



Fast Food Fax

MAY 23, 2005

Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was moderate to good, best where features were in progress. In the parts complex, breast items were at least adequate to fully adequate. Dark meat cuts were in close balance and clearing satisfactorily. Wings were fully adequate. Weights were in a full range but were mostly desirable.

The "SOURCE" of Poultry and Egg Market Information

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Young Chickens Slaughtered under Federal Inspection Classified by Weight, WEEKENDING: May. 07, 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)	27,884	20,305	56,085	104,274
Percentage	27%	19%	54%	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.	3,858	3.70
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2 lbs., 8 oz. - 2 lbs., 10 oz.	7,263	6.97
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2 lbs., 10 oz., -2 lbs., 12 oz.	12,896	12.37
4.01 - 4.20 lbs.	2 lbs., 12 oz. - 2 lbs., 14 oz.l	<u>3,867</u>	<u>3.71</u>
		27,884	26.74

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)	%**
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
Apr 16	213,756	100	176,618	102	213,234	103	176,799	105	158,035	100
Apr 23	214,034	100	175,287	101	213,830	103	176,267	104	161,112	102
Apr 30	214,496	101	178,776	102	213,897	102	176,772	103	162,731	101
May 07	214,203	101	177,440	101	213,989	101	176,235	102	163,999	101
May 14	216,003	101	178,071	102	214,750	102	176,843	103	163,338	100

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 05/23/05				
NEW YORK Grade A Ice-packed	71-73	71.29	71.38	82.72
CHICAGO Grade A Ice-packed	66-69	68.81	68.76	79.44
LOS ANGELES Grade A Ice-packed	80	79.63	79.63	82.28
12-CITY COMPOSITE Weighted Avg.		73.20	72.14	81.77
GEORGIA DOCK FOB Wtd. Avg. (Wed Dock 7425)		73.18	73.42	77.04
SOUTHERN STATES FOB Whole Body 5 Day Avg.		56.82	55.74	79.74

Broiler/Fryer Parts (cents/lb.)	Northeast (Delivered)	Southern States (FOB)	Georgia (FOB)
Weekly Weighted Average	05/20/05	05/20/05	05/23/05
Breast - B/S	137.40	128.00	145.50
Tenderloins	135.28	136.62	176.50 (Line run)
Breast - Line Run	83.46	83.94	83.50 (Whole)
Leg Quarters	39.37	38.32	38.50
Wings	86.69	80.41	84.50