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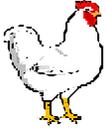
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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices in the major terminal markets were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Retail and distributive demand improved slightly for the weekend but was still light and unaggressive. Floor stocks were in balance, although offerings were adequate to available for full trade needs. Movement was best into retail and fast food outlets where features were either in progress or planned. In the parts structure, demand was irregular with most purchases noted for immediate weekend needs. Dark meat was usually reported as close balance to adequate. Breast items, although in a better position, were adequate to ample. Wings were fully adequate to ample with irregular interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at 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 25-JUL-2005 (cents per lb)

### US GRADE A

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
(Including branded product)				
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	65.00-68.00	46.00-77.00	67.16	30
New York	71.00-74.00			
Los Angeles	81.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	73.00-75.00	59.00-80.00	73.95	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.
990	70.52-76.00	74.66

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	172.50	1,081
BREASTS - B/S	153.00	5,734
BREASTS - WHOLE	85.50	1,336
THIGH MEAT - B/S	110.00	1,027
LEG QUARTERS	45.50	6,954
WINGS	80.50	2,980

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

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** The preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into Chicago were unchanged from Monday's majority price. Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment was steady to instances barely steady. Offerings of whole fryers were adequate for the lackluster interest. Retail and food service demand was fair. A negative impact on trade interest has been felt across the Midwest as temperatures and humidity soar above 100 degrees factoring in the heat index and fuel costs continue at high levels. Weights were mostly desirable with floor stocks mostly 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, and steady to barely steady on boneless skinless breasts and wings.

**SOUTHERN BROILER** Trade sentiment was usually steady, although some caution was noted. Demand was only fair with limited interest for any additional product. Distributors were usually purchasing product for immediate weekend need and trying to keep floor stocks to a minimum. Supplies were adequate and at least sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was fair to moderate. Dark meat was usually balanced but adequate for any requirements. B/S breast and bone-in breast were in a slightly better position but fully adequate. Wings were available with limited and irregular interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Preliminary majority prices were unchanged. Early trading reported for next weeks' deliveries were at mainly unchanged prices. Offerings were adequate overall with whole body product less than 3.5 pounds in the closest position. Retailer demand was fair to fairly good; best for parts. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light to fair at best entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes ranged adequate to available with heavier sizes in the better balance. Retail and distributive movement was lackluster. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items were available and competitively priced in some instances. Dark meat cuts were generally adequate. Wings ranged adequate to ample.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally light to fair at best with many buyers opting to limit receipts to previous commitments. Seller offerings were fully adequate on the lighter weights, adequate to short on the heavier. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to light. Processing schedules were moderate to light. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 72 to 83 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. In the parts complex, supplies 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	68-89
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	07/18/05-07/22/05 (A)
	07/19/04-07/23/04 (A)
NO. OF BOXES	07/18/05-07/22/05 (A)
	07/19/04-07/23/04 (A)

(A) Not released to avoid disclosing individual operations

JUL 21

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

JUL 22

ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS				(000)	WTD AVG
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG		
BREAST - B/S	658	120.00-195.00	122-129	130.91	821	118.00-200.00	-	129.91	3,559	132.12
TENDERLOINS	248	115.00-195.00	125-131	129.35	245	115.00-195.00	127-131	129.22	1,082	129.61
BREAST - LINE RUN	81	83.00-91.00	85-86	85.49	102	83.00-91.00	85-86	85.69	442	85.58
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				235	65.62
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				265	58.66
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	606	43.00-46.00	44-46	44.30	589	43.00-46.00	44-45	44.37	2,803	44.14
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,190	45.00-48.00	46-47	46.41	1,060	45.00-48.00	46-47	46.43	5,140	46.32
WINGS (WHOLE)	285	65.00-86.00	79-81	78.30	322	65.00-86.00	80-82	79.01	1,482	79.84
WINGS (CUT)	350	83.00-91.00	-	89.67	325	83.00-91.00	88-90	88.29	1,760	90.09
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				73	58.00-70.00	-	59.59	385	58.61
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				195	56.80
B/S THIGHS	95	97.00-114.00	-	103.74	102	101.00-114.00	-	106.43	502	106.05

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 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS  
 TRADING FOR JUL 21, 2005 -- F.O.B. DOCK.  
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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 under normal weekend demand, however, dealers remained cautious as they limited orders to most immediate needs. Offerings of breasts items were readily available and competitively priced. Dark meat cuts were sufficient for current needs. Wings were fully adequate to ample. Retail and distributive movement was light. The market tone was barely steady to weak for breast items and wings. Dark meat cuts were generally steady.

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

JUL 21, 2005

JUL 22, 2005

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD	CURRENT NEG			WTD	WEEKLY	
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	140-145	140.74	659,640	140-145	140.66	594,380	141.81	2,973,660		
TENDERLOINS	125	122.42	177,640	125	112.95	91,600	121.84	804,153		
BREAST - WITH RIBS	83-84	92.51	84,360	83-84	92.00	93,600	92.27	431,840		
BREAST - LINE RUN	83	80.40	90,000	83	82.15	97,400	82.84	433,440		
LEGS	61-62	61.98	103,620	61-62	63.03	202,300	61.00	721,040		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	45-46	45.93	236,360	45-46	48.15	564,280	46.17	1,873,809		
DRUMSTICKS	64-65	66.47	122,040	64-65	67.31	98,600	65.22	583,870		
THIGHS	52-53	58.21	51,600	52-53	52.76	91,760	57.60	338,860		
B/S THIGHS	104-105	100.74	98,320	104-105	103.59	52,920	101.54	472,060		
WINGS (WHOLE)	78-79	82.03	151,200	76-77	82.06	146,920	78.87	831,080		
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.38	30,080	10-12	11.97	17,120	11.95	93,840		
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	31.73	10,920	35-40	33.86	12,000	31.69	70,480		
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	50.02	14,360	50-55	50.40	16,600	49.70	67,640		

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)	
	07/22	07/21	07/20	07/19	07/20	07/19	07/15	07/13			
Alabama	4,270	4,124	4,084	4,005	5.18	5.21	4,894	5.23			
Arkansas	5,163	5,548	5,329	5,438	5.12	5.18	5,582	5.12			
Delmarva	2,200	2,314	2,272	2,257	5.43	5.47	2,246	5.55			
KY-LA-TN	2,511	2,306	2,233	2,312	4.93	5.01	2,299	4.98			
Mississippi	3,057	3,031	2,999	3,046	5.53	5.55	3,222	5.48			
North Carolina	2,953	2,522	2,344	2,333	5.94	6.41	3,215	6.35			
Texas	2,488	2,460	2,525	2,501	5.10	5.19	2,549	5.22			
Total	22,642	22,305	21,786	21,892	5.29	5.38	24,007	5.37			
Mon-Fri	111,854(A)				110,801(A)						

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 22-Jul-05 and 23-Jul-05 is estimated to be 34,826,000 head down 5.97 percent from a week ago and up 3.73 percent from a year ago. (Last week 37,036,000, last year 33,573,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 23-Jul-05 is estimated to be 170,508,000 head up 1.22 percent from a week ago, and up 5.73 percent from a year ago. (Last week 168,451,000, last year 161,269,000)

**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			108-111
HENS OVER 5#			89-93
DUCKS			180-192

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED** Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 09-Jul-05 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning  
Food service  
4.20 Lbs. & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs. 5.26 Lbs. & Up

	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	25,238	22,324	39,697
Avg Weight	3.71	4.75	6.34
% of total /1	29%	26%	45%

**Comparisons**

Last week	26,158	21,889	45,786
Avg Weight	3.77	4.75	6.79
% of total /1	28%	23%	49%
Same week, yr ago /2	23,868	19,585	38,386
Avg Weight	3.60	4.73	6.33
% of total /1	29%	24%	47%

To date/2005	743,067	594,706	1,316,413
To date/2004	716,679	582,453	1,210,979

/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 16-Jul-2005	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	168,451	1,431	1,543	2,974	478
Avg Wt	5.27	3.40	7.97	5.77	6.67
Last week	148,211	1,268	1,196	2,464	445
Same wk yr ago	161,060	1,614	1,420	3,034	503
Avg Wt	5.13	3.33	8.12	5.57	6.79
To-date/2005	4,471,610	43,137	38,712	81,849	13,881
To-date/2004	4,339,384	37,672	36,415	74,087	13,016

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 166.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 170.5 million head, or 3.9 million more than estimated available.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
June	11 169.2	167.1	101%	5.35
	18 171.9	168.3	102%	5.36
	25 173.2	167.6	103%	5.29
July	2 177.0	167.2	106%	5.47
	9 150.0	166.8	90%	5.17
	16 170.5	166.6	102%	5.27
Year to date	4525.9	4603.8	98%	
July	23 166.7			
	30 167.1			

**BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**

Under Federal Inspection

W/E	07/23/05	07/16/05	% CHG	07/24/05	% CHG
Broilers	170,508	168,451*	+1.22	168,451*	+5.73
Cattle	653	652	0	646	-16
Hogs	1,869	1,872	0	1,879	-01

\*ACTUAL

**EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 18-JUL-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	143-145	149-153
MOSTLY		
MIDWEST	127-131	128-133
MOSTLY		

**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)	64.00-75.50	70.00-75.50
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	67.00-86.50	68.00-72.00

**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 was steady. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to close. Schedules full-time for next week. 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 18-JUL-2005

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	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: JULY 19, 2005

	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.50 - 1.60
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.50 - 1.60
Pekin Ducks	6.00 ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.40 - .70
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.70 - .90
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.50 - .60
Crossbred Roosters 5-9 LBS	1.00 - 1.25
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.90 - 1.00
Guinea Fowl	1.60 - 1.70 ea.
Banty Roosters	2.00 - 2.25 ea.
Banty Hens	2.00 - 2.25 ea.
Leghorn Hens	.35 - .40 ea.
Geese 9-14 LBS	.30 - .40
Pigeons	2.75 - 3.10 ea.
White Pigeons	6.00 - 6.25 ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	.40 - 1.00
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	.70 - 1.10
Bunnies	.25 - 1.00 ea.
Guinea Pigs	.01 - .02 ea.
Goats	27.00 -30.00 ea.
Kid Goats	25.00 -30.00 ea.
Doves	3.50 - 4.00 ea.

Total Coops Sold 448

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Trading was too few to report for heavy canners; unchanged to slightly lower for light canners when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light and unaggressive for light canners; heavy canners were mostly fair with most available supplies being used internally. Offerings ranged adequate to fully adequate. Processing schedules were mostly normal. The undertone was steady to about steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b> (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) 23-31 MAJORITY 25.5-26.5	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b> (WITHOUT NECKS) TOO FEW TO REPORT
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CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b> (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) 24-33 MAJORITY 27-28	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b> (WITHOUT NECKS) TOO FEW TO REPORT
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#### 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 ranged fair to good. Offerings of spent hens were mostly adequate for current trade needs. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	3-13	9-11

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Costs of disposal were too few to report. Demand was moderate. Offerings were fully adequate. Schedules were reduced. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Removal costs were unchanged from last week's reported prices. Offerings were adequate to short of full production schedules while demand was fair to fairly good. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	5-8.5	

**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 25-JUL-05

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

<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
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. Sales of finished product were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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