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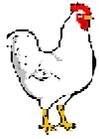
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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was generally steady, although offerings were fully adequate for trade needs. Retail and distributive demand was light with traders keeping floor stocks in close balance. Movement was best into retail outlets where features were planned and into fast food channels. Supplies were adequate to available for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was light to moderate and generally limited to regular commitments and immediate needs. Dark meat was usually reported as balance to adequate, with drums in a slightly better position. Breast items and wings were fully adequate to ample with limited interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable.

**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 21, 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	171.00
BREASTS - B/S	152.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	85.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	108.00
LEG QUARTERS	45.00
WINGS	80.50

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

**SOUTHERN REGION** Trade sentiment was mostly steady on whole product on local markets and usually steady in shipping channels. Retail demand was only fair for midweek business. Food service interest was seasonal, but still irregular in some locations. Supplies were adequate to available for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair to good, best on drums and only fair to good on other dark meat items. Breast items and wings were available with limited interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST REGION** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light and generally unaggressive during midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes were more than sufficient for current trade needs. Retail and distributive movement was light. The market tone was no better than steady. In the parts complex, breast items were readily available and competitively priced. Dark meat cuts were clearing satisfactorily. Wings were fully adequate.

**MIDWEST REGION** The whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment was mostly steady to instances barely steady. Whole fryer offerings were adequate for the light buyer interest. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate with specials and fast food entities providing best draw. With high fuel costs and weather forecasts predicting high temperatures and intense humidity for the week in most areas some are anticipating a potentially negative impact on trade interest. Weights were mostly desirable to instances heavy with floor stocks balanced as buyers are only purchasing to cover regular commitments. Part supplies were barely adequate to tight on leg items with wings and breast cuts fully adequate to ample. The market tone on dark meat cuts was fully steady to firm, and steady to barely steady on boneless skinless breasts and wings.

**WESTERN REGION** The market tone was generally steady. Offerings mainly adequate for trade needs. Retailer demand light to moderate for bagged whole body product and moderate to fairly good for parts; best to cover features in progress. Floor stocks adequate.

## BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 214 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 16, 2005. This was down slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

## CHICKS DOWN SLIGHTLY

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 176 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 16, 2005. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through July 16, 2005 were 4.93 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

## BROILER CHICK PLACEMENT AND BROILER EGG SET TOTAL 19 STATES SELECTED STATES

WEEK ENDING	PERCENT CHANGE		
	2005	2004	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	213,748	214,348	0
CHICKS PLACED	175,586	176,174	0

**WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING** Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 27-Aug-05 is estimated at 162.0 million head. This compares to 162.9 million head the previous week and to 165.0 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 166.7 million head and the composite weighted average price was 74.34 cents per pound.

JULY 19, 2005

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

JULY 20, 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	ITEM	POUNDS			WTD
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG		(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG
BREAST - B/S	683	120.00-205.00	-	132.38	BREAST - B/S	741	120.00-204.00	-	129.06
TENDERLOINS	278	115.00-175.00	125-129	127.12	TENDERLOINS	177	115.00-195.00	125-129	129.24
BREAST - LINE RUN	81	82.00-89.00	85	84.94	BREAST - LINE RUN	72	82.00-91.00	85-86	84.60
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	426	43.00-46.00	-	44.00	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	576	40.00-46.00	44-45	44.33
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	815	45.00-48.00	46-47	46.27	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,005	45.00-49.00	46-47	46.20
WINGS (WHOLE)	245	65.00-85.00	82-84	80.51	WINGS (WHOLE)	315	65.00-86.00	81-84	80.94
WINGS (CUT)	435	83.00-96.00	92-94	91.62	WINGS (CUT)	365	83.00-93.00	89-89	90.12
DRUMSTICKS	68	58.00-68.00	-	59.18	DRUMSTICKS	68	58.00-68.00	-	59.18
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	105	97.00-114.00	-	105.95	B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR F.O.B. DOCK.			
RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
53.25 - 57.50	54.50	51.50-57.00	54.35

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 slow and generally unaggressive during midweek trading as dealers worked hand-to-mouth as they cautiously monitored market developments. Offerings of breasts items were readily available and competitively priced. Dark meat cuts were sufficient and clearing satisfactorily. Wings were fully adequate. Retail and distributive movement was lackluster. The market tone was barely steady to weak for breast items. Dark meat cuts were at least steady. Wings were about steady.

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

JULY 19, 2005				JULY 20, 2005			
ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	145-150	142.50	681,780	BREAST - B/S	145	142.77	428,560
TENDERLOINS	125	125.56	209,653	TENDERLOINS	125	121.50	166,340
BREAST - WITH RIBS	86-87	95.13	82,240	BREAST - WITH RIBS	85-86	88.22	107,200
BREAST - LINE RUN	86	83.71	93,040	BREAST - LINE RUN	85	83.25	72,000
LEGS	61-62	60.42	126,680	LEGS	61-62	59.15	170,920
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	45-46	45.18	372,760	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	45-46	45.40	350,609
DRUMSTICKS	64-65	65.26	143,770	DRUMSTICKS	64-65	62.03	89,900
THIGHS	52-53	59.04	109,180	THIGHS	52-53	60.27	43,200
B/S THIGHS	104-105	101.81	130,560	B/S THIGHS	104-105	103.22	85,100
WINGS (WHOLE)	80-81	76.18	223,800	WINGS (WHOLE)	80-81	75.60	202,440
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.12	17,120	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.21	22,280
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	31.69	20,720	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	31.49	14,560
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	49.02	15,000	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	48.88	11,040

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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		ACTUAL		AVG
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	
	07/20	07/19	07/18	07/15	07/18	07/15	07/13	07/11	
Alabama	4,095	4,064	4,003	4,894	5.25	5.08	3,935	5.16	
Arkansas	5,503	5,550	5,426	5,582	5.17	4.92	5,353	5.25	
Delmarva	2,308	2,307	2,274	2,246	5.54	5.45	2,293	5.56	
KY-LA-TN	2,277	2,330	2,261	2,299	5.05	4.80	2,268	5.10	
Mississippi	3,044	3,073	3,019	3,222	5.53	5.55	3,053	6.84	
North Carolina	2,464	2,542	2,466	3,215	6.41	6.28	2,433	6.31	
Texas	2,489	2,481	2,517	2,549	5.18	5.11	2,539	5.32	
Total	22,180	22,347	21,966	24,007	5.40	5.28	21,874	5.58	
Mon-Wed	66,907 (A)						64,710(A)		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 20-Jul-05 is estimated to be 34,115,000 head up 1.09 percent from a week ago and up 6.50 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 33,746,000, last year 32,034,000)

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

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 23-Jul-05

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	07/23/05 (1)		07/16/05	
	THOUSAND HEAD			
Broiler/fryer	172,208	(2)	166,028	
Light hens	1,438		1,473	
Heavy hens	1,598		1,575	
Total	175,244		169,076	

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 23-Jul-05 is 166.7 million head compared to 163.2 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 172.6 million head or 5.9 million more than estimated available. For the week of 30-Jul-05 the estimated available is 167.1 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 07/18/05	110,650		45,148	
AM 07/01/05	116,948		47,021	
CHG	-6,298		-1,873	
PCT CHG	-5		-4	

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT** (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	07/18/05	07/11/05	07/19/04	07/18/05	07/11/05	07/19/04
<b>PACIFIC COAST</b>	3,941	3,995	9,227	6,636	5,674	5,040
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>	66	72	352	3,105	3,201	3,498

**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 18, 2005

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

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES FOR 07/19/05**

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.	-	-
BROILERS lb.	.25	.45	.35	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.25	1.10
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	.50	.75
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	.50	.95	.75	RABBITS ea.	-	1.00
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.25	5.25
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	1.25	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-			
TOTAL COOPS	42					

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City**

Cents per pound for the week ending July 15, 2005

	Whole		Legs W/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards Hens	
	Chickens	Breasts				
<b>RAYON</b>						
Low	83.91	166.96	111.30	17.12	6.42	72.78
High	85.62	179.80	119.87	21.40	12.84	72.78
Mostly	85.62	179.80	119.87	17.12	8.56	72.78
<b>SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	83.05	171.24	111.30	12.84	6.42	72.78
High	89.90	179.80	119.87	21.40	12.84	72.78
Mostly	84.76	175.52	115.58	17.12	8.56	72.78
<b>NEW SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	83.91	171.24	115.58	14.98	6.42	72.78
High	89.90	175.52	119.87	21.40	12.84	72.78
Mostly	85.62	175.52	119.87	17.12	8.56	72.78
<b>BECERRA</b>						
Low	81.34	166.96	111.30	19.26	6.42	72.78
High	85.62	179.80	119.87	21.40	12.84	72.78
Mostly	85.62	175.52	119.87	19.26	8.56	72.78

**DELMARVA**

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was mostly light and unaggressive. Seller offerings were fully sufficient for current inquiry. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable to light. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were un-changed at 72 to 83 cents. Trade sentiment was no better than steady. In the parts complex, breast items were fully adequate to ample and were generally more readily available on supplies of bone-in. Leg items were adequate. Wings were irregularly balanced, but 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	68-88
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)



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