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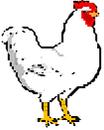
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

 Majority prices for next week were mostly trending unchanged in all areas. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Retail demand entering the weekend was light to moderate, best where features were present. Food service was moderate to fairly good, best into fast food. Supplies were usually sufficient with lighter weight product in the closest balance. Seasonal truck shortages continued, resulting in problems for deliveries and supply availability. In the parts structure, trading was fair to moderate. Dark meat was close balanced to tight, aided by export business, and continued to be held with confidence. Breast items were at least adequate to ample with tenders slow to clear, and wings were not as plentiful, but still easy to obtain. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy, 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 16-MAY-2005 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

| AREAS | MAJORITY RANGE | WTD AVG | LOADS |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------|-------|
| (Including branded product) | | | |
| Delivered to First Receivers | | | |
| Chicago | 66.00-69.00 56.00-76.00 | 68.15 | 29 |
| New York | 71.00-73.00 | | |
| Los Angeles | 80.00 | | |
| Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent | | | |
| Mississippi | 73.00-76.00 60.00-79.00 | 73.57 | 94 |

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 74.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

| LOADS | RANGE | FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG. |
|-------|-------------|--------------------------|
| 991 | 70.15-76.15 | 74.15 |

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:

| ITEM | WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND) | VOLUME (000 POUNDS) |
|------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| LINE RUN TENDERS | 178.50 | 1,224 |
| BREASTS - B/S | 146.50 | 5,764 |
| BREASTS - WHOLE | 82.00 | 1,313 |
| THIGH MEAT - B/S | 102.00 | 1,057 |
| LEG QUARTERS | 38.50 | 7,029 |
| WINGS | 84.50 | 3,009 |

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

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices were unchanged from Monday's final. Trade sentiment was steady. Offerings adequate with lighter birds in close balance. Unavailable transportation was credited with creating some supply/delivery problems. Ohio and Michigan noted demand into all channels was tapering with other major terminals noting a continuation of light to moderate demand into retail and moderate to fairly good into food service. Floor stocks adequate to in close balance; weights desirable to heavy. Offerings on parts were limited with most of trade indicating a fairly good balance in complex today. The market tone was fully steady to firm on dark meat, steady on all other parts, except tenderloins remained weak.

SOUTHERN BROILER Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand entering the weekend was light to moderate, best for active retail ads, fast food, and where weekend needs increased. Supplies were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was fair to moderate. Dark meat continued to move well, aided by export interest, with supplies no more than adequate to tight. Breast items were at least sufficient, ample for tenders, and wings were available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The preliminary majority prices were unchanged throughout the region. The market tone was mainly steady to fully steady. Trading reported for next week deliveries at unchanged prices on regular commitments and unchanged to slightly higher on new negotiations. Offerings of whole body product in close balance to adequate for immediate trade needs. Small sized product confidently held. Retailer demand was moderate to fairly good best for parts. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers. The market tone was fully steady to firm on dark meat items, wings barely steady and breasts started to show some strength.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers increased slightly entering the weekend and was noted as moderate to fairly good. Offerings were in good balance to tight on 3 pound and lighter sizes; adequate to fully adequate on the heavier sizes. Retail and distributive movement was mostly moderate. The market tone was mostly steady to at least steady. In the parts complex, breast items were fully adequate. Dark meat cuts were sufficient to well cleared. Wings were at least adequate. Tenders were available.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds generally increased entering the weekend and was fairly good overall. Seller offerings were well balanced to fully adequate, and were in the closer balance on the smaller sizes. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 71 to 83 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, breast items were fully adequate to ample with bone-in breasts noted as in closer balance with needs. Leg items were adequate to well cleared. Wings were less readily available, but were at least adequate.

*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 | | 62-90 |
| WEIGHTED AVERAGE | | 73.19 |
| NO. OF BOXES | | 9,018 |
| CUMULATIVE | 05/09/05-05/13/05 | 74.36 |
| | 05/10/04-05/14/04 | 82.78 |
| NO. OF BOXES | 05/09/05-05/13/05 | 38,611 |
| | 05/10/04-05/14/04 | 33,683 |

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

MAY 13

| ITEM | POUNDS | | | | POUNDS | | | | | WEEKLY WTD AVG | |
|---------------------|-------------------|---------------|----------|---------|-------------------|---------------|----------|---------|-------|----------------|--------|
| | (000) | RANGE | MAJORITY | WTD AVG | (000) | RANGE | MAJORITY | WTD AVG | (000) | | |
| BREAST - B/S | 565 | 120.00-195.00 | 122-125 | 131.53 | 600 | 122.00-148.00 | 125-130 | 130.14 | 3,290 | 128.41 | |
| TENDERLOINS | 268 | 112.00-185.00 | - | 135.13 | 143 | 132.00-178.00 | 140-145 | 141.78 | 1,170 | 146.21 | |
| BREAST - LINE RUN | 82 | 79.00-89.00 | 82-85 | 84.76 | 82 | 79.00-89.00 | 82-85 | 84.63 | 417 | 84.38 | |
| FRONT HALVES | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | | 245 | 74.55 |
| LEGS | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | | 281 | 51.87 |
| LEG QUARTERS (BULK) | 558 | 35.00-39.00 | 36-37 | 36.63 | 527 | 36.00-39.00 | 37-38 | 37.47 | 2,637 | 36.80 | |
| LEG QUARTERS (4/10) | 980 | 37.00-43.00 | 38-39 | 38.98 | 1,140 | 36.00-42.00 | 39-40 | 39.18 | 4,990 | 38.91 | |
| WINGS (WHOLE) | 300 | 71.00-85.00 | 79-82 | 80.37 | 300 | 71.00-85.00 | 80-82 | 80.70 | 1,500 | 80.63 | |
| WINGS (CUT) | 431 | 88.00-102.00 | 95-99 | 96.51 | 350 | 88.00-99.00 | 95-97 | 96.63 | 1,995 | 97.08 | |
| DRUMSTICKS | 83 | 50.00-56.00 | - | 54.52 | 68 | 50.00-56.00 | - | 55.29 | 380 | 54.22 | |
| THIGHS | 53 | 48.00-53.00 | - | 50.19 | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | | 185 | 50.86 |
| B/S THIGHS | 125 | 95.00-110.00 | - | 101.72 | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | | 565 | 101.94 |

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
 TRADING FOR MAY 12, 2005 F.O.B. DOCK.

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
 TRADING FOR MAY 13, 2005 F.O.B. DOCK.

| RANGE | TODAY'S AVERAGE | RANGE | TODAY'S AVERAGE | 5-DAY AVERAGE |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 52.50 - 59.00 | 55.82 | 53.00 - 59.00 | 56.24 | 55.73 |

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 and was noted as mostly moderate entering the weekend. Offerings of breast items were more than sufficient for current needs. Tenders were available and slow to clear. Wings were at least adequate. Leg quarters, drums and thighs were in close balance to tight. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm on dark meat cuts. Breast items and wings were generally steady. Tenders were weak.
 ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

MAY 12, 2005

MAY 13, 2005

| ITEM | CURRENT NEG | | | CURRENT NEG | | | WEEKLY | | |
|----------------------------|-------------|-----------|---------|-------------|-----------|---------|---------|-----------|--|
| | TRADING* | WTD AVG** | VOL/LBS | TRADING* | WTD AVG** | VOL/LBS | WTD AVG | VOL/LBS | |
| BREAST - B/S | 140 | 139.93 | 627,720 | 140 | 139.94 | 674,080 | 139.19 | 3,134,460 | |
| TENDERLOINS | 145 | 152.57 | 99,720 | 140-145 | 148.13 | 129,920 | 151.23 | 571,219 | |
| BREAST - WITH RIBS | 82-83 | 92.51 | 100,040 | 82-83 | 91.67 | 121,760 | 92.06 | 585,280 | |
| BREAST - LINE RUN | 82 | 81.95 | 111,240 | 82 | 83.32 | 96,840 | 82.81 | 459,600 | |
| LEGS | 52-53 | 56.12 | 114,480 | 52-53 | 53.02 | 215,400 | 53.52 | 937,040 | |
| LEG QUARTERS (BULK) | 38-39 | 38.18 | 259,000 | 39-40 | 39.48 | 313,080 | 38.60 | 1,659,057 | |
| DRUMSTICKS | 43-44 | 51.02 | 133,360 | 43-44 | 48.80 | 124,280 | 47.74 | 705,380 | |
| THIGHS | 43-44 | 51.24 | 109,320 | 44-45 | 54.74 | 61,760 | 52.30 | 425,900 | |
| B/S THIGHS | 103-104 | 96.67 | 81,480 | 104-105 | 99.84 | 97,800 | 98.44 | 534,760 | |
| WINGS (WHOLE) | 82-83 | 86.89 | 138,800 | 82-83 | 89.92 | 146,400 | 89.61 | 727,360 | |
| BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED) | 10-12 | 11.64 | 18,920 | 10-12 | 11.71 | 23,840 | 11.86 | 110,720 | |
| LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS) | 35-40 | 31.19 | 11,280 | 35-40 | 29.45 | 12,320 | 31.23 | 81,080 | |
| GIZZARDS (HEARTS) | 45-50 | 49.07 | 15,480 | 45-50 | 49.64 | 23,080 | 48.91 | 109,840 | |

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. 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 WT | | ACTUAL | | AVG WTS | |
|----------------|------------|---------|---------|---------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | (1,000) | (1,000) | (1,000) | (1,000) | (1,000) | (1,000) | (1,000) | (1,000) | (1,000) | (1,000) |
| Alabama | 4,269 | 4,053 | 3,916 | 3,986 | 5.24 | 5.29 | 4,043 | 5.25 | 4,043 | 5.25 |
| Arkansas | 5,192 | 5,420 | 5,405 | 5,402 | 5.01 | 5.18 | 5,523 | 5.11 | 5,523 | 5.11 |
| Delmarva | 2,175 | 2,136 | 2,283 | 2,275 | 5.61 | 5.69 | 2,071 | 5.67 | 2,071 | 5.67 |
| KY-LA-TN | 2,198 | 2,210 | 2,254 | 2,208 | 4.97 | 5.07 | 2,372 | 4.98 | 2,372 | 4.98 |
| Mississippi | 3,494 | 3,339 | 2,911 | 3,375 | 5.75 | 5.64 | 3,944 | 5.64 | 3,944 | 5.64 |
| North Carolina | 2,569 | 2,554 | 2,485 | 2,468 | 6.53 | 6.61 | 3,069 | 6.51 | 3,069 | 6.51 |
| Texas | 2,596 | 2,604 | 2,523 | 2,549 | 5.26 | 5.33 | 2,563 | 5.23 | 2,563 | 5.23 |
| Total | 22,493 | 22,316 | 21,777 | 22,263 | 5.41 | 5.49 | 23,585 | 5.43 | 23,585 | 5.43 |
| Mon-Fri | 110,919(A) | | | | 110,922 (A) | | | | | |

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 13-May-05 and 14-May-05 is estimated to be 33,652,000 head down 4.92 percent from a week ago and up 1.08 percent from a year ago.
 (Last week 35,392,000, last year 33,292,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 14-May-05 is estimated to be 161,655,000 head down 1.43 percent from a week ago, and up 2.01 percent from a year ago.
 (Last week 163,999,000, last year 158,470,000)

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 | DRY PACK | RANGE |
|------------------|----------|----------|---------|
| FRESH FRYERS | | | 105-107 |
| ROASTERS 4# & UP | | | 105-108 |
| HENS OVER 5# | | | 108-111 |
| DUCKS | | | 111 |
| | | | 89-93 |
| | | | 89-95 |
| | | | 180-192 |

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 30-Apr-05 (Preliminary),

| | (A) Fast food/ Food service 4.20 Lbs. & down | (B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs. | (C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs. & up |
|----------------------|--|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| -----THOUSANDS----- | | | |
| Head | 32,480 | 17,442 | 56,160 |
| Avg Weight | 3.76 | 4.77 | 6.65 |
| % of total /1 | 31% | 16% | 53% |
| Comparisons | | | |
| Last week | 28,432 | 19,382 | 53,241 |
| Avg Weight | 3.74 | 4.71 | 6.40 |
| % of total /1 | 28% | 19% | 53% |
| Same week, yr ago /2 | 24,546 | 22,584 | 48,500 |
| Avg Weight | 3.72 | 4.76 | 6.35 |
| % of total /1 | 26% | 24% | 51% |
| To date/2005 | 474,525 | 349,866 | 827,801 |
| To date/2004 | 444,040 | 372,914 | 754,210 |

/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 07-May-2005 | YOUNG CHICKENS | LIGHT HENS | HEAVY HENS | TOTAL HENS | DUCKS |
|---------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------|
| -----THOUSANDS----- | | | | | |
| Head | 163,999 | 1,604 | 1,485 | 3,089 | 514 |
| Avg Wt | 5.30 | 3.21 | 8.26 | 5.64 | 6.74 |
| Last week | 162,731 | 1,715 | 1,437 | 3,152 | 514 |
| Same wk yr ago | 157,101 | 1,328 | 1,354 | 2,682 | 467 |
| Avg Wt | 5.33 | 3.22 | 7.97 | 5.62 | 6.65 |
| To-date/2005 | 2,835,506 | 27,699 | 24,211 | 51,910 | 9,103 |
| To-date/2004 | 2,768,092 | 23,385 | 22,959 | 46,344 | 8,286 |

(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 166.0 million head, or 0.1 million less than estimated available.

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - MAY 10, 2005

PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

| | RANGE | RANGE |
|--------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|
| Muscovy Ducks - Drakes | 1.45 - 1.50 | Silkie 3.00 - 6.00 ea |
| Muscovy Ducks - Hens | 1.75 - 1.80 | Geese 9-14 LBS .40 - .60 |
| Pekin Ducks | 6.00 - 6.10ea. | Pigeons 5.15 - 5.25 ea |
| Red Fowl 4-5 LBS | .40 - .60 | White Pigeons 6.25 - 7.00 ea |
| Red Fowl 5-6 LBS | .70 - .90 | Rabbits 4-6 LBS 1.60 - 1.70 |
| Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS | .80 - .90 | Rabbits 6-9 LBS 1.20 - 1.30 |
| Crossbred Roasters 4-6 LBS | .90 - 1.00 | Bunnies 4.00 - 7.00 ea |
| Crossbred Roasters 7-11 LBS | .75 - .80 | Guinea Pigs .25 - 1.00 ea |
| Guinea Fowl | 1.55 - 2.00ea. | Goats 40.00 - 50.00 ea |
| Banty Roasters | 3.00 - 4.00ea. | Kid Goats 37.00 - 40.00 ea |
| Banty Hens | 1.50 - 2.00ea. | Doves 4.50 - 6.00 ea |
| Leghorn Hens | 1.35 - 1.55ea. | Pullets 4-6 LBS .90 |
| | | Total Coops Sold 592 |

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 09-MAY-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) | 65.00-74.50 | 72.00-74.00 |
| VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX) | 71.00-86.50 | 75.00-79.00 |

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 were unchanged. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady. Demand was good to very good. Supplies were adequate to balanced. Schedules full-time to over-time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$3.50-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.45-1.95, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$0.50-0.65, livers at \$0.95-1.70, and feet at \$1.00-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 09-MAY-2005

| ORIGIN | FROZEN | FRESH |
|--------------------|---------|---------|
| MIDWEST AND OTHERS | 126-146 | 128-148 |

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

| WEEK ENDING | MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED | MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE | PCT | AVG WT |
|--------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|------|--------|
| 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 |
| | 30 164.7 | 166.1 | 99% | 5.46 |
| May | 7 166.0 | 166.1 | 100% | 5.30 |
| Year to date | 2869.9 | 2935.2 | 98% | |
| May | 14 | 166.3 | | |
| | 21 | 166.3 | | |

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection

| W/E | -----THOUSANDS----- | | | | |
|----------|---------------------|----------|-------|----------|-------|
| | 05/14/05 | 05/07/05 | % CHG | 05/15/04 | % CHG |
| Broilers | 161,655 | 163,999* | -1.43 | 158,470* | +2.01 |
| Cattle | 649 | 656 | -01 | 691* | -06 |
| Hogs | 1,819 | 1,850 | -02 | 1,843* | -01 |

*ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading was too few to report on heavy canners; unchanged 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 supplies being used internally. Offerings were fully adequate for light canners; at least 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

| | |
|--|--|
| LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) 24-30 MAJORITY 27-29 | HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS) TOO FEW TO REPORT |
|--|--|

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

| | |
|--|--|
| LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) 25-31 MAJORITY 28-30 | HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS) 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 unchanged when compared to a week ago. Demand ranged fair to good for current trade needs. Offerings of spent hens was fully adequate to ample. Processing schedules were noted as normal to instances heavy. Trade sentiment was steady.

| | RANGE | MAJORITY |
|--------------|-------|----------|
| REMOVAL COST | 3-13 | 8-11 |

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Costs required for disposal of leghorn fowl were too few to report. Demand was light for adequate offerings. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were reduced. Values were expected to remain constant.

| | RANGE | MAJORITY |
|--------------|-------|-------------------|
| REMOVAL COST | | TOO FEW TO REPORT |

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Removal costs unchanged. Offerings were fully adequate to ample with demand mostly good. Trade sentiment steady.

| | RANGE | MAJORITY |
|--------------|-------|----------|
| REMOVAL COST | 5-8.5 | 7-8 |

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

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR
SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 16-MAY-05

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

| RANGE | MAJORITY |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| 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 moderate for adequate offerings. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

| | RANGE | MAJORITY |
|-----------------------|-------|-------------------|
| AT FARM BUYER LOADING | | TOO FEW TO REPORT |

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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