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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was mostly steady in the Midwest, but steady to fully steady in the East and West. Demand into all channels covered the full range with best interest for retail ads and fast food. Movement for first of the month and upcoming Mother's Day was mixed. Supplies were sufficient to well cleared, depending on size and location. In the parts structure, trading was fair to moderate. Dark meat was in good balance to tight and moving well. Wings and breast items were at least adequate, but not as plentiful as before. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy weights.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .25 cents to 74.25 based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 75.75 cents last year on May 5, 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	181.50
BREASTS - B/S	147.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	83.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	100.50
LEG QUARTERS	37.00
WINGS	85.50

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

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was light to moderate, best for fast food, active retail ads and first of the month business. Supplies were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. Seasonal delivery problems were reported due to truck shortages. In the parts structure, movement was fair to fairly good. Dark meat was in good balance to tight and moving strong, aided by export interest. Wings and breast items were mixed, but overall 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 moderate to instances good. Offerings were adequate to well cleared with heavier sizes in the better balance. Distributive movement was at least moderate. Fast food demand was good. The market tone was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, breast items were adequate to fully adequate. Dark meat cuts were in good balance to short. Wings were available.

MIDWEST REGION Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady with cautious undertone on heavy weight birds. Offerings of small birds were limited, heavy weights plentiful. All channels were seeing mixed demand, light to fairly good with several industry players noting a much quieter tone for first of month and Mother's Day than in past years. Consumer interest was best for scattered retail features and fast food. Floor stocks were adequate to ample; weights desirable to heavy. Trade activity on parts remained selective with leg quarters most sought after. Offerings of leg quarters were very light, drums adequate, wings mixed and remaining breast items fully adequate to ample. The market tone was fully steady to firm on dark meat items and steady to weak on the balance.

WESTERN REGION The market tone was steady to fully steady. Offerings of lightweights in fairly good balance and heavy weights easily adequate for trade needs. Buying activity improved to cover last minute Cinco de Mayo interest. Demand by stores fair to fairly good with restaurants and fast food fairly good overall. Floor stocks adequate. The market tone was fully steady to firm on dark meat items and about steady on white meat.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE		
WEEK ENDING 04/30/05	2005	2004	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	214,496	212,646	+01
CHICKS PLACED	178,776	174,862	+02

BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 214 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 30, 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 179 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 30, 2005. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through April 30, 2005 were 2.98 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 11-Jun-05 is estimated at 163.1 million head. This compares to 162.2 million head the previous week and to 164.1 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 165.1 million head and the composite weighted average price was 82.12 cents per pound.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

MAY 04, 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				WTD AVG	ITEM	POUNDS				WTD AVG
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY				(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY		
BREAST - B/S	735	118.00-150.00	122-126		126.90	BREAST - B/S	680	116.00-128.00	120-125		124.01
TENDERLOINS	213	160.00-180.00	160-164		161.92	TENDERLOINS	243	155.00-200.00	159-162		160.84
BREAST - LINE RUN	59	82.00-90.00	82-85		84.17	BREAST - LINE RUN	98	82.00-89.00	83-85		85.31
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT					FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				
LEGS	58	48.00-58.00		-	50.07	LEGS	88	49.00-58.00	50-52		51.13
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	520	34.00-37.00	35-36		36.08	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	600	34.00-39.00	35-36		35.73
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,090	36.00-40.00	37-38		38.18	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,210	36.00-41.00	37-38		37.95
WINGS (WHOLE)	286	68.00-88.00	81-83		81.71	WINGS (WHOLE)	246	80.00-88.00	82-85		82.72
WINGS (CUT)	400	88.00-100.00	97-99		96.84	WINGS (CUT)	390	88.00-102.00	97-99		97.41
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT					DRUMSTICKS	93	48.00-58.00		-	54.02
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT					THIGHS	43	41.00-58.00		-	49.74
B/S THIGHS	89	94.00-110.00		-	103.66	B/S THIGHS	100	95.00-110.00		-	101.20

 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
52.75 - 58.00	54.70	52.50-57.00	54.22	55.02

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 moderate at best during midweek trading. Offerings of breast items remained adequate to available for current needs. Dark meat cuts were in good balance to closely cleared. Tenderloins were available. Wings ranged adequate to ample. Distributive movement was at least moderate. Fast food demand was good. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm on dark meat lines. Breast items were no better than steady. Tenders and wings were barely steady.

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

MAY 03, 2005 ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	MAY 04, 2005 ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
TENDERLOINS	160-165	155.63	127,376	TENDERLOINS	160	153.41	112,880
BREAST - WITH RIBS	82-83	93.37	138,080	BREAST - WITH RIBS	82-83	92.41	101,480
BREAST - LINE RUN	82	81.58	86,480	BREAST - LINE RUN	82	81.92	95,840
LEGS	50-51	52.18	226,480	LEGS	51-52	52.93	186,240
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	37-38	38.10	400,240	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	37-38	38.49	260,880
DRUMSTICKS	40-41	43.00	193,600	DRUMSTICKS	41-42	44.74	148,120
THIGHS	41-42	49.12	98,960	THIGHS	41-42	48.64	98,320
B/S THIGHS	101-102	98.15	119,840	B/S THIGHS	101-102	96.75	105,640
WINGS (WHOLE)	82-83	91.17	191,680	WINGS (WHOLE)	82-83	86.60	151,520
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.60	14,680	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.46	27,680
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	29.91	19,440	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	33.60	17,600
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	48.72	43,840	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	50.99	23,040

 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)	
Alabama	3,913	3,970	4,018	4,422	5.30	5.13	3,850	5.33
Arkansas	5,476	5,452	5,420	5,802	5.23	4.80	5,402	5.20
Delmarva	2,250	2,269	2,258	2,358	5.75	5.54	2,225	5.66
KY-LA-TN	2,171	2,183	2,122	2,529	5.14	4.64	2,143	5.01
Mississippi	3,115	3,082	2,890	3,098	5.73	5.69	2,858	5.69
North Car	2,516	2,506	2,472	2,662	6.65	6.56	2,456	6.64
Texas	2,488	2,480	2,576	2,505	5.37	5.16	2,548	5.27
Total	21,929	21,942	21,756	23,376	5.53	5.28	21,482	5.49
Mon-Wed	65,805(A)						65,443(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 04-May-05 is estimated to be 32,808,000 head up 1.77 percent from a week ago and up 5.03 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,236,000, last year 31,238,000)

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	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS		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 07-May-05

CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
	CURRENT WEEK 05/07/05 (1)	PREVIOUS WEEK 04/30/05
Broiler/fryer	168,339 (2)	164,965
Light hens	1,763	1,759
Heavy hens	1,475	1,350
Total	171,577	168,074

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 07-May-05 is 166.1 million head compared to 159.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 168.7 million head or 2.6 million more than estimated available. For the week of 14-May-05 the estimated available is 166.3 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 05/02/05	112,518		48,154	
AM 04/01/05	101,666		49,856	
CHG	10,852		-1,702	
PCT CHG	11		-3	

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	05/02/05	04/25/05	05/03/04	05/02/05	04/25/05	05/03/04
PACIFIC COAST	4,152	4,113	7,835	5,919	5,874	3,254
LOS ANGELES	48	41	381	3,172	3,127	1,767

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 MAY 2, 2005

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

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	FOR 05/03/05			FOR 05/03/05		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.50	.65	.58	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.	-	2.40	-	PULLETS ea.	5.00	6.25
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	-	1.00	-	RABBITS ea.	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	3.00	7.50
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	6.00
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	1.00	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-			
TOTAL COOPS	31					

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending April 29, 2005

	Whole		Legs W/Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
	Chickens	Breasts				
RAYON						
Low	73.37	131.17	69.69	12.30	10.25	63.54
High	74.60	135.27	73.78	16.40	12.30	63.54
Mostly	73.37	131.17	69.69	14.35	10.25	63.54
SAN JUAN						
Low	71.33	131.17	65.59	16.40	8.20	61.08
High	74.60	139.37	73.78	18.45	12.30	61.08
Mostly	73.37	131.17	69.69	16.40	10.25	61.08
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	72.14	127.07	69.69	16.40	8.20	56.98
High	76.65	139.37	77.88	20.50	14.35	56.98
Mostly	73.37	131.17	69.69	16.40	8.20	56.98
BECERRA						
Low	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
High	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Mostly	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was moderate to good, with best movement where featured. Offerings ranged from sufficient to well cleared. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 71 to 83 cents. Trade sentiment was steady to full steady. Breast items were adequate, but not as available as early week. Dark meat items were generally well balanced to short and were usually held with confidence. Wings were irregular.

*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	62-86
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	74.95
NO. OF BOXES	10,710

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