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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was irregular, but overall no better than steady. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate, best for fast food specials and where scattered retail features were active. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate to easily handle trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was light to fair. Dark meat and tenders were in the strongest positions with supplies close balanced to tight and moving well. All other breast items and wings were adequate to ample with some discounting noted. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights 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 74.00 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 74.50 cents last year on April 07, 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	182.00
BREASTS - B/S	156.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	85.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	96.00
LEG QUARTERS	34.50
WINGS	96.00

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

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was mixed, but overall steady at best. Retail and food service demand was mostly light to fair, best into fast food channels. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate to handle limited trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was light to moderate. Dark meat continued to move well with supplies barely adequate to short, and wings were readily available with little interest. Tenders were in good balance to close, but all other breast cuts were adequate to ample with some discounting noted to help clear. 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 only fair. Offerings, of all sizes, were adequate to available with heavier weights in the best position. Retail and distributive movement was fair. The market tone was at best steady. In the parts structure, b/s breast items increased in availability over a day earlier. Although, bone-in breast were still more available than b/s breast. Wings were fully adequate to available. Dark meat cuts were about adequate to short.

MIDWEST REGION The whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady to weak. Offerings were moderate to heavy and discounted to help clear. Fill-in trade on wog's at 48 cents was noted into the Chicago area. All channels noted slightly improved demand, but not enough to require larger commitments from producers. Fast food continued to provide best call. Floor stocks were adequate to ample; weights desirable to heavy. Parts trade was good on dark meat lines and lackluster on white meat cuts. Supplies of dark meat items and tenders were tight, wings and breast items were adequate to ample. The market tone was fully steady to firm on dark meat, barely steady to weak on wings and breasts.

WESTERN REGION The market tone was generally steady. Offerings ranged adequate to ample for trade needs. Discounts available where product was difficult to place. Buying activity was overall fair. Retailer demand was fairly good where features in progress elsewhere just moderate. Floor stocks adequate to instances fully adequate. Trade sentiment was mixed on parts with dark meat items in the strongest position.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE		
WEEK ENDING 04/02/05	2005	2004	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	212,188	211,621	0
CHICKS PLACED	176,899	173,152	+02

BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 212 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 2, 2005. This was up slightly 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 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 2, 2005. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through April 2, 2005 were 2.28 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 14-May-05 is estimated at 162.8 million head. This compares to 162.1 million head the previous week and to 162.6 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 160.4 million head and the composite weighted average price was 78.12 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 (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	655	140.00-215.00	-	145.88	BREAST - B/S	765	133.00-145.00	138-140	140.07
TENDERLOINS	213	155.00-180.00	155-161	159.30	TENDERLOINS	189	150.00-205.00	155-158	158.33
BREAST - LINE RUN	53	84.00-101.00	91-92	91.60	BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT			FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	76	40.00-52.00	42-44	43.58	LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	550	30.00-34.00	31-32	32.34	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	591	32.00-35.00	33-34	33.36
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,085	32.00-36.00	33-34	33.48	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,045	34.00-38.00	35-36	35.31
WINGS (WHOLE)	305	64.00-104.00	88-92	86.79	WINGS (WHOLE)	312	64.00-104.00	-	86.88
WINGS (CUT)	440	79.00-113.00	100-111	106.60	WINGS (CUT)	490	80.00-108.00	-	103.38
DRUMSTICKS	36.00-56.00	-	40.24		DRUMSTICKS	72	38.00-56.00	-	40.67
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS	100	90.00-102.00	-	97.80	B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

***** F.O.B. DOCK *****

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
55.00 - 57.25	56.30	52.00-56.50	54.40	55.15

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

Demand was light to fair, although traders were anticipating increased interest for late week movement. Offerings of b/s breast were sufficient to available, bone-in breast were fully adequate to ample. Wings improved but were still competitively priced at lower levels. Tenderloins were in fair balance to well cleared, along with the back half of the bird. Retail movement was light to fair. Distributive movement was mostly fair. The market tone was fully steady on dark meat items and tenders. Balance of items were reported as barely steady to weak.

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

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	150-155	154.76	750,100	BREAST - B/S	148-153	154.37	633,480
TENDERLOINS	160	152.67	201,420	TENDERLOINS	160	162.37	93,140
BREAST - WITH RIBS	85-86	95.98	122,240	BREAST - WITH RIBS	83-84	95.27	127,360
BREAST - LINE RUN	85	82.84	81,600	BREAST - LINE RUN	83	79.13	112,560
LEGS	47-48	46.14	245,880	LEGS	48-49	48.25	276,200
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	32-33	32.70	338,368	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	33-34	33.96	274,616
DRUMSTICKS	33-34	37.58	179,580	DRUMSTICKS	34-35	40.62	114,400
THIGHS	39-40	47.42	87,900	THIGHS	39-40	49.65	63,760
B/S THIGHS	96-97	93.89	109,360	B/S THIGHS	96-97	98.37	108,400
WINGS (WHOLE)	89-90	92.84	149,400	WINGS (WHOLE)	86-87	97.03	99,040
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.61	17,040	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.12	23,360
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	30.40	18,930	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	30.67	15,480
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	48.24	42,120	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	49.48	37,840

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 (1,000)	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS
Alabama	3,952	3,996	3,966	4,036	5.38
Arkansas	5,424	5,420	5,179	5,216	5.29
Delmarva	2,232	2,258	2,238	2,124	5.67
KY-LA-TN	2,119	2,105	2,040	2,067	5.00
Mississippi	3,036	3,133	3,080	2,896	5.73
North Car	2,529	2,447	2,387	2,482	6.57
Texas	2,447	2,446	2,505	3,444	5.27
Total	21,739	21,805	21,395	22,265	5.52
Mon-Wed	65,039(A)				62,029(A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 06-Apr-05

is estimated to be 32,524,000 head up 2.15 percent from a week ago and up 5.24 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,840,000, last year 30,904,000)

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			105-107
			105-108
ROASTERS 4# & UP			108-111
			111
HENS OVER 5#			89-93
			89-95
DUCKS			180-192

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 09-Apr-05

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	04/09/05 (1)		04/02/05	
	THOUSAND HEAD			
Broiler/fryer	161,774	(2)	164,514	
Light hens	1,772		1,665	
Heavy hens	1,316		1,427	
Total	164,862		167,606	

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 09-Apr-05 is 166.0 million head compared to 152.3 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 162.1 million head or 3.9 million less than estimated available. For the week of 16-Apr-05 the estimated available is 166.2 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 04/04/05	101,666		49,856	
AM 03/01/05	88,108		41,709	
CHG	13,558		8,147	
PCT CHG	15		20	

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	04/04/05	03/28/05	04/05/04	04/04/05	03/28/05	04/05/04
PACIFIC COAST	3,716	3,317	7,020	6,219	6,388	3,640
LOS ANGELES	50	52	432	3,605	3,535	2,138

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 APRIL 4, 2005

HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	RANGE
			74-80
			80-88

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES FOR 04/05/05

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW HIGH AVG			LOW HIGH AVG		
	HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	.40	-	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.	-	4.50
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	1.00
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	-	1.25	-	RABBITS ea.	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.75	6.00
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	.50
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-			
TOTAL COOPS	22					

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending April 1, 2005

	Whole		Legs W/Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
	Chickens	Breasts				
RAYON						
Low	67.04	130.01	65.00	16.25	6.09	65.00
High	71.10	142.20	81.26	24.38	12.19	65.00
Mostly	69.07	138.13	69.07	20.31	8.13	65.00

SAN JUAN

Low	62.97	130.01	65.00	16.25	6.09	65.00
High	69.07	138.13	81.26	24.38	12.19	65.00
Mostly	69.07	134.07	69.07	20.31	8.13	65.00

NEW SAN JUAN

Low	69.07	130.01	81.26	16.25	6.09	65.00
High	71.50	134.07	85.32	24.38	12.19	65.00
Mostly	69.07	134.07	81.26	20.31	8.13	65.00

BECERRA

Low	69.07	130.01	81.26	12.19	6.09	67.04
High	73.13	134.07	85.32	26.41	12.19	67.04
Mostly	69.07	134.07	81.26	18.28	8.13	67.04

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was no better than fair. Seller offerings were adequate to fully adequate, and were in the closer better balance on the larger sizes. Live supplies were moderate; weights remained irregular, but were more often a bit on the lighter side. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 72 to 84 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items were fully adequate to ample. Leg quarters and drums generally cleared well. Wings remained ample. Other items were 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

	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
RANGE	69-96
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	77.18
NO. OF BOXES	5,100



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