



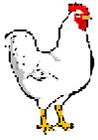
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices for next week were trending unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was slow to moderate with best movement into fast food, delis, and active retail ads. Offerings were at least adequate with limited buying interest; floor stocks were balanced to long. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate, best where weekend needs increased. Wings were close to tight, and breast items were generally adequate to available. Drums were at least sufficient, but all other dark meat cuts were in good balance to well cleared. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to light 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 22-AUG-2005 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

<u>AREAS</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>WTD AVG</u>	<u>LOADS</u>
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	65.00-68.00	52.00-76.50	66.63	28
New York	68.00-71.00			
Los Angeles	81.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	72.00-76.00	56.00-79.00	73.78	87

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The 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

<u>LOADS</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>PRELIM. WTD. AVG.</u>
982	70.63-76.44	74.67

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice-packed parts:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>WTD. AVG.</u> <u>(CENTS PER POUND)</u>	<u>VOLUME</u> <u>(000 POUNDS)</u>
LINE RUN TENDERS	173.00	1,285
BREASTS - B/S	149.00	5,695
BREASTS - WHOLE	85.50	1,353
THIGH MEAT - B/S	108.50	996
LEG QUARTERS	46.00	6,964
WINGS	82.00	2,955

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

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers improved slightly but was noted no better than fair entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate to available for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was light and unaggressive. The market tone was steady to barely steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were at least sufficient for current inquiry; boneless skinless breasts were adequate to balanced. Thighs, boneless skinless thighs and wings in good balance to well cleared. Drums were readily available.

MIDWEST Preliminary majority prices for next week's delivery into the Chicago area were unchanged. Trade sentiment on whole broiler/fryers continued mostly steady, instances barely steady. Offerings were adequate on very limited trade interest. Slow to fair was the call with best activity into limited attractive retail features, delicatessens and fast food. Floor stocks were adequate to long; weights desirable to light. Supplies of wings were tight to short of needs, dark meat was tight, drums long; leg quarters adequate to in close balance and breast cuts were adequate. The market tone was fully steady to firm on wings, weak on drums and steady on balance of parts.

SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand entering the weekend was light to moderate, best for fast food promotions and active retail ads. Offerings and supplies of all sizes were at least sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate. Wings were short of an active call, and breast items were adequate. Dark meat was mixed with drums in the longest position, but all other cuts were in good balance to well cleared. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN The preliminary majorities were at unchanged prices. The market tone was overall steady. Offerings at least adequate to cover an only fair buyers' interest. Retailer demand was moderate to instances fairly good, best for parts. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers. The market tone was barely steady to fully steady on parts. Trade sentiment was about steady on boneless breast, boneless dark meat and wings fully steady to firm, bone-in breast and dark meat generally steady.

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds improved for weekend deliveries. Offerings were generally sufficient for the buying interest. Live supplies were moderate; weights were usually desirable to light. Processor schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 69 to 80 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, wings were reported as short on good quality items. Interest on tenders was good, other offerings of white meat items were balanced to available. Drums improved but were still fully adequate, other dark meat items were clearing.

***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	67-86
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	08/15/05-08/19/05 (A)
	08/16/04-08/20/04 (A)
NO. OF BOXES	08/15/05-08/19/05 (A)
	08/16/04-08/20/04 (A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS										
ITEM	AUG 18				AUG 19				WTD AVG	WTD AVG
	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG		
BREAST - B/S	653	122.00-200.00	125-129	129.45	726	125.00-200.00	127-132	134.59	3,364	130.97
TENDERLOINS	203	126.00-195.00	128-131	131.13	178	126.00-195.00	127-131	132.25	1,095	132.14
BREAST - LINE RUN	102	80.00-91.00	85-86	85.75	TOO FEW TO REPORT				494	85.99
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				312	57.73
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				73	55.00-78.00	56-58	59.16	270	60.20
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	599	42.00-46.00	44-45	44.31	629	42.00-46.00	44-45	44.22	2,845	44.28
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	990	44.00-48.00	46-47	46.21	1,151	44.00-48.00	45-47	45.87	4,800	46.25
WINGS (WHOLE)	282	74.00-86.00	75-79	78.13	282	75.00-86.00	76-77	77.90	1,375	77.65
WINGS (CUT)	400	90.00-96.00	93-95	93.63	366	92.00-98.00	94-96	95.17	1,741	92.65
DRUMSTICKS	68	52.00-78.00	-	58.59	78	51.00-78.00	52-56	54.01	350	57.57
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				235	51.67
B/S THIGHS	80	100.00-114.00	-	108.50	TOO FEW TO REPORT				385	106.38

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS					WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS					
TRADING FOR AUG 18, 2005 -- F.O.B. DOCK.					TRADING FOR AUG 19, 2005 -- F.O.B. DOCK.					
RANGE		TODAY'S AVERAGE			RANGE		TODAY'S AVERAGE		5-DAY AVERAGE	
49.50 - 54.00		51.49			49.50 - 54.50		51.78		51.03	

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 and was noted as fair to moderate as dealers kept floor stocks in good balance with immediate needs. Offerings of bone-in breasts were more than sufficient for current needs; boneless skinless breasts were clearing satisfactorily. Drums were readily available and competitively priced. Wings and thighs were in good balance to well cleared. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair. The market tone was fully steady to firm for wings, thighs and boneless skinless thighs. Drums were weak.

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

ITEM	AUG 18			AUG 19			WTD AVG	WTD AVG
	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS		
BREAST - B/S	135-140	132.36	712,080	135-140	133.27	679,740	132.32	3,137,020
TENDERLOINS	130-135	128.98	163,900	130-135	129.12	159,720	129.85	755,011
BREAST - WITH RIBS	79-80	89.39	62,600	79-80	92.10	81,520	90.13	342,520
BREAST - LINE RUN	79	78.94	118,800	79	80.03	104,200	78.87	487,680
LEGS	61-62	58.83	138,400	61-62	60.03	142,400	59.80	758,160
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	45-46	45.87	200,740	45-46	46.15	235,061	45.79	1,706,791
DRUMSTICKS	56-57	60.85	130,080	55-56	58.94	166,560	60.21	680,940
THIGHS	47-48	56.30	73,240	49-50	60.03	76,480	57.23	325,420
B/S THIGHS	109-110	1	03.94	111-112	108.27	79,440	103.80	464,600
WINGS (WHOLE)	81-82	78.26	253,360	82-83	83.16	185,340	78.97	1,123,800
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.53	17,960	10-12	11.85	20,680	11.72	94,720
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	40-45	44.25	10,680	40-45	44.63	4,920	43.35	47,221
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	64.33	15,120	60-65	65.26	17,160	64.82	84,680

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)
Alabama	4,324	4,090	3,893	4,007	5.18	5.21	4,197	5.17		
Arkansas	5,011	5,327	5,409	5,291	5.14	5.24	5,142	5.15		
Delmarva	2,252	2,257	2,243	2,297	5.43	5.44	2,251	5.52		
KY-LA-TN	2,278	2,307	2,318	2,013	4.93	4.82	2,261	4.92		
Mississippi	3,232	3,142	3,010	3,148	5.54	5.51	3,677	5.51		
North Carolina	2,826	2,447	2,480	2,475	6.32	6.31	2,814	6.36		
Texas	2,563	2,547	2,554	2,544	5.27	5.27	2,520	5.25		
Total	22,486	22,117	21,907	21,775	5.36	5.38	22,862	5.37		
Mon-Fri	111,378(A)				111,165(A)					

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 19-Aug-05 and 20-Aug-05 is estimated to be 33,968,000 head down 1.94 percent from a week ago and down -3.35 percent from a year ago. (Last week 34,639,000, last year 35,147,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 20-Aug-05 is estimated to be 166,701,000 head down 1.18 percent from a week ago, and up 1.77 percent from a year ago. (Last week 168,700,000, last year 163,809,000)

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		
		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	105-107
	DRY PACK	108
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	108-112
	DRY PACK	111-112
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	93-95
	DRY PACK	95-105
DUCKS		180-192

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 06-Aug-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	28,338	24,821	50,352
Avg Weight	3.79	4.73	6.39
% of total /1	27%	24%	49%

Comparisons

Last week	29,335	24,031	43,556
Avg Weight	3.69	4.85	6.39
% of total /1	30%	25%	45%

Same week, yr ago /2	24,725	21,139	50,540
Avg Weight	3.72	4.70	6.29
% of total /1	26%	22%	52%

To date/2005	857,295	699,223	1,508,188
To date/2004	820,276	678,156	1,393,904

/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 13-Aug-2005	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	168,700	1,187	1,720	2,907	484
Avg Wt	5.18	3.40	7.92	6.07	6.55
Last week	169,836	1,274	1,703	2,977	511
Same wk yr ago	161,051	1,445	1,498	2,943	477
Avg Wt	5.18	3.29	7.98	5.68	6.77
To-date/2005	5,149,004	48,298	45,364	93,662	15,858
To-date/2004	4,983,039	43,274	42,254	85,528	14,891

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 167.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 170.7 million head, or 3.1 million more than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT	
July	9	150.0	166.8	90%	5.17
	16	170.5	166.6	102%	5.27
	23	172.1	166.7	103%	5.15
	30	170.9	167.1	102%	5.19
August	6	171.9	167.4	103%	5.28
	13	170.7	167.6	102%	5.18
Year to date	5211.5	5272.6	99%		
August	20	166.8			
	27	165.7			

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection

W/E	08/20/05	08/13/05	% CHG	08/21/04	% CHG
Broilers	166,701	168,700*	-1.18	163,809*	+1.77
Cattle	661	629	+05	637*	+04
Hogs	1,991	1,918	+04	2,024*	-02

*ACTUAL

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 15-AUG-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	70.00-73.50
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	68.00-86.50	72.00-76.50

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 good. Supplies were adequate, weights desirable to light. 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 15-AUG-2005

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	126-146	128-148

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - DATE OF AUCTION: 08-16-05

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

Prices paid per pound, except as noted.	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.30 - 1.35
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.30 - 1.35
Pekin Ducks	.75 - 1.00ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.35 - .45
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.45 - .60
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.40 - .60
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.70 - .80
Guinea Fowl	1.40 - 1.80ea.
Banty Roosters	3.00 - 3.50ea.
Banty Hens	1.50 - 2.00ea.
Leghorn Hens	.25 - .50ea.
Leghorn Roosters	1.50 - 1.75
Geese 9-14 LBS	.40 - .50
Pigeons	1.25 - 1.85ea.
White Pigeons	2.00 - 2.25ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	.95 - 1.20
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	.90 - 1.10
Bunnies	1.00 - 2.00ea.
Guinea Pigs	.12 - .35ea.
Goats	75.00 - 100.00ea.
Kid Goats	40.00 - 60.00ea.
Doves	3.00 - 3.25ea.
Pullets 4-6 LBS	.90

Total Coops Sold 464

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

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) 20-29 MAJORITY 25-26	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS) TOO FEW TO REPORT
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CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) 21-31 MAJORITY 26-27.5	HEAVY CANNER HENS (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 to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly fair to moderate. Offerings of spent hens were at least adequate for current trade needs. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	4-10	7 -8

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was limited and TFEWR. Demand was light for adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were normal. Sales of finished product were fair. Costs required for spent hen disposal were at least steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST		TOO FEW TO REPORT

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Removal costs were unchanged to slightly higher. Offerings were usually adequate for the fair demand. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	4.5-9	5-8.5

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plant schedules moderate. Offerings adequate.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR
SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 22-AUG-05

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was mostly fair for the at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules for next week were noted as normal. Sales of finished product were generally sufficient for current needs. The undertone was mostly 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 Negotiations were too few to report. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Sales of dressed product were fair. Schedules were reduced. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING		TOO FEW TO REPORT

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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