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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were unchanged when compared to previous week. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail and food service demand entering the weekend was ranged light to moderate, best for retail feature activity and fast food. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient for current trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was moderate. Wings were well cleared, and breast items were adequate to close balance. Dark meat items were clearing satisfactorily. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy, but mostly desirable.

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 23-JAN-2006 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	52.00-55.00	46.00-69.25	54.19	27
New York	55.00-58.00			
Los Angeles	77.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	69.00-71.00	54.00-75.00	69.26	86

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 69.75 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
944	67.25-70.30	69.67
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	135.00	1,118
BREASTS - B/S	108.50	5,530
BREASTS - WHOLE	57.50	1,243
THIGH MEAT - B/S	94.00	976
LEG QUARTERS	26.50	7,584
WINGS	99.00	2,890

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

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority delivered prices for next week's call into the Chicago area was unchanged from Monday's final. Whole broiler/fryer market tone remained steady. Offerings and trade interest light. Demand was light to moderate into all channels. Floor stocks were adequate; weights desirable. Supplies of wings were close to adequate, remaining parts available. The market tone was fully steady to firm on wings, drums, thighs and dark boneless meat cuts; steady on breast cuts and leg quarters.

SOUTHERN BROILER Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand entering the weekend was fair to moderate with limited feature activity. Supplies of all sizes were generally sufficient for current trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was mostly fair to moderate and improved. Wings were in good balance; fronts were adequate to close. Breast items were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Dark meat cuts were adequate and more manageable than previous week. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was generally steady with preliminary majorities at unchanged prices. Trading reported for next weeks' deliveries were at mainly unchanged prices. Offerings were in fair balance to fully adequate for current buyers' interest. Buying activity was moderate at best. Retailer demand was moderate overall, best where specials and features in progress. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady on parts with wings in the strongest position.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair to instances good entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes were at least sufficient for current trade needs. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was mostly steady. In the parts complex, wings were sufficient. Breast items were adequate and clearing satisfactorily; drums and thighs were in good balance.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally fair to good. Seller offerings were adequate to fully adequate entering the weekend. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were generally desirable. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 56 to 70 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, offerings varied from plant to plant and were at least adequate overall. Breast items were clearing satisfactorily. Wings were sought after with less aggression than past several days and were in better balance with buyer needs.

*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	54-75
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	(A)
	01/16/06-01/20/06
	01/17/05-01/21/05
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
	01/16/06-01/20/06
	01/17/05-01/21/05
	(A)

(A)Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations

JAN 19

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

JAN 20

ITEM	POUNDS				WTD AVG	POUNDS				WTD AVG	WEEKLY WTD AVG
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY			(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG		
BREAST - B/S	565	85.00-155.00	93-95		95.64	565	85.00-164.00	92-95	96.82	2,420	93.71
TENDERLOINS	228	78.00-141.00	85-89		86.86	173	75.00-139.00	-	85.21	827	84.78
BREAST - LINE RUN	152	52.00-67.00	-		57.46	TOO FEW TO REPORT				443	55.36
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT					TOO FEW TO REPORT				235	55.36
LEGS	208	30.00-48.00	32-34		33.96	218	30.00-48.00	32-34	34.15	892	33.74
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	583	19.00-25.00	20-22		21.28	669	19.00-25.00	21-22	21.40	2,468	21.12
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,109	21.00-30.00	22-25		24.06	1,109	21.00-30.00	23-25	24.58	4,546	23.77
WINGS (WHOLE)	307	89.00-102.00	94-98		96.28	307	95.00-104.00	97-99	99.07	1,228	95.83
WINGS (CUT)	275	110.00-116.00	113-115		114.75	270	110.00-119.00	115-117	115.94	1,165	114.27
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT					TOO FEW TO REPORT				245	37.39
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT					TOO FEW TO REPORT				176	37.73
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT					TOO FEW TO REPORT				429	90.72
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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS						WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS					
TRADING FOR JAN 19, 2006 -- F.O.B. DOCK.						TRADING FOR JAN 20, 2006 -- F.O.B. DOCK.					

RANGE 37.00 - 42.00 **TODAY'S AVERAGE** 39.14

RANGE 36.00 - 39.50 **TODAY'S AVERAGE** 37.54 **5-DAY AVERAGE** 38.28

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 at least moderate entering the weekend. Offerings of breast items were adequate to about adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Dark meat cuts were adequate to closely cleared with drums and thighs in the best balance. Wings were sufficient for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was steady to fully steady for wings; at least steady for breast cuts. Drums and thighs were fully steady to instances firm.

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

JAN 19

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	CURRENT NEG			WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	WEEKLY VOL/LBS
	TRADING*					TRADING*						
BREAST - B/S	100			95.36	680,920	100			97.43	729,500	96.56	2,539,140
TENDERLOINS	90-95			89.70	95,940	90-95			92.90	212,580	95.26	674,266
BREAST - WITH RIBS	51-52			57.04	110,840	51-52			60.56	83,200	59.82	386,560
BREAST - LINE RUN	51			51.00	72,000	51			50.13	72,000	50.40	315,000
LEGS	39-40			39.24	177,760	39-40			41.34	181,720	40.19	708,280
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	22-23			23.90	254,600	22-23			24.69	189,640	24.11	1,081,760
DRUMSTICKS	29-30			34.56	102,280	30-31			31.97	207,040	32.59	563,980
THIGHS	32-33			41.08	56,440	33-34			41.99	67,840	40.56	278,420
B/S THIGHS	99-100			90.96	59,720	100-101			97.09	95,480	94.26	349,080
WINGS (WHOLE)	98-99			98.80	215,240	98-99			99.50	208,300	97.82	795,200
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12			10.86	11,920	10-12			11.93	21,120	11.86	81,360
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55			44.82	13,442	50-55			44.89	16,222	46.60	61,932
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75			73.96	14,360	70-75			74.39	20,880	74.37	74,960

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 POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS		RANGE
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)			
Alabama	4,197	3,937	3,653	3,965	5.49	5.51	3,991	5.38			FRESH FRYERS	97-99	
Arkansas	5,115	5,325	5,332	5,335	5.21	5.34	5,786	5.24			ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-108	
Delmarva	2,316	2,297	2,272	2,559	5.80	5.75	2,828	5.75			HENS UNDER 5#	-	
KY-LA-TN	2,265	2,275	2,165	2,150	5.14	5.22	2,911	5.12			HENS OVER 5#	65-73	
Mississippi	3,339	2,895	2,887	2,949	5.70	5.84	3,216	5.63			DUCKS	-	
North Carolina	2,780	2,588	2,538	2,388	6.89	6.87	3,547	6.80			RABBITS WHOLE	-	
Texas	2,507	2,532	2,515	2,519	5.24	5.23	2,523	5.23			CUT UP	-	
Total	22,519	21,849	21,362	21,599	5.58	5.63	24,802	5.54					
Mon-Fri	103,835(A)						113,179(A)				SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS		
Saturday	717 (included in total for date shown)						2,887(A)						RANGE

Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 20-Jan-06 and 21-Jan-06 is estimated to be 33,691,000 head down 9.48 percent from a week ago and down -2.95 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 37,218,000, last year 34,716,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 21-Jan-06 is estimated to be 154,576,000 head down 7.61 percent from a week ago, and up 3.44 percent from a year ago. (Last week 167,302,000, last year 149,431,000)

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	89-105
	DRY PACK	114
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	100
	DRY PACK	118
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	88-102
	DRY PACK	109
DUCKS		185-190

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 07-Jan-06 (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	26,562	17,344	59,184
Avg Weight	3.69	4.67	6.50
% of total /1	26%	17%	57%

Comparisons

Last week	24,388	14,194	42,528
Avg Weight	3.60	4.78	6.55
% of total /1	30%	17%	52%

Same week, yr ago /2	26,283	19,205	49,048
Avg Weight	3.81	4.74	6.42
% of total /1	28%	20%	52%

To date/2006	26,562	17,344	59,184
To date/2005	26,283	19,205	49,048

/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 14-JAN-2005	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	167,302	1,487	1,349	2,836	470
Avg Wt	5.35	3.34	7.90	5.51	6.63
Last week	150,026	1,275	1,400	2,675	495
Same wk yr ago	159,418	1,625	1,219	2,844	516
Avg Wt	5.25	3.39	8.08	5.40	6.77
To-date/2006	317,328	2,762	2,749	5,511	965
To-date/2005	319,681	3,096	2,702	5,798	1,066

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 160.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 169.3 million head, or 8.9 million more than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT	
December	10	163.9	158.5	103%	5.46
	17	166.3	157.9	105%	5.37
	24	153.5	155.4	99%	5.43
	31	143.7	154.6	93%	5.35
January	7	151.8	156.5	97%	5.38
	14	169.3	160.4	106%	5.35
Year to date		321.1	316.9	101%	
January	21		162.4		
	28		164.5		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection

W/E	01/21/06	01/14/06	% CHG	01/22/05	% CHG
Broilers	154,576	167,302*	-7.61	149,431*	+3.44
Cattle	606	606	0	595*	+02
Hogs	2,107	2,067	+02	1,994*	+06

*ACTUAL

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 16-JAN-2006

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	151-155	157-161
MOSTLY		

MIDWEST	132-142	133-143
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)	53.00-61.00	58.00-61.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	64.00-86.00	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 remained unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady. Demand was fairly good to good. Supplies were balanced to at times close. Weights were desirable. Schedules full time to over time. 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 16-JAN-2006

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

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - DATE OF AUCTION: 01-17-06

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

Prices paid per pound, except as noted.

	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.80
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.75 - .80
Pekin Ducks	3.00 - 3.25ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.30 - .35
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.45 - .50
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.45 - .50
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.50 - .55
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.60 - .65
Guinea Fowl	1.10 - 1.20
Banty Roosters	1.25 - 1.50ea.
Banty Hens	.50 - .75ea.
Silkies	6.00 - 8.00ea.
Geese 9-14 LBS	.45 - .47
Pigeons	2.75 - 3.00ea.
White Pigeons	5.00 - 5.25ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.70 - 1.80
Rabbits 6-9 LB	1.65 - 1.70
Bunnies	1.00 - 1.50ea.
Guinea Pigs	3.00 - 7.00ea.
Pullets 4-6 LBS	.40 - .45

Total Coops Sold 224

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading was too few to report for heavy canners; unchanged on lights when compared to the previous week. Demand was no better than fair for light canners; mostly fair to moderate for heavy canners with most available supplies being used internally. Offerings were adequate to at least adequate for current trade needs. Processing schedules were mostly normal to instances less than normal. The undertone was steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
20-29 MAJORITY 24.5-25.5	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
21-32 MAJORITY 26-27	TOO FEW SALES 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 HENS Prices were generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to fairly good for the mostly adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were normal to less than normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	3-11	6.5-10

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS Costs of disposal were too few to report. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were slow. Schedules were reduced. Salvage rates were expected to remain unchanged.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS Removal costs ranged unchanged. Demand was fairly good with offerings balanced to adequate into traditional processors and inadequate into rendering operations. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-7	4.5-7

WEST COAST LIGHT Plant schedules moderate. Offerings adequate.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 23-JAN-06

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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

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