



Fast Food Fax

APR 18, 2005

Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand was fair to fairly good, best where media promotions were in progress. In the parts complex, wings and breast items were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Tenders and dark meat cuts were well cleared. Weights were mixed but mostly desirable.

The "SOURCE" of Poultry and Egg Market Information

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Young Chickens Slaughtered under Federal Inspection Classified by Weight, WEEKENDING: Apr. 02, 2005

	FOOD SERVICE/			
	<u>FAST FOOD</u>	<u>RETAIL</u>	<u>DEBONING</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Weight Range	4.20 & Down	4.21 - 5.25	5.26 & Up	----
Total (000)	33,681	19,740	50,865	90,526
Percentage	32%	19%	49%	100%

Fast Food and Food Service Sizes

<u>Live Weights</u>	<u>RTC WOG Weights</u>	<u>No. of Head (000)</u>	<u>Percentage of Total Slaughter</u>
3.60 lbs. & Lighter	Under 2 lbs., 8 oz.	5,101	4.89
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2 lbs., 8 oz. - 2 lbs., 10 oz.	6,155	5.90
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2 lbs., 10 oz., -2 lbs., 12 oz.	13,733	13.17
4.01 - 4.20 lbs.	2 lbs., 12 oz. - 2 lbs., 14 oz.	8,692	8.33
		33,681	32.29

BROILER EGG SET CHICKS PLACED IN 19 STATES COMPARED WITH U.S. BROILER SLAUGHTER

Slaughter Week	Egg Sets		Chicks Placed		Eggs Set 10 Weeks Previous		Chicks Placed 7 Weeks Previous		Prelim. Fed. Insp. Million head Slaughtered	
	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%**
Feb 12	213,403	102	175,844	105	208,114	102	172,093	102	154,449	99
Feb 19	213,355	102	175,506	105	209,798	101	172,356	102	156,653	101
Feb 26	213,200	101	175,684	104	211,111	103	173,466	104	156,421	100
Mar 05	215,017	102	177,025	105	209,901	102	173,733	104	160,095	102
Mar 12	213,063	101	176,613	103	210,241	102	172,679	104	157,630	98
Mar 19	212,827	101	176,015	102	210,232	102	171,340	102	157,335	100
Mar 26	213,499	101	175,940	102	209,544	101	172,928	102	151,161	96
Apr 02	212,188	100	176,899	102	212,630	104	175,504	105	155,010	103
Apr 09	214,772	101	175,572	102	212,630	104	175,869	105	157,429	102

Data in bold are subject to revision *Percent of previous year **Percent change from previous week

Whole Broiler/Fryers (cents/lb.)	Majority	Current Week	Previous Week	Year Ago
Week of 04/18/05				
NEW YORK Grade A Ice-packed	71-73	71.52	71.48	76.04
CHICAGO Grade A Ice-packed	66-69	69.07	68.52	74.29
LOS ANGELES Grade A Ice-packed	80	79.43	79.29	79.73
12-CITY COMPOSITE Weighted Avg.		72.77	73.22	76.53
GEORGIA DOCK FOB Wtd. Avg. (Wed Dock 74.00)		72.96	72.96	73.49
SOUTHERN STATES FOB Whole Body 5 Day Avg.		55.59	53.00	71.52

Broiler/Fryer Parts (cents/lb.)	Northeast (Delivered)	Southern States (FOB)	Georgia (FOB)
Weekly Weighted Average	04/15/05	04/15/05	04/18/05
Breast - B/S	152.88	140.80	153.00
Tenderloins	156.90	163.30	182.50 (Line run)
Breast - Line Run	83.68	85.13	84.50 (Whole)
Leg Quarters	35.46	34.22	36.00
Wings	88.02	85.03	89.50