEG			WTD			MAR 04, 2005		
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	CURRENT NEG	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	WEEKLY	VOL/LBS
TENDERLOINS	145-150	151.73	79,400	150	149.68	191,840	149.54	610,930		
BREAST - WITH RIBS	85-86	90.75	104,480	87-88	91.99	156,720	91.15	539,080		
BREAST - LINE RUN	85	87.50	96,800	87	88.34	112,000	83.69	526,280		
LEGS	44-45	45.20	171,560	44-45	43.17	287,600	43.26	1,263,480		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	31-32	30.76	462,573	31-32	34.23	445,374	32.10	1,924,040		
DRUMSTICKS	31-32	38.91	170,280	31-32	39.44	206,160	38.71	793,860		
THIGHS	37-38	46.62	42,920	37-38	46.81	59,120	45.92	280,005		
B/S THIGHS	96-97	93.50	59,800	96-97	95.94	44,560	94.19	287,200		
WINGS (WHOLE)	107-108	120.46	94,800	105-106	114.07	167,080	118.76	573,560		
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.99	26,800	10-12	11.68	11,760	11.65	90,350		
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	30.30	10,800	30-35	28.06	15,520	29.51	74,400		
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	61.36	17,760	60-65	64.92	16,840	60.84	103,960		

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)										
	<u>ESTIMATED</u>		<u>ACTUAL</u>		<u>AVG WT</u>		<u>ACTUAL</u>		<u>AVG WTS</u>	
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)
Alabama	4,072	4,020	3,899	3,912	5.21	5.28	4,076	5.23	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	
Arkansas	4,891	5,410	5,132	5,309	5.08	5.16	5,297	5.16	FRESH FRYERS	
Delmarva	2,109	2,245	2,237	2,235	5.39	5.49	2,171	5.39	ROASTERS 4# & UP	
KY-LA-TN	2,301	2,181	2,112	2,150	4.70	5.05	1,788	5.04	HENS UNDER 5#	
Mississippi	2,907	2,979	3,055	2,997	5.38	5.50	3,173	5.57	HENS OVER 5#	
North Carolina	2,633	2,537	2,482	2,510	6.53	6.53	3,046	6.42	DUCKS	
Texas	2,349	2,279	2,333	2,443	5.29	5.32	2,345	5.33	RABBITS-WHOLE	
Total	21,262	21,651	21,250	21,556	5.33	5.43	21,896	5.41	RABBITS-CUT UP	
Mon-Fri	107,261(A)						106,026(A)		SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY	
(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 04-Mar-05 and 05-Mar-05 is estimated to be 31,810,000 head down 3.19 percent from a week ago and up 5.89 percent from a year ago. (Last week 32,857,000, last year 30,042,000)										
Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 05-Mar-05 is estimated to be 156,393,000 head down 0.02 percent from a week ago, and up 1.91 percent from a year ago. (Last week 156,421,000, last year 153,459,000)										
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS										
FRESH FRYERS										
ROASTERS 4# & UP										
HENS OVER 5#										
DUCKS										
RABBITS-WHOLE										
RABBITS-CUT UP										
ICE PACK										
DRY PACK										
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YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 19-Feb-05 (Preliminary),

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

Head	29,133	22,573	48,384
Avg Weight	3.56	4.71	6.33
% of total /1	29%	23%	48%

Comparisons

Last week	24,705	22,136	46,515
Avg Weight	3.65	4.80	6.40
% of total /1	26%	24%	50%

Same week, yr ago /2	33,640	22,598	44,271
Avg Weight	3.57	4.82	6.29
% of total /1	33%	22%	44%

To date/2005	179,903	148,018	331,101
To date/2004	170,845	149,260	284,764

/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 26-Feb-2005	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
Head	156,421	1,511	1,477	2,988	551
Avg Wt	5.28	3.30	8.08	5.66	6.82
Last week	156,653	1,277	1,161	2,438	462
Same wk yr ago	152,700	1,139	1,252	2,391	471
Avg Wt	5.17	3.36	8.00	5.79	6.77
To-date/2005	1,250,969	11,268	10,151	21,419	4,052
To-date/2004	1,225,994	10,264	10,231	20,495	3,641

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 163.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 158.3 million head, or 5.1 million less than estimated available.

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - Mar 01, 2005

NO SALES TO REPORT DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER.

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 28-FEBRUARY-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 MOSTLY	143-145	149-151
MIDWEST MOSTLY	127-131	128-133

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)	66.00-74.00	72.00-74.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	68.00-86.00	77.00-80.00

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 were unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Demand was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were adequate 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 28-FEBRUARY-2005

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	123-135	127-139

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
January	22 151.2	161.5	94%	5.33
	29 159.7	162.4	98%	5.28
February	5 158.5	162.5	98%	5.35
	12 156.3	162.1	96%	5.29
	19 158.6	162.8	97%	5.16
	26 158.3	163.4	97%	5.28
Year to date	1266.2	1288.4	98%	
March	5	163.0		
	12	161.9		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

W/E	Under Federal Inspection				
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
	03/05/05	02/26/05	% CHG	03/07/04	% CHG
Broilers	156,393	156,421*	-0.02	153,459*	+1.91
Cattle	598	574	+04	614*	-03
Hogs	1,969	1,974	-01	1,979*	-01

*ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading was too few to report on heavy canners; unchanged on lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand was at least moderate for both light and heavy canners with most available supplies of the heavy canners being used internally. Offerings were generally for current trade needs. Processing schedules were normal to instances heavy. The undertone was at least steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST
LIGHT CANNER HENS **HEAVY CANNER HENS**
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) **(WITHOUT NECKS)**
 28-33 MAJORITY 28-30 TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED
LIGHT CANNER HENS **HEAVY CANNER HENS**
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) **(WITHOUT NECKS)**
 30-35 MAJORITY 32-34 TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
 PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR
 SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 07-MAR-05

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was at least moderate for the mostly adequate to at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules for next week noted as normal to instances heavy. Sales of finished product were sufficient to well cleared. The undertone was at least steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week ago. Demand was at least moderate with offerings of spent hens fully sufficient for current trade needs. Processing schedules were at least normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	3-13	8-11

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading levels were too few to report. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings from producers. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were fair. Salvage costs were expected to remain constant.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices ranged unchanged to sharply higher. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate. Demand was mostly fair. Schedules full-time.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-12	6.5-8.5

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plant schedules light to full. Offerings adequate.

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