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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was steady in all areas. Retail demand was slow to fair, instances moderate where featured. Food service was light to moderate, best into fast food channels. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was mixed, mostly moderate. Breast items were balanced to well cleared with boneless skinless moving best. Wings were adequate to limited, and dark meat was available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading declined .25 cents to 69.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 73.75 cents last year on January 26, 2005.

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	137.00
BREASTS - B/S	107.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	57.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	96.00
LEG QUARTERS	26.00
WINGS	99.50

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

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was slow to fair which is not unusual for this time of the month; however, movement was slightly better for active retail ads and fast food promotions. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to handle trade requirements. In the parts structure, trading was light to moderate. Wings were balanced to close, and dark meat was available. Breast items were adequate to barely adequate and frequently held with confidence. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers continued mostly fair to moderate at best. Offerings of all sizes were adequate to well balanced for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, wings were sufficient. Breast items were adequate to well cleared with boneless skinless breast in the best position; dark meat cuts were sufficient and wings were adequate to at least adequate.

MIDWEST REGION Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment was steady. Offerings and trade interest were light. Retail movement was generally slow, although moderate demand was noted in the Ohio, St. Louis and Michigan areas on limited feature activity. A light call was the norm into food service channels with occasional moderate demand noted into some fast food. Floor stocks were in balance; weights desirable to mixed. Offerings of regular sized wings, breast cuts and boneless dark meat were limited; all other part offerings were moderate to instances heavy. The market tone was steady to firm on regular wings, dark boneless meat and breast cuts; steady on balance.

WESTERN REGION Trade sentiments, although mixed, was overall steady. Offerings were fully adequate overall. Buying activity was fair but cautious, as buyers watched how the market developed. Retailer demand was fairly good overall, best to cover feature activities. Floor stocks were adequate. The market tone was steady to fully steady on parts, with boneless breasts in the strongest position.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 215 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 21, 2006. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS UP 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 21, 2006. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through January 21, 2006 were 522 million, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED TOTAL 19 SELECTED STATES

WEEK ENDING 01/21/06	2006	2005	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	215,439	211,673	+02
CHICKS PLACED	174,272	172,679	+01

Source: USDA, NASS

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 04-Mar-06 is estimated at 159.9 million head. This compares to 160.1 million head the previous week and to 163.0 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 162.0 million head and the composite weighted average price was 71.52 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			WTD	ITEM	POUNDS			WTD
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG		(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG
BREAST - B/S	565	83.00-157.00	85-90	93.19	BREAST - B/S	660	85.00-114.00	90-95	92.51
TENDERLOINS	248	75.00-149.00	80-84	82.00	TENDERLOINS	213	76.00-139.00	-	83.86
BREAST - LINE RUN	247	51.00-88.00	-	71.07	BREAST - LINE RUN	113	52.00-65.00	53-57	54.15
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	248	30.00-48.00	32-34	33.65	LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	588	19.00-25.00	20-21	20.71	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	628	19.00-25.00	20-21	20.67
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,109	21.00-30.00	23-25	23.79	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,009	22.00-30.00	23-24	23.57
WINGS (WHOLE)	307	92.00-104.00	94-97	97.09	WINGS (WHOLE)	307	94.00-104.00	95-98	97.97
WINGS (CUT)	320	110.00-117.00	114-115	114.08	WINGS (CUT)	325	109.00-119.00	114-116	114.42
DRUMSTICKS	72	35.00-48.00	-	36.67	DRUMSTICKS	66	35.00-48.00	-	38.30
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	85	90.00-97.00	-	92.59	B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR F.O.B. DOCK.					*****				
		RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE				RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
		37.50-42.00	39.36				36.50-42.00	39.00	38.88

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 mostly moderate to at least moderate during midweek trading. Offerings of boneless skinless breast were well cleared; bone-in breasts were in good balance. Dark meat cuts remained sufficient for current trade needs. Wings were generally adequate. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate, best where features were planned. The market tone was fully steady to firm for boneless skinless breast; at least steady for bone-in breasts. Dark meat items and wings were generally steady.

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

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JANUARY 25, 2006

ITEM	CURRENT NEG	WTD	VOL/LBS	ITEM	CURRENT NEG	WTD	VOL/LBS
	TRADING*	AVG**			TRADING*	AVG**	
BREAST - B/S	100	98.11	695,080	BREAST - B/S	100-105	96.39	483,520
TENDERLOINS	90-95	89.09	187,180	TENDERLOINS	90-95	92.69	180,760
BREAST - WITH RIBS	51-52	60.67	74,560	BREAST - WITH RIBS	51-52	61.62	77,200
BREAST - LINE RUN	51	50.63	72,000	BREAST - LINE RUN	51	50.88	72,000
LEGS	39-40	40.49	138,960	LEGS	39-40	43.94	92,160
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	22-23	23.58	425,280	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	22-23	24.17	309,000
DRUMSTICKS	30-31	36.39	106,450	DRUMSTICKS	30-31	32.70	99,720
THIGHS	33-34	39.69	95,960	THIGHS	33-34	38.16	54,440
B/S THIGHS	100-101	92.70	90,320	B/S THIGHS	100-101	91.20	146,400
WINGS (WHOLE)	98-99	103.76	191,880	WINGS (WHOLE)	98-99	97.51	206,940
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.48	23,480	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.31	22,440
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	49.59	19,123	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	54.81	5,203
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	70.19	30,280	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	74.26	9,520

***** 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)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	WTS
	01/25	01/24	01/23	01/20	01/23	01/20	01/18	01/16	
Alabama	3,738	4,051	3,927	4,210	5.47	5.26	3,653	4.75	
Arkansas	5,335	5,462	5,282	4,949	5.34	5.04	5,332	5.42	
Delmarva	2,349	2,344	2,305	2,559	5.87	5.57	2,272	(A)	
KY-LA-TN	2,263	2,287	2,228	2,093	5.20	5.13	2,165	(A)	
Mississippi	2,987	2,890	3,002	3,420	5.75	5.71	2,887	4.76	
North Car	2,567	2,574	2,519	2,760	6.86	6.93	2,538	6.82	
Texas	2,492	2,531	2,392	2,581	5.28	5.26	2,515	5.33	
Total	21,731	22,139	21,655	22,385	5.63	5.51	21,362	5.39	
Mon-Wed	65,767(B)						58,709(B)		

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 25-Jan-06 is estimated to be 32,512,000 head up 1.42 percent from a week ago and up 5.61 percent from a year ago. (Last week 32,056,000, last year 30,786,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS		97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP		99-108
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	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

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 28-Jan-06

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	01/28/06 (1)	THOUSAND HEAD	01/21/06	THOUSAND HEAD
Broiler/fryer	164,369 (2)		160,366	
Light hens	1,456		1,513	
Heavy hens	1,346		1,426	
Total	167,171		163,305	

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 28-Jan-06 is 160.4 million head compared to 159.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 164.7 million head or 4.3 million more than estimated available. For the week of 04-Feb-06 the estimated available is 162.4 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 01/23/06	45,212		67,320	
AM 01/01/06	31,772		67,392	
CHG	13,440		-72	
PCT CHG	42		0	

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	01/23/06	01/16/06	01/24/05	01/23/06	01/16/06	01/24/05
PACIFIC COAST	2,324	2,036	1,231	4,863	5,296	7,348
LOS ANGELES	52	62	70	3,056	3,049	4,021

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 JANUARY 23, 2006

HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	RANGE
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	76-80
		79-86

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	FOR 1/17/06			FOR 1/17/06		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.25	.35	.27	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	.90	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	2.50
BROILERS lb.	.40	.45	.41	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	1.10	1.45	1.26	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	.90	2.05	1.49	RABBITS ea.	1.00	6.00
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	4.25	5.50
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	4.00	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-			
TOTAL COOPS	45					

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending January 20, 2006

	Whole		Legs W/Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
	Chickens	Breasts				
RAYON						
Low	43.17	116.57	51.81	8.63	4.32	82.03
High	64.76	120.88	60.44	12.95	8.63	82.03
Mostly	64.76	116.57	56.12	8.63	4.32	82.03
SAN JUAN						
Low	43.17	116.57	51.81	8.63	4.32	79.87
High	69.08	120.88	60.44	12.95	8.63	79.87
Mostly	64.76	116.57	51.81	8.63	4.32	79.87
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	43.17	116.57	51.81	8.63	4.32	86.35
High	64.76	120.88	60.44	17.27	8.63	86.35
Mostly	64.76	120.88	60.44	8.63	4.32	86.35
BECERRA						
Low	43.17	120.88	60.44	12.95	4.32	86.35
High	69.08	125.20	69.08	17.27	8.63	86.35
Mostly	64.76	125.20	60.44	12.95	4.32	86.35

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds remained seasonally fair. Sellar offerings were generally well balanced. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights varied in a full range of light to heavy. Processor schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 56-70 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, breast items were adequate to closely cleared. Leg items and particularly wings were fully 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	56-74
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)



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