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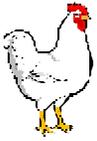
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was overall steady to fully steady. Retail and food service demand covered the full range, but had best movement into fast food channels. Supplies were mixed, but mostly in good balance to limited. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate. Breast items were barely adequate to well cleared, and dark meat was sufficient, close for leg quarters. Wings were in the longest supply with slow movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable 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 72.75 cents last year on March 10, 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	173.50
BREASTS - B/S	145.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	85.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	95.00
LEG QUARTERS	32.00
WINGS	111.50

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

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was mixed, but mostly steady. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate, best into fast food for specials. Supplies were usually sufficient to well cleared for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair to fairly good. Breast items were balanced to short and clearing well. Dark meat was adequate to closer balanced, aided by export business, and wings were at least adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair to mostly moderate. Offerings of all sizes were generally in good balance to well cleared. Retail and distributive movement was light to no better than fair. The market tone was at least steady. In the parts complex, breast items and tenders were in close balance to tight. Dark meat cuts were clearing satisfactorily. Wings were fully adequate.

MIDWEST REGION Trade sentiment on whole fryers was steady to fully steady on limited offerings. Retail movement was moderate to fairly good, best for scattered features. Food service demand was light to good, mostly good with fast food stimulating best interest. Floor stocks were in balance to long. Weights mostly in a desirable range. All parts items, except large wings were in barely adequate; large wings were ample. Market tone was steady to firm on breast items and dark cuts, and steady to weak on wings.

WESTERN REGION The market tone was steady to fully steady. Offerings generally adequate to cover trade needs. Retailer demand was moderate overall best to cover scattered features. Floor stocks adequate for current demand.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES	WEEK ENDING 03/05/05		PERCENT CHANGE
	2005	2004	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	215,017	210,313	+02
CHICKS PLACED	177,025	169,208	+05

BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 215 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 5, 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 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 5, 2005. Placements were up 5 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through March 5, 2005 were 1.57 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 16-Apr-05 is estimated at 162.9 million head. This compares to 161.8 million head the previous week and to 158.8 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 154.0 million head and the composite weighted average price was 76.00 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 AVG
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	
BREAST - B/S	655	136.00-156.00	140-147	143.60
TENDERLOINS	281	147.00-170.00	147-150	149.53
BREAST - LINE RUN	100	82.00-95.00	87-90	89.25
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	48	40.00-51.00	-	41.83
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	510	28.00-32.00	29	29.16
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	860	30.00-36.00	31-32	31.72
WINGS (WHOLE)	363	73.00-109.00	-	99.85
WINGS (CUT)	395	107.00-127.00	122-126	122.56
DRUMSTICKS	54	35.00-56.00	-	39.70
THIGHS	110	36.00-53.00	-	37.40
B/S THIGHS	65	93.00-99.00	-	96.08

ITEM	POUNDS			WTD AVG
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	
BREAST - B/S	630	140.00-156.00	142-146	144.33
TENDERLOINS	203	147.00-170.00	147-153	150.05
BREAST - LINE RUN	90	85.00-94.00	86-88	88.06
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	535	28.00-32.00	29	29.31
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	980	30.00-33.00	31-32	31.47
WINGS (WHOLE)	293	73.00-115.00	102-106	102.47
WINGS (CUT)	455	88.00-123.00	117-120	116.09
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	120	89.00-99.00	-	92.17

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

 F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
50.50 - 56.00	52.43	50.50-55.50	51.82	52.42

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 mostly moderate during midweek trading. Offerings of breast items and tenderloins were in close balance to well cleared. Dark meat cuts were generally adequate for current needs. Wings were available. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair. The market tone was fully steady to firm on breast items; generally steady on dark meat cuts. Wings were barely steady.

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

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
TENDERLOINS	150	150.74	207,544
BREAST - WITH RIBS	89-90	94.15	155,120
BREAST - LINE RUN	89	90.02	116,880
LEGS	44-45	43.35	305,440
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	31-32	31.42	445,724
DRUMSTICKS	31-32	36.12	159,100
THIGHS	37-38	45.37	58,020
B/S THIGHS	96-97	91.85	108,280
WINGS (WHOLE)	103-104	105.68	185,840
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.90	27,200
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	27.17	11,680
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	64.13	28,680

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
TENDERLOINS	150-155	157.13	78,840
BREAST - WITH RIBS	90-91	95.59	90,400
BREAST - LINE RUN	90	92.30	125,320
LEGS	44-45	43.39	228,680
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	31-32	31.60	239,732
DRUMSTICKS	31-32	37.47	156,920
THIGHS	37-38	45.92	56,480
B/S THIGHS	96-97	95.39	80,680
WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101	106.19	139,280
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.58	39,800
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	30.90	18,000
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	64.15	17,520

 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 WTS		AVG WTS	
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)
Alabama	3,950	3,982	3,921	3,869	5.33	5.06	3,899	5.23
Arkansas	5,280	5,422	5,452	5,450	5.19	5.06	5,132	5.21
Delmarva	2,220	2,202	2,108	2,070	5.64	5.32	2,237	5.59
KY-LA-TN	2,259	2,180	2,154	2,245	5.13	5.01	2,112	5.29
Mississippi	3,017	3,002	2,997	2,938	5.60	5.38	3,055	5.50
North Car	2,402	2,527	2,475	2,824	6.52	6.23	2,482	6.59
Texas	2,394	2,364	2,304	2,282	5.41	5.21	2,333	5.41
Total	21,522	21,679	21,411	21,678	5.49	5.29	21,250	5.48
Mon-Wed	64,933 (A)						64,280 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 09-Mar-05 is estimated to be 32,199,000 head up 0.98 percent from a week ago and up 2.90 percent from a year ago.
 (Last week 31,888,000, last year 31,292,000)

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

	ICE PACK	DRY PACK	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS			103-105
			103-108
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK		108-111
	DRY PACK		111
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK		89-93
	DRY PACK		89-95
DUCKS			180-192

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 12-Mar-05

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	03/12/05 (1)	THOUSAND HEAD	03/05/05	
Broiler/fryer	165,098 (2)		163,044	
Light hens	1,761		1,488	
Heavy hens	1,449		1,449	
Total	168,186		165,981	

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 12-Mar-05 is 161.9 million head compared to 159.1 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 165.4 million head or 3.5 million more than estimated available. For the week of 19-Mar-05 the estimated available is 162.0 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 03/07/05	93,556		42,843	
AM 02/01/05	78,113		44,671	
CHG	15,443		-1,828	
PCT CHG	20		-4	

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	03/07/05	02/28/05	03/08/04	03/07/05	02/28/05	03/08/04
PACIFIC COAST	2,874	2,665	6,202	6,433	6,526	4,196
LOS ANGELES	55	62	363	3,504	3,546	2,268

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 MARCH 7, 2005

HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	RANGE
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	74-76 80-83

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY FOR 03/08/05

	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.50	.60	.52	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.	1.40	1.60	1.50	RABBITS ea.	-	6.75	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	-	4.75	-
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	14						

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending March 4, 2005

	Whole		Legs W/Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
	Chickens	Breasts				
RAYON						
Low	75.59	131.46	94.49	20.54	10.27	55.05
High	76.82	135.57	94.49	28.76	14.38	55.05
Mostly	76.82	131.46	94.49	22.60	12.32	55.05
SAN JUAN						
Low	74.77	131.46	94.49	20.54	12.32	55.46
High	76.82	135.57	98.60	24.65	14.38	55.46
Mostly	76.82	131.46	98.60	20.54	14.38	55.46
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	75.59	131.46	86.27	20.54	10.27	55.46
High	77.23	139.68	94.49	24.65	14.38	55.46
Mostly	76.41	135.57	90.38	24.65	14.38	55.46
BECERRA						
Low	73.95	131.46	86.27	24.65	10.27	55.46
High	76.82	139.68	94.49	28.76	14.38	55.46
Mostly	76.82	135.57	90.38	24.65	12.32	55.46

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was mostly moderate and was sufficient in keeping the bulk of seller offerings in good balance to well cleared. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 69 to 83 cents. Trade sentiment was at least steady. In the parts complex, supplies were adequate to closely cleared on all but wings which were ample and generally slow to clear.

*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	64-84
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	73.38
NO. OF BOXES	5,320



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