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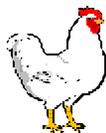
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices for next week are trending lower in the East, mostly unchanged elsewhere. Trade sentiment was steady in the West, steady to barely steady in the Midwest, but no better than steady in the East. Demand was light to moderate, best for retail ads and fast food specials, and also where weekend and first of the month needs increased. Offerings of all sizes were available; floor stocks were balanced. In the parts structure, demand was slow to fair. Breast items and wings were adequate to fully sufficient, at times ample and discounted. Dark meat was mixed, ranging adequate to tight in the Midwest, but readily available elsewhere. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to light.

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 01-AUG-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	50.00-76.50	66.85	29
New York	69.00-72.00			
Los Angeles	81.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	72.00-75.00	57.00-79.00	73.83	90

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.
965	70.77-76.39	74.69
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	1,123
BREASTS - B/S	150.50	5,543
BREASTS - WHOLE	85.50	1,348
THIGH MEAT - B/S	108.00	768
LEG QUARTERS	45.50	6,824
WINGS	80.00	2,829

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

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Prices in Chicago were unchanged from Monday's final majority. Trade sentiment on whole fryers was steady to instances barely steady. Offers of whole fryers were available for the generally light interest. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate, best into features and fast food outlets. The weekend and first of the month is improving interest. Weights were desirable to light. Floor stocks adequate. Parts supplies were adequate to barely adequate on leg items with wings and breast items fully adequate to ample. Trade sentiment on was steady on leg items and barely steady to weak on boneless skinless breasts and wings.

SOUTHERN BROILER Trade sentiment was no better than steady. Demand entering the weekend was limited to fair with hopes that first of the month will improve interest. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to handle trade requirements. In the parts structure, movement was slow to fair at best; supplies of all items were at least adequate or available with mixed interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to light weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices were unchanged throughout the region. Early trading reported for next weeks' deliveries at mainly unchanged prices. Offerings were adequate. Weights trended lighter in some production areas due to hotter weather conditions. Buying activity was only moderate. Retailer demand was fair to fairly good. Dealers anticipated satisfactory week-end clearances.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers remained seasonally light and unaggressive entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes were available with discounting noted. Retail and distributive movement was light. The market tone was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, breast items were available with bone-in breasts noted in the best position. Drums and thighs were ample. Wings were fully adequate to ample.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds continued seasonally light and unaggressive and buyers generally kept receipts in close balance. Seller offerings were fully adequate to ample for both immediate and early week delivery. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to light. Processor schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent lower at 70 to 81 cents. Trade sentiment was no better than 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	71-89
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	07/25/05-07/29/05 (A)
	07/26/04-07/30/04 (A)
NO. OF BOXES	07/25/05-07/29/05 (A)
	07/26/04-07/30/04 (A)

(A) Not released to avoid disclosing individual operations

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS					WEEKLY WTD AVG	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)		
BREAST - B/S	651	115.00-157.00	120-130	137.33	616	115.00-157.00	120-130	134.48	3,311	131.67	
TENDERLOINS	228	115.00-175.00	125-130	125.11	208	115.00-175.00	125-130	124.88	1,161	128.08	
BREAST - LINE RUN	72	85.00-86.00	-	85.14	82	84.00-86.00	-	85.00	461	85.06	
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				365	63.36	
LEGS	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				240	59.10	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	525	43.00-45.00	44-45	44.36	526	42.00-45.00	44-45	44.28	2,651	44.39	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,265	44.00-49.00	46-47	46.29	1,025	44.00-47.00	46-47	46.20	5,615	46.41	
WINGS (WHOLE)	292	65.00-86.00	70-73	80.99	282	65.00-86.00	70-73	79.33	1,476	75.50	
WINGS (CUT)	387	83.00-90.00	84-87	86.60	350	83.00-88.00	84-87	86.71	1,697	86.92	
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				360	58.40	
THIGHS	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				227	54.15	
B/S THIGHS	120	90.00-114.00	-	103.00	80	90.00-114.00	-	102.75	480	104.90	
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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS					WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS						
TRADING FOR JUL 28, 2005 -- F.O.B. DOCK.					TRADING FOR JUL 29, 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>	
	50.00 - 56.50	54.43				51.50 - 56.50	54.64			53.97	

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 entering the weekend but was seasonally unaggressive overall. Offerings of breasts items were available with bone-in breasts in slightly better balance. Dark meat cuts were fully sufficient for current needs. Wings were fully adequate. Retail and distributive movement was light and unaggressive. The market tone was barely steady on breast items. Thighs and drums were 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			WTD	CURRENT NEG			WTD	WEEKLY
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		
BREAST - B/S	135-140	133.52	625,420	135-140	136.52	585,160	135.73	2,963,820	
TENDERLOINS	125	124.00	123,180	125	124.85	149,520	125.00	647,826	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	83-84	87.83	93,880	83-84	92.83	78,800	86.98	480,560	
BREAST - LINE RUN	83	80.50	90,000	83	80.80	90,000	80.78	378,520	
LEGS	61-62	61.78	124,120	61-62	63.20	107,400	60.30	824,320	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	45-46	45.48	334,560	45-46	44.63	358,000	45.31	1,552,960	
DRUMSTICKS	62-63	65.01	68,960	61-62	64.01	163,120	64.54	573,600	
THIGHS	51-52	53.69	70,440	50-51	60.01	79,200	57.52	318,100	
B/S THIGHS	104-105	101.34	85,680	104-105	104.42	125,200	102.30	458,180	
WINGS (WHOLE)	73-74	75.27	210,040	73-74	77.27	205,300	75.25	987,060	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.38	21,920	10-12	12.13	19,600	11.92	88,600	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	40-45	37.50	9,800	40-45	34.55	9,120	35.24	51,880	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	57.83	11,240	55-60	59.52	11,840	55.89	70,400	

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		SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED	
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	
	07/29	07/28	07/27	07/26	07/27	07/26	07/22	07/20			<u>RANGE</u>	
Alabama	3,927	4,068	3,967	3,965	5.10	5.15	4,480	5.18			FRESH FRYERS	97-99
Arkansas	5,413	5,326	4,862	5,127	5.09	5.06	5,264	5.12			ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-107
Delmarva	2,191	2,248	2,169	2,274	5.47	5.49	2,233	5.43			HENS UNDER 5#	
KY-LA-TN	2,138	2,308	2,280	2,249	4.91	4.99	2,462	4.93			HENS OVER 5#	65-73
Mississippi	3,577	2,971	3,094	2,968	5.39	5.47	3,085	5.53			DUCKS	
North Carolina	3,124	2,529	2,441	2,366	6.19	6.14	2,756	5.94			RABBITS-WHOLE	
Texas	2,558	2,544	2,511	2,504	5.24	5.15	2,532	5.10			RABBITS-CUT UP	
Total	22,928	21,994	21,324	21,453	5.30	5.30	22,812	5.29			SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY	
Mon-Fri	111,036(A)						110,376(A)				DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 29-Jul-05 and 30-Jul-05 is estimated to be 35,266,000 head up 0.21 percent from a week ago and up 1.62 percent from a year ago. (Last week 35,193,000, last year 34,704,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 30-Jul-05 is estimated to be 168,547,000 head down 0.86 percent from a week ago, and up 4.21 percent from a year ago. (Last week 170,006,000, last year 161,732,000)

		<u>RANGE</u>
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

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 16-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	28,004	27,462	49,111
Avg Weight	3.78	4.74	6.41
% of total /1	27%	26%	47%

Comparisons

Last week	25,238	22,324	39,697
Avg Weight	3.71	4.75	6.34
% of total /1	29%	26%	45%
Same week, yr ago /2	26,875	25,643	43,881
Avg Weight	3.67	4.73	6.27
% of total /1	28%	27%	46%

To date/2005	771,071	622,168	1,365,524
To date/2004	743,554	608,096	1,254,860

/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 23-Jul-2005	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	170,006	1,442	1,558	3,000	501
Avg Wt	5.15	3.35	8.00	5.76	6.61
Last week	168,451	1,431	1,543	2,974	478
Same wk yr ago	161,269	1,438	1,484	2,922	471
Avg Wt	5.15	3.45	8.00	5.76	6.64
To-date/2005	4,641,616	44,579	40,270	84,849	14,382
To-date/2004	4,500,653	39,110	37,899	77,009	13,487

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 166.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 172.1 million head, or 5.4 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	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
	23	172.1	166.7	103%	5.15
Year to date	4698.0	4770.5	98%		
July	30	167.1			
August	6	167.4			

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection

W/E	07/30/05	07/23/05	% CHG	08/01/04	% CHG
Broilers	168,547	170,006*	-0.86	161,732*	+4.21
Cattle	644	653	-01	633*	+02
Hogs	1,857	1,869	-01	1,889*	-02

*ACTUAL

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 25-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)	63.00-76.50	69.00-75.50
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	69.00-86.50	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 were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to at times 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 25-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 26, 2005

	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.20 - 1.25
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.21 - 1.25
Pekin Ducks	5.35 - 6.00 ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.40 - .50
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.53 - .75
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.60 - .70
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.90 - 1.00
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.60 - .70
Banty Roosters	3.00 - 3.50 ea.
Banty Hens	2.00 - 2.25 ea.
Leghorn Hens	.50 - .55 ea.
Silkie	3.50 - 4.00 ea.
Pigeons	4.50 - 4.75 ea.
White Pigeons	5.00 - 5.25 ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	.90 - 1.00
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	.90 - 1.00
Bunnies	.35 - 2.50 ea.
Guinea Pigs	.04 - .10 ea.
Goats	50.00 -55.00 ea.
Kid Goats	29.00 -37.00 ea.

Total Coops Sold 416

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

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
23-31 MAJORITY 25.5-26.5	TOO FEW TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
24-33 MAJORITY 27-28	TOO FEW 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 lower when compared to a week ago. Demand was moderate to good. Offerings of spent hens were about adequate for current trade needs. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was unsettled.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	2-10	5 -9

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was moderate to good for usually about adequate offerings. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were fair, but buyers were unaggressive. Trade sentiment was somewhat unsettled.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST		TOO FEW TO REPORT

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Removal costs were unchanged. Demand was fair to good with offerings of unbooked spent hens tight. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
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 01-AUG-05

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

SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was moderate for generally adequate offerings. Processing schedules were usually normal. Finished product sales were fair, but adequate for trade needs. Undertone was mostly steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING		TOO FEW TO REPORT

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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