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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was no better than steady to weak. Demand was slow to fair, at times moderate for active retail ads and fast food promotions. Offerings of all sizes were more than sufficient; floor stocks were balanced and buying was usually for spot needs only. In the parts structure, demand was slow to light and selective. Breast items and wings were fully adequate to ample and frequently discounted to help move. Dark meat was at least adequate, but barely adequate in the Midwest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to light.

**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 80.75 cents last year on July 28, 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	149.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	85.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	109.00
LEG QUARTERS	45.50
WINGS	80.00

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

**SOUTHERN REGION** Trade sentiment was no better than steady. Retail and food service demand was slow to fair with limited trading. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient for trade needs with some plants reducing kill schedules. In the parts structure, breast items and wings were adequate to ample and discounted to help move additional product. Dark meat was more available, ranging adequate to fully sufficient, as export interests taper. In production areas, live supplies were moderate to light with mortality rates higher due to extreme heat, which also affected weights, ranging desirable to light, but mostly desirable.

**NORTHEAST REGION** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was reported as slow to light. Offerings of all sizes were fully adequate to ample for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was slow. The market tone was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, breast items were readily available and slow to clear. Dark meat cuts were adequate to fully adequate. Wings ranged adequate to ample.

**MIDWEST REGION** Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment was steady to instances barely steady. Offerings of whole fryers were adequate for the generally light interest. Retail and food service demand was fair at best with cooler weather helping retail sales. Weights were desirable to light with floor stocks mostly balanced. Part supplies were barely adequate on leg items with wings and breast cuts fully adequate to ample. The market tone on dark meat cuts was steady, and barely steady to weak on boneless skinless breasts and wings.

**WESTERN REGION** The market tone was about steady. Offerings were fully adequate overall, with heavy weights in the longest position. Retailer demand was moderate to good. Floor stocks generally adequate.

## BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UPSIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 214 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 23, 2005. This was up 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.

## CHICKS DOWN 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 23, 2005. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through July 23, 2005 were 5.11 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

	2005	2004	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
WEEK ENDING 07/23/05			
EGGS SET	214,079	213,160	0
CHICKS PLACED	171,870	173,185	-01

**WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING** Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 03-Sep-05 is estimated at 160.0 million head. This compares to 162.0 million head the previous week and to 163.9 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 169.8 million head and the composite weighted average price was 72.37 cents per pound.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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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	ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	661	119.00-197.00	-	128.49	BREAST - B/S	737	115.00-188.00	120-125	129.16
TENDERLOINS	248	115.00-195.00	125-131	128.75	TENDERLOINS	264	115.00-195.00	129-131	130.66
BREAST - LINE RUN	112	82.00-91.00	84-86	86.03	BREAST - LINE RUN	112	79.00-88.00	82-85	84.15
FRONT HALVES	105	50.00-69.00	-	62.38	FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	525	42.00-46.00	44-45	44.49	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	550	41.00-47.00	44-45	44.31
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,185	45.00-48.00	46-47	46.51	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,155	45.00-48.00	46-47	46.30
WINGS (WHOLE)	TOO FEW TO REPORT				WINGS (WHOLE)	292	65.00-86.00	70-73	72.47
WINGS (CUT)	240	80.00-88.00	-	87.17	WINGS (CUT)	375	83.00-90.00	84-87	86.25
DRUMSTICKS	68	58.00-70.00	-	59.41	DRUMSTICKS	88	52.00-70.00	-	55.45
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	105	99.00-114.00	-	107.00	B/S THIGHS	125	97.00-114.00	-	105.70

\*\*\*\*\* F.O.B. DOCK. \*\*\*\*\*

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
47.25 - 57.50	53.44	46.50-57.50	52.31	54.33

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 selective as dealers maintain floor stocks in close balance. Traders continue to cautiously monitored very unsettled market conditions. Offerings of breasts items were available at discounted levels. Dark meat cuts were fully adequate to ample. Wings were adequate to ample. Retail and distributive movement was at best light. The market tone was barely steady to weak.

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

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	140	135.97	735,840
TENDERLOINS	125	127.49	193,556
BREAST - WITH RIBS	83-84	83.53	125,480
BREAST - LINE RUN	83	80.71	55,800
LEGS	61-62	59.93	205,880
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	45-46	45.24	325,600
DRUMSTICKS	64-65	64.51	165,220
THIGHS	51-52	60.05	69,700
B/S THIGHS	104-105	100.79	102,680
WINGS (WHOLE)	73-74	73.48	220,160
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.89	19,400
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	33.77	9,200
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	54.60	22,120

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	135-140	135.83	491,400
TENDERLOINS	125	123.42	89,570
BREAST - WITH RIBS	83-84	87.15	81,120
BREAST - LINE RUN	83	80.43	63,000
LEGS	61-62	59.51	188,640
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	45-46	45.25	298,960
DRUMSTICKS	62-63	65.72	82,600
THIGHS	51-52	56.61	44,320
B/S THIGHS	104-105	104.07	53,140
WINGS (WHOLE)	73-74	82.43	72,040
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.39	22,040
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	40-45	32.94	16,480
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	54.85	11,240

\*\*\*\*\* 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)	07/27	(1,000)	07/26	07/25	07/22	(1,000)	07/20	WTS
Alabama	3,921	4,041	3,989	4,480	5.08	5.05	4,084	5.25	5.25
Arkansas	5,350	5,351	5,149	5,264	5.14	4.98	5,329	5.17	5.17
Delmarva	2,289	2,293	2,211	2,233	5.54	5.44	2,272	5.54	5.54
KY-LA-TN	2,325	2,279	2,247	2,462	5.07	4.82	2,233	5.05	5.05
Mississippi	3,120	3,010	3,104	3,085	5.44	5.45	2,999	5.53	5.53
North Carolina	2,536	2,533	2,433	2,756	6.24	6.14	2,344	6.41	6.41
Texas	2,504	2,445	2,489	2,532	5.23	5.09	2,525	5.18	5.18
Total	22,045	21,952	21,622	22,812	5.34	5.24	21,786	5.40	5.40
Mon-Wed	66,114(A)						65,644(A)		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 27-Jul-05 is estimated to be 33,908,000 head up 0.89 percent from a week ago and up 6.37 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 33,610,000, last year 31,876,000)

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 30-Jul-05

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	07/30/05 (1)		07/23/05	
	THOUSAND HEAD			
Broiler/fryer	163,258	(2)	172,208	
Light hens	1,208		1,438	
Heavy hens	1,660		1,598	
Total	166,126		175,244	

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 30-Jul-05 is 167.1 million head compared to 163.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 163.6 million head or 3.5 million less than estimated available. For the week of 06-Aug-05 the estimated available is 167.4 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 07/25/05	118,057		46,396	
AM 07/01/05	116,948		47,021	
CHG	1,109		-625	
PCT CHG	1		-1	

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)**

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	07/25/05	07/18/05	07/26/04	07/25/05	07/18/05	07/26/04
<b>PACIFIC COAST</b>	3,950	3,941	9,335	5,264	6,636	5,409
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>	68	66	350	2,985	3,105	4,046

**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 25, 2005

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

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	FOR 07/26/05			FOR 07/26/05		
	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.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	.25
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	3.00	3.75
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	.25	2.35
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	1.20	1.30	1.23	DUCKS ea.	5.50	7.00
RABBITS lb.	.10	1.30	1.04	RABBITS ea.	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.25	5.25
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	1.50
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-			
TOTAL COOPS	25					

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City**

Cents per pound for the week ending July 22, 2005

	Whole		Legs	Necks, Backs	Livers/
	Chickens	Breasts	W/Thighs	& Wings	Gizzards
<b>RAYON</b>					
Low	82.02	170.87	111.07	19.22	8.54
High	89.71	175.15	119.61	21.36	12.82
Mostly	84.58	175.15	119.61	21.36	8.54

**SAN JUAN**

Low	82.87	170.87	111.07	17.09	6.41
High	89.71	179.42	119.61	21.36	12.82
Mostly	85.44	175.15	119.61	17.09	8.54

**NEW SAN JUAN**

Low	83.30	170.87	115.34	19.22	6.41
High	89.71	179.42	119.61	21.36	12.82
Mostly	87.57	175.15	119.61	19.22	8.54

**BECERRA**

Low	83.30	170.87	111.07	19.22	8.54
High	89.71	179.42	119.61	23.50	12.82
Mostly	85.44	179.42	119.61	21.36	8.54

**DELMARVA**

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was limited and the majority of activity centered on previous commitments. Offerings were fully adequate to ample for immediate delivery. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 72 to 83 cents. Trade sentiment was no better than steady. In the parts complex, boneless/skinless breasts were readily available. Drums were ample. Other items were at least adequate for the light and selective buying interest.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

RANGE	WEIGHTED AVERAGE	NO. OF BOXES	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
			65-85
			(A)
			(A)



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