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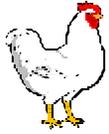
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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices for next week are trending unchanged. Trade sentiment for end of the week was mostly steady. Demand was mixed and covered the full range, but expected to improve as first of the month and Mother's Day approaches. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was good where weekend needs increased; otherwise, movement was fair to moderate. Dark meat was in good balance to tight and continued to clear. Wings were readily available, and breast items were at least adequate with discounting still reported. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

**Preliminary report** Prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 02-MAY-2005 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A (Including branded product)				
AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	66.00-69.00	55.00-76.00	67.91	28
New York	71.00-73.00			
Los Angeles	80.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	73.00-76.00	61.00-80.00	73.66	87

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 74.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.			
LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	VOLUME
ITEM	(CENTS PER POUND)	(000 POUNDS)	
973	70.00-76.00	73.92	
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:			
LINE RUN TENDERS	181.00	1,255	
BREASTS - B/S	147.50	5,736	
BREASTS - WHOLE	82.50	1,332	
THIGH MEAT - B/S	102.00	1,028	
LEG QUARTERS	36.50	6,989	
WINGS	85.50	2,983	

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

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into the Chicago area were unchanged from Monday's final majority price. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady. Trade interest was light on adequate offerings. Fill in trading noted on 3 up wogs at 39 cents delivered into the St. Louis area. Retail demand was light to fairly good with features receiving best call. Food service movement varied from light to good with best interest centering around fast food promotions. Anticipation of better trade interest increases as the first of the month approaches and with it Mother's Day. Floor stocks were adequate; weights desirable to instances heavy. Supplies of leg items were barely adequate to tight, adequate on wings, and available on boneless skinless and bone-in breasts with continued discounting. The market tone was fully steady to firm on dark meat items, barely steady on wings, and weak on breast cuts.

**SOUTHERN BROILER** Trade sentiment entering the weekend was generally steady. Demand was light to instances moderate where ads and fast food were active with optimism for upcoming Mother's Day and first of the month. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair to active. Dark meat was close balanced to short, aided by export interest. Wings were mixed, but available, and breast items were at least adequate with limited movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Preliminary majority prices were unchanged throughout the region. Unchanged prices reported on regular commitments for next weeks' deliveries, however new negotiations were at unchanged to slightly higher prices. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate. Small sized whole body product was in the strongest position. Buying activity generally fair. Retailer demand was fair to fairly good best for parts. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers improved slightly entering the weekend but still was only fair at best. Offerings were more than sufficient for current trade needs. Retail and distributive movement was mostly fair. The market tone was generally steady. In the parts complex, breast items were fully adequate and slow to clear in some instances. Dark meat cuts were in good balance to well cleared. Wings were fully adequate to ample.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds improved slightly for week end business, but was still considered only fair. Offerings were adequate to occasionally available. Live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 71 to 83 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. White meat items were in a better position but still fully sufficient for trade needs. Wings were fully adequate to ample. Dark meat items were in good balance to well cleared.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY IINCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

		BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
RANGE		62-90
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		74.78
NO. OF BOXES		6,571
CUMULATIVE	04/25/05-04/29/05	75.05
	04/26/04-04/30/04	80.41
NO. OF BOXES	04/25/05-04/29/05	34,913
	04/26/04-04/30/04	34,324

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**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

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ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS				WTD AVG	WTD AVG
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG		
BREAST - B/S	670	120.00-151.00	124-128	125.35	740	118.00-150.00	122-126	125.08	3,610	126.74
TENDERLOINS	198	158.00-180.00	161-165	161.97	158	157.00-180.00	160-164	160.95	1,025	163.54
BREAST - LINE RUN	59	82.00-90.00	82-85	84.17	59	82.00-89.00	82-85	84.15	387	84.93
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				260	76.35
LEGS	73	45.00-58.00	-	48.62	58	46.00-58.00	-	49.72	355	48.46
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	600	34.00-37.00	35-36	35.40	500	34.00-37.00	35-36	35.68	2,740	35.48
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	970	36.00-43.00	37-38	37.88	910	36.00-42.00	37-38	38.22	4,950	37.76
WINGS (WHOLE)	281	69.00-88.00	83-85	82.07	281	68.00-88.00	81-83	81.95	1,415	82.02
WINGS (CUT)	372	86.00-102.00	100-102	98.67	315	86.00-100.00	98-100	97.49	1,994	98.59
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				268	52.75
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				187	50.59
B/S THIGHS	105	94.00-110.00	-	102.19	100	94.00-110.00	-	102.60	492	101.92

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 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS  
 TRADING FOR APR 28, 2005 F.O.B. DOCK.

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RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
53.50 - 58.50	56.54	52.50 - 58.50	55.59	55.89

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 increased slightly entering the weekend but still noted as no better than fair overall. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts were available and slow in clearing. Bone-in breasts were at least adequate to fully adequate for current needs. Dark meat cuts were in good balance to well cleared. Wings were readily available. Retail and distributive movement ranged light to moderate with best interest centering around scattered feature activity. The market tone was at least steady on dark meat cuts. Breast items were barely steady. Wings were 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			CURRENT NEG			WTD AVG	WEEKLY
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		
BREAST - B/S	140	147.90	727,920	140	146.60	662,760	148.43	2,990,900
TENDERLOINS	165	161.47	153,880	160-165	159.47	127,600	155.07	923,576
BREAST - WITH RIBS	82-83	91.73	64,320	82-83	92.81	157,720	91.04	617,840
BREAST - LINE RUN	82	82.07	99,640	82	82.93	120,000	82.56	538,680
LEGS	50-51	51.22	124,520	50-51	52.26	160,960	51.20	815,672
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	37-38	38.56	403,765	37-38	38.76	519,012	38.02	1,950,675
DRUMSTICKS	40-41	43.08	83,080	40-41	41.82	192,480	42.87	664,700
THIGHS	41-42	49.87	58,280	41-42	51.03	55,720	50.52	279,770
B/S THIGHS	101-102	98.17	73,120	101-102	96.52	111,120	98.06	482,030
WINGS (WHOLE)	83-84	92.07	114,760	82-83	88.03	156,840	91.70	547,160
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.85	20,720	10-12	11.51	23,040	11.69	87,820
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	33.32	14,560	35-40	38.45	11,160	35.34	86,560
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	54.87	13,720	55-60	55.88	17,840	56.60	88,720

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). \* TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPE, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WT		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED	
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	
Alabama	4,419	4,034	3,850	3,952	5.22	5.34	4,079	5.21	5.21	5.21	FRESH FRYERS	
Arkansas	5,588	5,439	5,402	5,336	5.11	5.25	5,028	5.11	5.11	5.11	ROASTERS 4# & UP	
Delmarva	2,114	2,231	2,225	2,226	5.57	5.64	2,018	5.56	5.56	5.56	HENS UNDER 5#	
KY-LA-TN	2,423	2,178	2,143	2,073	4.95	5.02	2,131	4.96	4.96	4.96	HENS OVER 5#	
Mississippi	3,084	3,036	2,858	3,094	5.83	5.71	3,504	5.81	5.81	5.81	DUCKS	
North Carolina	2,617	2,556	2,456	2,429	6.56	6.65	2,384	6.57	6.57	6.57	RABBITS-WHOLE	
Texas	2,880	2,351	2,548	2,493	5.33	5.44	2,366	5.31	5.31	5.31	RABBITS-CUT UP	
Total	23,125	21,825	21,482	21,603	5.45	5.53	21,510	5.45	5.45	5.45		
Mon-Fri	110,840(A)						108,884(A)				SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 29-Apr-05 and 30-Apr-05 is estimated to be 34,598,000 head up 7.19 percent from a week ago and up 4.98 percent from a year ago.  
 (Last week 32,278,000, last year 32,957,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 30-Apr-05 is estimated to be 161,057,000 head down 0.03 percent from a week ago, and up 2.00 percent from a year ago.  
 (Last week 161,112,000, last year 157,894,000)

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

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED** Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 16-Apr-05 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning  
Food service  
4.20 Lbs. & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs. 5.26 Lbs. & Up

-----THOUSANDS-----  
Head 27,465 18,311 53,607  
Avg Weight 3.69 4.62 6.31  
% of total /1 28% 18% 54%

## Comparisons

Last week 28,728 20,718 49,838  
Avg Weight 3.64 4.69 6.34  
% of total /1 29% 21% 50%

Same week, yr ago /2 25,491 24,749 44,262  
Avg Weight 3.75 4.70 6.44  
% of total /1 27% 26% 47%

To date/2005 413,613 313,042 718,400  
To date/2004 391,543 330,307 657,318

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION** (Preliminary)

W/E 23-Apr-2005

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	161,112	1,651	1,466	3,117	479
Avg Wt	5.33	3.30	8.07	5.54	6.75
Last week	158,035	1,687	1,411	3,098	493
Same wk yr ago	156,011	1,424	1,250	2,674	465
Avg Wt	5.20	3.26	7.75	5.36	6.74
To-date/2005	2,508,776	24,380	21,289	45,669	8,075
To-date/2004	2,453,097	20,758	20,220	40,978	7,370

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 166.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 163.1 million head, or 3.0 million less than estimated available.

**GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION -** APRIL 26, 2005

Prices paid per pound, except as noted.

\*\*AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY\*\*

	RANGE	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.15 - 1.25	Geese 9-14 LBS .55 - .60
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.00 - 1.05	Pigeons 4.85 - 5.25ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.80 - .85	White Pigeons 5.90 - 6.10ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	1.10 - 1.15	Rabbits 4-6 LBS 1.60 - 1.90
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.90 - 1.10	Rabbits 6-9 LBS 1.30 - 1.50
Crossbred Roasters 4-6 LBS	.90 - 1.00	Bunnies 3.50 - 8.00ea.
Crossbred Roasters 7-11 LBS	.60 - .90	Guinea Pigs .10 - .75
Guinea Fowl	2.00 - 2.15ea.	Total Coops Sold 505
Banty Roasters	3.50 - 4.00ea.	
Banty Hens	2.00 - 2.25ea.	

**EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 25-APRIL-2005

**DUCKLINGS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND MOSTLY	143-145	149-153
MIDWEST MOSTLY	127-131	128-133

**ROASTERS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	66.00-74.50	72.00-74.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	65.00-86.50	72.00-76.50

**SQUABS:** NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	63.36-72.90
14 OZ.	69.84-81.00
16 OZ.	74.88-89.10

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

**CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS** Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies were balanced. Schedules full-time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.25-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.35-1.45, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$0.30-0.50, livers at \$0.75-1.70, and feet at \$0.80-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 25-APRIL-2005

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	120-135	127-139

**ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT	
March	19	159.2	162.0	98%	5.20
	26	153.0	164.0	93%	5.19
April	2	156.9	165.4	95%	5.17
	9	159.3	166.0	96%	5.21
	16	160.0	166.2	96%	5.27
	23	163.1	166.1	98%	5.33
Year to date	2539.2	2603.0	98%		
April	30	166.1			
May	7	166.1			

**BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**

Under Federal Inspection

-----THOUSANDS-----

W/E	04/30/05	04/23/05	% CHG	05/01/04	% CHG
Broilers	161,057	161,112*	-0.03	157,894*	+2.00
Cattle	622	601	+04	665*	-06
Hogs	1,918	1,970	-03	1,911*	0

\*ACTUAL

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Trading was too few to report on heavy canners; unchanged to slightly lower on lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to fair at best for light canners; heavy canners were mostly fair with most available supplies being used internally. Offerings were fully adequate for light canners; generally adequate for heavies. Processing schedules were normal to instances heavy. The undertone was no better than steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b> (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b> (WITHOUT NECKS)
24-30 MAJORITY 26-29	TOO FEW TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b> (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b> (WITHOUT NECKS)
25-32 MAJORITY 28-30	TOO FEW TO REPORT

#### LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

**EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices were generally unchanged when compared to a week ago. Demand was at least moderate to good for current trade needs. Offerings of spent hens were fully adequate to ample. Processing schedules were noted as normal to instances heavy. Trade sentiment was steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	3-13	8-11

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Trading levels were too few to report. Demand was mostly light to fair for the adequate supplies of spent hens. Schedules were as desired. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Removal costs ranged unchanged to higher. Offerings were fully adequate to ample with demand fairly good to very good. Most processing schedules were increased to over-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	5.5-8.5	6-7

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plant schedules generally full. Offerings adequate.

**HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \***  
PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR  
SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 02-MAY-05

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was mostly moderate for the adequate to at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules for next week were noted as normal. Sales of finished product were sufficient for current needs. The undertone was at least steady.

<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS** Trading was too few to report. Demand was light to mostly moderate for the generally adequate supplies of spent hens. Finished sales were moderate. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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