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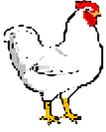
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

 Majority prices in the major terminal markets were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Retail demand was seasonal and reported as moderate to good going into the weekend. Overall, interest was clearing available offerings, but buyers were not aggressive. Food service was light to good with best movement into fast food outlets. Supplies of whole product was sufficient for trade needs, but the Eastern region was tight on smaller sizes. Trucks were short of needs for both short and long hauls. In the parts structure, trading was fair to good going into the weekend. Dark meat was reported as in close balance to short, breast items were adequate to occasionally short. Wings although slightly improved, along with fronts were irregular but usually available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy 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 04-JUL-2005 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	65.00-68.00	50.00-77.00	67.46	29
New York	71.00-74.00			
Los Angeles	81.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	75.00-78.00	59.00-82.00	74.63	91

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 74.75 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.
944	70.31-77.48	74.64

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	172.00	1,171
BREASTS - B/S	151.50	5,289
BREASTS - WHOLE	84.50	1,261
THIGH MEAT - B/S	105.50	948
LEG QUARTERS	42.50	6,352
WINGS	83.00	2,812

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

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment was steady. Additional whole fryer offers adequate for current buyers needs. Retail movement in a full range, light to instances good, best where featured. Distributive demand fair to good, best into fast food channels. Floor stocks were adequate. Sizes desirable. Expectations are for increased activity for the approaching holiday weekend and first of the month business. Supplies of dark meat items barely adequate to tight with the balance of parts adequate. The market tone on dark meat was fully steady, steady on breast items, and barely steady on wings.

SOUTHERN BROILER Trade sentiment was steady with majority prices trend unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand for the holiday weekend improved and was fair to good, but not aggressive. Supplies were usually sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was light to good. Dark meat was balanced to short and moving well. Breast items were close balanced with improved movement reported. Fronts and wings were adequate. Trucks remain very short of needs with some reports that loads were sold but can't make deliveries. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at generally desirable weights. Slaughter is fairly heavy due in part to Saturday kill. Some plants will be running on Monday.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was steady with most trading for next week at unchanged prices. Offerings in good balance. Retailer demand good to cover the holiday weekend. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers continued moderate to good entering the holiday weekend. Offerings were fully sufficient on the larger sizes; 3 pound and lighter sizes were in good balance to well cleared. Retail and distributive movement was mostly moderate. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, breast items and most dark meat cuts were in good balance and clearing satisfactorily. Wings were fully adequate.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was quite active as buyers looked to secure last minute supplies for the holiday extended weekend. Offerings were adequate on the larger sizes, generally well cleared on the smaller. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were very heavy when combined with operations planned for Saturday. Plants were scheduled to close Monday, July 4th. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 72 to 83 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. Breast items were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Leg cuts were adequate to short. Wings were fully 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	68-89
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	(A)
	06/27/05-07/01/05
	06/28/04-07/02/04
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
	06/27/05-07/01/05
	06/28/04-07/02/04
	(A)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS										
JUNE 30					JULY 01					
ITEM	POUNDS		WTD		POUNDS		WTD		WTD AVG	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG		
BREAST - B/S	695	135.00-205.00	138-142	143.68	685	135.00-210.00	140-145	144.60	3,665	
TENDERLOINS	586	117.00-179.00	125-129	128.25	173	119.00-195.00	125-129	128.70	1,455	
BREAST - LINE RUN	99	82.00-89.00	84-85	85.20	124	79.00-92.00	81-84	85.85	494	
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				266	65.05
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				58	50.00-66.00	53-55	56.86	260	56.68
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	556	40.00-45.00	42-43	42.41	596	41.00-44.00	42-43	42.59	2,772	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,160	41.00-47.00	44-45	43.98	1,040	42.00-47.00	44-45	44.50	6,086	
WINGS (WHOLE)	286	67.00-85.00	80-82	79.92	291	70.00-85.00	80-82	80.43	1,422	
WINGS (CUT)	315	87.00-96.00	92-94	93.98	365	87.00-94.00	90-93	92.70	1,832	
DRUMSTICKS	90	52.00-66.00	-	54.56	68	56.00-66.00	-	57.18	372	
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				134	55.50
B/S THIGHS	75	102.00-113.00	-	105.53	65	100.00-113.00	-	107.23	400	
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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS					WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS					
TRADING FOR Jun 30, 2005 F.O.B. DOCK.					TRADING FOR JULY 01, 2005 F.O.B. DOCK.					
<u>RANGE</u>		<u>TODAY'S AVERAGE</u>			<u>RANGE</u>		<u>TODAY'S AVERAGE</u>		<u>5-DAY AVERAGE</u>	
50.50 - 56.50		52.94			52.00 - 56.50		53.80		53.55	

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 under holiday demand and was mostly moderate to good overall. Offerings of breast items were in good balance to tight. Dark meat cuts were balanced to well cleared. Wings were fully adequate. Retail and distributive movement was moderate. The market tone was fully steady to firm on breast items and most dark meat items. Wings were barely steady.

ICE PACKED B/F PARTS, DLVRD TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER LB.

JUNE 30									
ITEM	CURRENT NEG		WTD		CURRENT NEG		WTD		WEEKLY
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	AVG**	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	
BREAST - B/S	150	140.57	608,320		150-155	145.09	619,080	141.13	2,393,620
TENDERLOINS	125	123.35	140,320		125	123.99	120,240	124.06	609,408
BREAST - WITH RIBS	86-87	95.43	123,800		87-88	92.31	88,120	92.32	500,880
BREAST - LINE RUN	86	87.86	63,000		87	89.29	90,160	87.12	374,360
LEGS	56-57	59.17	178,600		57-58	60.84	121,400	59.02	657,720
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	43-44	42.75	357,400		44-45	45.02	312,089	43.10	1,569,441
DRUMSTICKS	59-60	61.27	86,000		60-61	61.08	115,200	60.68	457,760
THIGHS	53-54	55.84	74,360		53-54	60.34	68,600	57.36	314,200
B/S THIGHS	104-105	98.82	49,480		104-105	100.47	69,040	99.33	281,400
WINGS (WHOLE)	80-81	87.58	82,560		80-81	91.61	75,560	90.37	430,000
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.13	15,240		10-12	11.89	23,520	11.69	77,440
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	31.05	14,520		35-40	31.12	14,720	32.24	66,720
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	47.98	21,240		45-50	49.61	20,920	49.02	113,340

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	
	07/01	06/30	06/29	06/28	06/29	06/28	06/24	06/22		
Alabama	5,379	4,043	3,995	3,931	5.23	5.28	4,387	5.26		
Arkansas	5,611	5,503	5,410	5,442	5.08	5.08	6,335	5.14		
Delmarva	3,076	2,325	2,303	2,288	5.72	5.74	2,525	5.68		
KY-LA-TN	2,509	2,339	2,246	2,280	4.93	4.96	2,404	5.01		
Mississippi	4,558	3,101	2,963	2,840	5.61	5.61	3,024	5.57		
North Carolina	4,048	2,542	2,473	2,380	6.49	6.37	3,325	6.58		
Texas	2,572	2,526	2,502	2,361	5.19	5.32	3,561	5.24		
Total	27,753	22,379	21,892	21,522	5.40	5.41	25,561	5.44		
Mon-Fri	116,742(A)						113,386 (A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 01-Jul-05 and 02-Jul-05 is estimated to be 42,687,000 head up 8.25 percent from a week ago and up 21.08 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 39,434,000, last year 35,256,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 02-Jul-05 is estimated to be 178,072,000 head up 4.04 percent from a week ago, and up 10.68 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 171,159,000, last year 160,885,000)

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	-
CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

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

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 18-Jun-05 (Preliminary),

	(A) Fast food/ Food service	(B) Retail	(C) Deboning
	4.20 Lbs. & down	4.21-5.25 Lbs.	5.26 Lbs. & Up
-----THOUSANDS-----			
Head	26,026	26,861	44,300
Avg Weight	3.74	4.78	6.41
% of total /1	27%	28%	46%
Comparisons			
Last week	27,603	21,673	51,143
Avg Weight	3.76	4.74	6.46
% of total /1	27%	22%	51%
Same week, yr ago /2	26,658	21,105	46,488
Avg Weight	3.81	4.78	6.36
% of total /1	28%	22%	49%
To date/2005	661,559	524,841	1,176,369
To date/2004	638,064	518,778	1,077,989

/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

WEEK ENDING 25-Jun-2005 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	171,159	1,658	1,572	3,230	476
Avg Wt	5.29	3.20	8.18	5.62	6.65
Last week	169,799	1,569	1,462	3,031	415
Same wk yr ago	162,023	1,456	1,449	2,905	484
Avg Wt	5.35	3.37	8.19	5.77	6.59
To-date/2005	3,980,119	38,864	34,521	73,385	12,476
To-date/2004	3,871,440	33,245	32,412	65,657	11,594

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 167.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 173.2 million head, or 5.6 million more than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD		PCT	AVG WT	
	SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE			
May	21	165.0	166.3	99%	5.30
	28	164.0	166.5	98%	5.23
June	4	149.9	165.9	90%	5.30
	11	169.2	167.1	101%	5.35
	18	171.9	168.3	102%	5.36
	25	173.2	167.6	103%	5.29
Year to date		4,028.4	4,103.2	98%	
July	2		167.2		
	9		166.8		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection

W/E	-----THOUSANDS-----				
	07/01/05	06/24/05	% CHG	07/02/04	% CHG
Broilers	42,687	39,434*	+04	160,885*	+11
Cattle	652	643	+01	646*	+01
Hogs	1,879	1,879	0	1,815*	+03

*ACTUAL

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 27-JUN-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)	62.00-75.50	67.00-74.50
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	67.00-86.50	72.00-78.00

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 remained unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Demand was moderate to usually good. Supplies were in balance to adequate for current needs. Schedules full-time to reduced next week due to the holiday. 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.

PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 27-JUN-2005

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

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION -PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED**AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY** DATE OF AUCTION: JUNE 28, 2005

	RANGE
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.35 - .45
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.60 - .70
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.60 - .75
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.50 - .60
Guinea Fowl	.80 - 1.10
Banty Roosters	3.00 - 3.25 ea.
Banty Hens	2.00 - 2.25 ea.
Silkie	3.00 - 3.50 ea.
Pigeons	2.00 - 2.50 ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	.70 - .85
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	.75 - .90
Bunnies	.75 - 1.75 ea.
Guinea Pigs	.05 ea.
Kid Goats	27.00 - 35.00 ea.

Total Coops Sold 480

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

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST
LIGHT CANNER HENS **HEAVY CANNER HENS**
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) **(WITHOUT NECKS)**
 23-30 MAJORITY 26-27 TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED
LIGHT CANNER HENS **HEAVY CANNER HENS**
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) **(WITHOUT NECKS)**
 24-33 MAJORITY 27.5-28.5 TOO FEW SALES 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 Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week ago. Demand was moderate to moderately good. Offerings of spent hens was fully adequate to ample for current trade needs. Processing schedules were mostly normal. Trade sentiment was steady. **RANGE** **MAJORITY**
 REMOVAL COST 3-13 9-11

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Disposal costs were too few to report. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were fair. Salvage values were expected to remain constant. **RANGE** **MAJORITY**
 REMOVAL COST TOO FEW TO REPORT

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Majority prices on removal costs for spent hens was unchanged. Offerings were ample with demand fairly good to good. Many producers were utilizing rendering operations as slaughter operations were currently running at capacity. Trade sentiment unsettled. **RANGE** **MAJORITY**
 REMOVAL COST .5-14 5-6

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plant schedules light to moderate. Offerings adequate.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
 PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR
 SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 04-JULY-05

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was mostly fair to moderate for the at least adequate to fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules for next week were noted as less than normal due to the holiday. Sales of finished product were generally sufficient 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	

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS Trading levels were too few to report. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. **RANGE** **MAJORITY**

AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT
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* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.



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