



USDA BROILER MARKET NEWS REPORT

ISSN 1522-0567

WEDNESDAY
JULY 06, 2005
VOL. 52 NO. 80

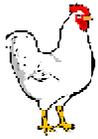
U.S. Department of Agriculture

Agricultural Marketing Service

Poultry Programs

Market News Branch

NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail demand was moderate but not aggressive for adequate but limited offerings. Floor stocks were adequate to tight due in part to Monday's down time. Food service demand was light to moderate, best for fast food and catering services. Supplies of all sizes were limited but usually sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was mostly moderate. Dark meat was in good balance to tight and continued to clear well. Breast items were adequate, and wings were at least sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were irregular, but mostly desirable. The Composite Weighted Average price for 07/05/05 was 71.27 compared to 71.76 last week, and 83.44 a year ago.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 74.75 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 81.00 cents last year on July 07, 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	172.00
BREASTS - B/S	152.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	85.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	107.00
LEG QUARTERS	43.00
WINGS	82.50

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

SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand was fair to good, due in part to Monday's down time. Supplies and offerings were balanced but clearing with limited availability reported. In the parts structure, movement was moderate to fairly good. Dark meat was balanced to mostly short. Breast items were balanced to usually adequate. Wings were in a better position, but still sufficient for needs. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was moderate to fairly good during midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes were generally sufficient for current trade needs. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was at least steady. In the parts complex, breast items and most dark meat cuts were in good balance and clearing satisfactorily. Wings were at least adequate.

MIDWEST Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment was steady. Additional whole fryer offers were adequate for current light buyer interest. Fill in trading noted into the Chicago area on 3 up wogs at 54 cents. Retail and food service movement was light to instances good with specials and fast food providing the best interest. Floor stocks were adequate to instances short. Sizes were in a desirable range. Supplies of dark meat cuts were barely adequate to instances 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.

WESTERN The market tone was generally steady. Offerings were adequate overall. Retailer demand was fairly good where features in progress elsewhere only moderate. Floor stocks mainly adequate.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES	WEEK ENDING 07/02/05		PERCENT CHANGE
	2005	2004	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	210,148	210,618	0
CHICKS PLACED	177,635	176,751	+01

Broiler Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 210 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 2, 2005. This was down slightly 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.

Broiler Chicks Up 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 178 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 2, 2005. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through July 2, 2005 were 4.58 billion, up 2 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 13-Aug-05 is estimated at 163.8 million head. This compares to 163.7 million head the previous week and to 165.1 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 163.0 million head and the composite weighted average price was 75.97 cents per pound.

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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 (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	680	134.00-196.00	-	143.29
TENDERLOINS	213	119.00-195.00	127-131	131.24
BREAST - LINE RUN	129	84.00-91.00	85-87	86.24
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	98	54.00-66.00	55-57	56.20
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	596	42.00-46.00	43-44	43.58
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	930	44.00-48.00	45-46	45.14
WINGS (WHOLE)	276	70.00-85.00	80-84	82.65
WINGS (CUT)	327	87.00-97.00	93-95	93.31
DRUMSTICKS	68	57.00-66.00	-	58.06
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS	50	107.00-114.00	-	109.80

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR JUNE 06, 2005 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
53.00 - 57.50	55.04	53.99

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 and was mostly moderate during midweek trading. Offerings of bone-in breasts were in good balance to well cleared; boneless skinless breasts were adequate. Dark meat cuts continued to clear well. Wings were at least sufficient for current trade needs. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was steady to fully steady on breast items, fully steady to instances firm on most dark meat items. Wings were no better than steady.

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

ITEM	CURRENT		WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
	NEGOTIATED TRADING*			
BREAST - B/S	150-155		146.03	548,670
TENDERLOINS	125		128.03	145,498
BREAST - WITH RIBS	87-88		92.58	131,160
BREAST - LINE RUN	87		89.00	81,400
LEGS	58-59		60.91	109,280
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	44-45		44.02	328,760
DRUMSTICKS	61-62		59.45	129,440
THIGHS	53-54		56.16	80,340
B/S THIGHS	104-105		102.94	83,020
WINGS (WHOLE)	80-81		84.99	123,560
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12		11.87	16,600
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40		32.31	17,640
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50		50.08	18,360

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) 07/06	(1,000) 07/05	(1,000) 07/04	(1,000) 07/01	(1,000) 07/04	(1,000) 07/01	(1,000) 06/29	(1,000) 06/27
Alabama	4,042	4,098	(A)	5,135	(A)	4.86	3,995	5.32
Arkansas	5,570	5,165	(A)	5,647	(A)	4.76	5,410	5.13
Delmarva	2,352	2,290	(A)	3,125	(A)	5.79	2,303	5.74
KY-LA-TN	2,327	2,338	(A)	3,165	(A)	4.59	2,246	5.07
Mississippi	3,101	3,098	(A)	4,551	(A)	5.42	2,963	5.50
North Carolina	2,527	2,460	(A)	4,766	(A)	6.62	2,473	6.67
Texas	2,481	2,482	(A)	2,517	(A)	5.00	2,502	5.24
Total	22,400	21,931	2,942	28,906	4.95	5.30	21,892	5.45
Mon-Wed	46,067(B)						65,377(B)	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 06-Jul-05 is estimated to be 34,454,000 head up 2.01 percent from a week ago and up 4.07 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 33,774,000, last year 33,105,000)

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

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 09-Jul-05

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	07/09/05 (1)		07/02/05	
	THOUSAND HEAD			
Broiler/fryer	148,056	(2)	174,838	
Light hens	1,296		1,557	
Heavy hens	1,212		1,461	
Total	150,564		177,856	

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 09-Jul-05 is 166.8 million head compared to 147.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 148.4 million head or 18.4 million less than estimated available. For the week of 16-Jul-05 the estimated available is 166.6 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 07/04/05	116,948		47,021	
AM 06/01/05	116,134		46,132	
CHG	814		889	
PCT CHG	1		2	

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	07/04/05	06/27/05	07/05/04	07/04/05	06/27/05	07/05/04
PACIFIC COAST	4,020	4,024	9,353	6,026	6,087	4,398
LOS ANGELES	73	81	366	3,389	3,507	2,980

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 JULY 4, 2005

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

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES FOR 07/05/05

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW HIGH AVG			LOW HIGH AVG		
	HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	-	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	2.50	6.50
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.75	2.00
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	.50	1.50
ROOSTERS lb.	.50	1.10	.82	ROOSTERS ea.	1.75	7.75
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	1.30	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	.40	1.25	.91	RABBITS ea.	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.75	4.00
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	1.75
GUINEA KEETS ea.	1.25	2.50	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-			
TOTAL COOPS	60					

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending July 1, 2005

	Whole		Legs W/Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/Gizzards Hens	
	Chickens	Breasts				
RAYON						
Low	81.82	160.26	109.65	21.09	6.33	70.85
High	88.56	168.69	118.08	25.30	12.65	70.85
Mostly	88.56	164.47	113.87	25.30	8.43	70.85
SAN JUAN						
Low	80.97	160.26	109.65	21.09	6.33	71.69
High	88.56	172.91	118.08	25.30	12.65	71.69
Mostly	88.56	168.69	113.87	25.30	8.43	71.69
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	81.39	160.26	105.43	21.09	6.33	69.59
High	88.56	168.69	113.87	25.30	12.65	69.59
Mostly	88.56	164.47	105.43	21.09	8.43	69.59
BECERRA						
Low	82.24	160.26	109.65	21.09	6.33	71.69
High	88.56	172.91	118.08	25.30	12.65	71.69
Mostly	88.56	168.69	118.08	25.30	8.43	71.69

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole remained fairly good and was sufficient in keeping the bulk of seller offerings cleared satisfactorily. Live supplies were moderate; weights were irregular in a full range of light to heavy. Processor schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 72 to 83 cents. Trade sentiment was at least steady. In the parts complex, breast items were in generally good balance. Leg cuts were well balanced to short. Wings were in balance to 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	68-90
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)



USDA, AMS, POULTRY PROGRAMS, POULTRY MARKET NEWS OFFICES

Washington, DC	Voice	(202)720-6911	Mike Sheats
	Fax	(202)720-2403	(Chief)
Atlanta, GA	Voice	(404)562-5850	Johnny Freeman
	Fax	(404)562-5875	(Officer-In-Charge)
Jackson, MS	Voice	(601)965-4662	Gary Brown
	Fax	(601)359-1175	(Southern States Area Supervisor)
Des Moines, IA	Voice	(515)284-4471	Mary L. Adkins
	Fax	(515)284-4468	(Officer-In-Charge)
	Recorded	(515)284-4545	
Long Beach, CA	Voice	(562)388-7337	Jim Derby
	Fax	(562)432-8295	(Officer-In-Charge)
	Recorded	(213)534-1335	