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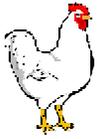
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was mixed, but mostly steady to about steady. Retail and food service demand covered the full range with best movement into fast food. Supplies were adequate to fully sufficient with heavier sizes in the longest position. In the parts structure, trading was fair to moderate for midweek. Dark meat was adequate to tight and held with confidence, and tenders were in good balance. The remaining breast cuts were at least adequate with some discounting reported, and wings were readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were irregular.

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 74.75 cents last year on April 14, 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	182.50
BREASTS - B/S	154.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	84.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	96.50
LEG QUARTERS	35.50
WINGS	92.50

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

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand into all channels was light to moderate, best for fast food and active retail ads. Supplies of all sizes were at least sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was light to moderate. Dark meat was balanced to well cleared, and tenders were sufficient to close. The remaining breast items and wings were in a better balance, but still readily available. 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 fair to moderate at best during midweek trading. Offerings of 4 pound sizes were fully adequate to instances ample; lighter sizes were sufficient for trade needs. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate, best where scattered feature activity was noted. The market tone was generally steady. In the parts structure, breast items were generally sufficient for current trade needs with bone-in in slightly better position; tenders and dark meat cuts were in good balance and clearing satisfactorily. Wings were adequate.

MIDWEST REGION The market tone was about steady on whole broiler/fryers. Offerings were moderate to heavy for a cautious and limited trade interest. Retail and food service demand ranged slow to good, mostly light to moderate. Floor stocks were adequate; weights desirable. Trade activity on parts was on an as needed basis with buyers waiting further market developments. Supplies of white meat cuts were fully available and discounted, dark meat items were short of needs. The market tone was steady to firm on dark meat and tenderloins and cautiously steady to instances weak on remaining parts.

WESTERN REGION The market tone was generally steady. Offerings were fully adequate overall with small sizes in the closest balance. Buying activity was only fair with interest in excess product slow to materialize. Retailer demand was moderate best where featured particularly on parts. Floor stocks in fair balance. Dark meat items remained strong particularly on leg quarters and white meat items barely steady to steady.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES			PERCENT CHANGE
WEEK ENDING 04/09/05	2005	2004	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	214,772	212,729	+01
CHICKS PLACED	175,572	171,903	+02

BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 215 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 9, 2005. This was up 1 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 176 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 9, 2005. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through April 9, 2005 were 2.45 billion, 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 21-May-05 is estimated at 162.3 million head. This compares to 162.8 million head the previous week and to 162.3 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 161.8 million head and the composite weighted average price was 80.50 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	775	125.00-155.00	135-139	136.49	BREAST - B/S	695	130.00-156.00	-	140.60
TENDERLOINS	213	155.00-204.00	157-160	160.81	TENDERLOINS	208	157.00-200.00	159-163	160.89
BREAST - LINE RUN	100	75.00-100.00	80-86	82.79	BREAST - LINE RUN	90	80.00-90.00	82-86	84.82
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	605	32.00-36.00	34	33.49	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	599	33.00-38.00	34-35	34.55
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	870	34.00-39.00	35-36	35.77	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	950	35.00-40.00	36-37	36.38
WINGS (WHOLE)	297	61.00-94.00	88-91	87.08	WINGS (WHOLE)	297	61.00-94.00	78-82	80.68
WINGS (CUT)	487	77.00-104.00	-	99.92	WINGS (CUT)	464	77.00-104.00	100-103	99.46
DRUMSTICKS	60	42.00-56.00	-	45.27	DRUMSTICKS	59	42.00-56.00	-	45.32
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				THIGHS	68	38.00-56.00	-	44.53
B/S THIGHS	120	91.00-102.00	-	97.83	B/S THIGHS	80	91.00-105.00	-	97.00

 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
53.00 - 57.50	55.00	53.00-58.00	55.44	52.95

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 midweek trading. Offerings of boneless skinless breast were adequate to at least adequate; bone-in breasts were generally sufficient for current needs. Tenderloins continued in good balance. Dark meat cuts were clearing satisfactorily. Retail movement was about fair to moderate, best for scattered features. Distributive movement was fair at best. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm on tenders, drums and thighs. Breast items and wings were generally steady.

*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	148-153	152.26	666,300	BREAST - B/S	148-153	153.04	538,210
TENDERLOINS	160-165	153.45	292,521	TENDERLOINS	160-165	164.23	85,620
BREAST - WITH RIBS	82-83	87.40	152,040	BREAST - WITH RIBS	82-83	91.48	101,240
BREAST - LINE RUN	82	85.20	91,840	BREAST - LINE RUN	82	84.66	103,960
LEGS	48-49	48.74	338,920	LEGS	48-49	50.69	186,040
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	35-36	34.88	413,760	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	35-36	36.06	345,880
DRUMSTICKS	36-37	41.36	161,780	DRUMSTICKS	37-38	44.49	106,480
THIGHS	40-41	49.68	88,500	THIGHS	41-42	49.43	101,840
B/S THIGHS	98-99	94.79	139,640	B/S THIGHS	98-99	96.62	98,000
WINGS (WHOLE)	85-86	93.38	183,680	WINGS (WHOLE)	85-86	94.01	142,840
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.07	20,080	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.64	22,040
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	25.68	10,520	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	28.68	19,880
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	54.05	38,120	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	58.92	13,160

 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	3,747	4,016	3,917	4,207	5.39	5.08	3,949	5.38
Arkansas	5,440	5,392	5,290	5,094	5.35	5.10	5,318	5.29
Delmarva	2,308	1,998	2,170	2,172	5.72	5.53	2,122	5.67
KY-LA-TN	1,964	2,147	2,124	2,036	5.02	4.84	2,056	5.00
Mississippi	3,079	3,090	3,068	3,164	5.71	5.68	2,960	5.73
North Car	2,460	2,420	2,457	2,793	6.55	6.43	2,348	6.57
Texas	2,481	2,473	2,505	2,471	5.32	5.17	2,507	5.27
Total	21,479	21,536	21,531	21,937	5.55	5.38	21,260	5.52
Mon-Wed	65,049(A)				64,104(A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 13-Apr-05 is estimated to be 32,135,000 head up 0.73 percent from a week ago and up 4.27 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,903,000, last year 30,819,000)

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

		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	105-107
	DRY PACK	105-108
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 16-Apr-05

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	04/16/05 (1)		04/09/05	
	THOUSAND HEAD			
Broiler/fryer	165,021	(2)	161,774	
Light hens	1,733		1,772	
Heavy hens	1,460		1,316	
Total	168,214		164,862	

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 16-Apr-05 is 166.2 million head compared to 154.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 165.4 million head or 0.8 million less than estimated available. For the week of 23-Apr-05 the estimated available is 166.1 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 04/11/05	111,577		49,851	
AM 04/01/05	101,666		49,856	
CHG	9,911		-5	
PCT CHG	10		0	

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	04/11/05	04/04/05	04/12/04	04/11/05	04/04/05	04/12/04
PACIFIC COAST	3,934	3,716	6,977	6,390	6,219	3,456
LOS ANGELES	49	50	421	3,711	3,605	1,957

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 11, 2005

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

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW HIGH AVG			LOW HIGH AVG		
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.45	1.15	.82	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	3.75
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.70	1.10
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	5.00
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	3.50
ROOSTERS lb.	.80	1.00	.92	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	3.75	15.50	-	RABBITS ea.	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.75	7.00
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	1.00
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-			
TOTAL COOPS	46					

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending April 8, 2005

	Whole		Legs W/Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/Gizzards	Hens
	Chickens	Breasts				
RAYON						
Low	69.38	.59	73.46	18.36	6.12	66.11
High	72.64	140.79	81.62	28.57	12.24	66.11
Mostly	72.23	134.67	77.54	20.40	8.16	66.11
SAN JUAN						
Low	70.60	130.59	73.46	18.16	6.12	67.34
High	71.42	138.75	81.62	28.57	12.24	67.34
Mostly	71.42	134.67	77.54	24.49	8.16	67.34
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	66.11	134.67	65.30	20.40	8.16	61.21
High	67.74	138.75	73.46	28.57	12.24	61.21
Mostly	67.34	134.67	69.38	24.49	10.20	61.21
BECERRA						
Low	67.74	130.59	73.46	18.36	6.12	67.34
High	72.64	142.83	81.62	28.57	12.24	67.34
Mostly	69.38	134.67	77.54	20.40	8.16	67.34

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to cook whole birds slowed somewhat and was generally noted as fair and in sync with normal lighter mid-week activity. Seller offerings were in good balance to well cleared on the 3.00 and 3.50 pound sizes; fully adequate to ample on the 4.00 pound sizes. Live supplies were moderate; weights were light to heavy, mostly desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 71 to 83 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. In the parts complex, supplies were adequate to closely cleared and were in the tighter balance on leg items.

*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	65-86
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	74.72
NO. OF BOXES	6,423



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