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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail and food service demand covered the full range with best movement into fast food outlets. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was reported as fair to fairly good. Dark meat was close balanced to tight, tenders were sufficient to well cleared, and wings were readily available. Breast items were adequate to ample and often discounted to help clear additional product. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.

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 75.00 cents last year on April 21, 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	183.50
BREASTS - B/S	152.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	85.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	98.00
LEG QUARTERS	36.50
WINGS	89.00

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 ads and fast food promotions. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair to fairly good. Dark meat was close to tight and moving well, and tenders were in good balance. The remaining breast items and wings were at least adequate with limited interest. 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 no better than fair. Offerings of all sizes were fully sufficient for current trade needs. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair. The market tone was mostly steady. In the parts structure, boneless skinless breasts were readily available and slow to clear; bone-in breasts were sufficient and clearing satisfactorily. Tenders and dark meat cuts were in close balance to well cleared. Wings were at least adequate.

MIDWEST REGION The market tone on whole broiler/fryers remained steady. Offerings of 3 pound and up birds were moderate to heavy, lighter weights limited to adequate on a very light trade call. Fill-in trade into the St. Louis market on Grade 'A' whole fryers at 52 cents. All outlets reported irregular demand, covering the full range. Floor stocks were adequate; weights mostly desirable. Parts interest was good for dark meat cuts, moderate to good on tenderloins, moderate on wings with breast cuts clearing slowly even when discounted. Supplies of leg items were tight and short of trade call, wings and tenders were adequate, all other breast items were ample. The market tone was fully steady with a firm undertone on dark meat lines, fully steady on tenderloins, steady on wings and trending lower on breast cuts.

WESTERN REGION The market tone was about steady. Offerings were adequate to ample. Sizes continued to trend heavy. Buying activity was fair. Retailer demand was fair to fairly good with best interest where features in progress. Floor stocks adequate overall. Trade sentiment was fully steady on dark meat items and about steady on balance of parts.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES	WEEK ENDING 04/16/05		PERCENT CHANGE
	2005	2004	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	213,756	214,388	0
CHICKS PLACED	176,618	173,941	+02

BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 214 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 16, 2005. This was down 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 16, 2005. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through April 16, 2005 were 2.63 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 28-May-05 is estimated at 162.6 million head. This compares to 162.3 million head the previous week and to 162.3 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 163.2 million head and the composite weighted average price was 81.77 cents per pound.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

APRIL 20, 2005

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
BREAST - B/S	644	128.00-154.00	-	138.82
TENDERLOINS	193	161.00-200.00	162-167	166.36
BREAST - LINE RUN	106	80.00-88.00	82-84	83.43
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	550	33.00-38.00	34-35	34.56
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,039	35.00-42.00	36-37	36.87
WINGS (WHOLE)	280	68.00-91.00	85-88	84.48
WINGS (CUT)	393	86.00-106.00	99-103	99.79
DRUMSTICKS	32	42.00-56.00	-	44.99
THIGHS	35	41.00-56.00	-	45.83
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	652	124.00-205.00	-	131.53
TENDERLOINS	190	161.00-210.00	162-167	167.71
BREAST - LINE RUN	111	80.00-89.00	84-87	83.77
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	63	45.00-56.00	-	47.67
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	555	35.00-39.00	35-36	35.22
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,039	36.00-41.00	37	37.10
WINGS (WHOLE)	290	68.00-91.00	-	84.43
WINGS (CUT)	440	86.00-103.00	99-103	99.58
DRUMSTICKS	83	42.00-56.00	-	53.47
THIGHS	50	40.00-56.00	-	44.68
B/S THIGHS	105	95.00-105.00	-	99.57

 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 - 57.50	55.48	52.50-58.50	55.15	55.62

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 generally fair for midweek trading. Offerings of boneless skinless breast were readily available and competitively priced in some instances. Bone-in breasts were sufficient. Tenderloins and dark meat cuts were well cleared. Wings were fully sufficient. Retail movement was fair to moderate, best for scattered feature activity. Distributive movement was no better than fair. The market tone remained fully steady on tenders and dark meat cuts. Boneless skinless breasts were barely steady to weak. The balance of items were generally steady.

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

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	148-153	151.52	701,010
TENDERLOINS	165-170	156.85	245,191
BREAST - WITH RIBS	82-83	89.85	115,720
BREAST - LINE RUN	82	83.54	101,600
LEGS	49-50	48.21	256,960
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	36-37	38.09	817,208
DRUMSTICKS	38-39	40.28	238,140
THIGHS	41-42	52.31	60,060
B/S THIGHS	100-101	96.79	123,000
WINGS (WHOLE)	85-86	89.91	151,680
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.06	17,400
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	28.56	25,000
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	57.67	25,760

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	145-150	151.45	619,660
TENDERLOINS	165-170	158.70	122,200
BREAST - WITH RIBS	82-83	92.22	104,880
BREAST - LINE RUN	82	83.60	114,280
LEGS	49-50	46.42	223,640
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	36-37	38.11	434,974
DRUMSTICKS	38-39	44.27	85,800
THIGHS	41-42	49.80	67,920
B/S THIGHS	100-101	98.18	63,680
WINGS (WHOLE)	85-86	90.53	145,320
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	10.75	28,080
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	30.42	21,080
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	57.88	27,000

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	3,957	4,015	4,028	4,480	5.33
Arkansas	5,440	5,462	5,430	5,732	5.21
Delmarva	2,148	2,131	2,250	2,186	5.72
KY-LA-TN	2,195	2,146	2,109	2,306	5.11
Mississippi	2,901	3,240	3,748	3,748	5.85
North Car	2,541	2,518	2,471	2,557	6.60
Texas	2,490	2,485	2,603	2,468	5.35
Total	21,672	21,997	22,639	23,477	5.55
Mon-Wed	65,744(A)		63,744(A)		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 20-Apr-05 is estimated to be 32,424,000 head up 3.79 percent from a week ago and up 4.93 percent from a year ago.
 (Last week 31,241,000, last year 30,902,000)

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 23-Apr-05

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	04/23/05 (1)	04/16/05
	THOUSAND HEAD	
Broiler/fryer	166,939 (2)	165,021
Light hens	1,700	1,733
Heavy hens	1,411	1,460
Total	170,050	168,214

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 23-Apr-05 is 166.1 million head compared to 157.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 167.3 million head or 1.2 million more than estimated available. For the week of 30-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 04/18/05	115,403	51,409
AM 04/01/05	101,666	49,856
CHG	13,737	1,553
PCT CHG	14	3

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	04/18/05	04/11/05	04/19/04	04/18/05	04/11/05	04/19/04
PACIFIC COAST	3,979	3,934	7,090	6,069	6,390	3,307
LOS ANGELES	45	49	374	3,275	3,711	1,874

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 18, 2005

HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	RANGE
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	74-80 80-84

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	FOR 04/19/05			FOR 04/19/05		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.40	.65	.42	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.	.40	1.40
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	5.25
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	2.75	4.00
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	7.00
RABBITS lb.	1.00	1.15	1.03	RABBITS ea.	2.00	4.00
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	3.00	12.00
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	2.25	2.50
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	8.00
SILKIES ea.	-	7.25	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	2.00	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-			
TOTAL COOPS	58					

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending April 15, 2005

	Whole	Legs	Necks, Backs	Livers/		
	Chickens	Breasts	W/Thighs	& Wings	Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	69.61	131.03	65.51	14.33	8.19	63.47
High	72.88	139.22	73.70	20.47	12.28	63.47
Mostly	72.06	131.03	67.56	16.38	10.24	63.47
SAN JUAN						
Low	69.61	135.12	61.42	12.28	10.24	62.24
High	73.29	139.22	73.70	16.38	12.28	62.24
Mostly	73.29	139.22	69.61	14.33	10.24	62.24
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	70.43	135.12	69.61	20.47	8.19	63.47
High	73.29	139.22	77.80	24.57	10.24	63.47
Mostly	73.29	137.17	69.61	20.47	10.24	63.47
BECERRA						
Low	71.25	135.12	69.61	20.47	8.19	61.01
High	73.29	143.31	77.80	24.57	10.24	61.01
Mostly	73.29	139.22	73.70	20.47	10.24	61.01

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds remained just fair, but was sufficient in keeping the bulk of available offerings in manageable balance. Live supplies were moderate; weights were light to heavy, mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 71 to 83 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. In the parts complex, Boneless/skinless breasts were in manageable balance at some points, readily available elsewhere. Bone-in breasts were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Leg cuts were in close balance to well cleared. Wings were adequate to ample.

*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	67-86
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	74.25
NO. OF BOXES	6,288



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