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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was about steady in the West, but barely steady to weak elsewhere. Demand was limited to fair; supplies of sizes were more than sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was light and selective during midweek trading. Tenders were sufficient and clearing, but all other parts were fully adequate to ample and frequently discounted to help move. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

**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 68.50 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 March 9, 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	140.00
BREASTS - B/S	113.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	58.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	83.50
LEG QUARTERS	19.50
WINGS	99.50

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

**SOUTHERN REGION** Trade sentiment was no better than steady. Demand was light and unaggressive with trading limited, except for regular commitments. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, buying interest was no better than fair with all items adequate to ample and frequently discounted to help clear. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST REGION** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light to no better than fair and generally unaggressive during mid week trading. Offerings of all sizes ranged adequate to available with 2.5 to 3 pound sizes in the better balance. Retail and distributive movement was mostly light. The market tone was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, breast items were at least adequate to available. Leg cuts, wings and boneless skinless thigh meat were readily available and slow to clear. Tenders were clearing satisfactorily.

**MIDWEST REGION** Whole broiler/fryer market tone continued barely steady to weak. Trade interest was very light on ample offerings. Fill-in trade was noted on 3 up wogs at 45 cents into the Chicago area. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate, occasionally better into some fast food and delicatessens. Floor stocks were in balance to instances long; weights desirable. Offerings of all parts were fully available for the limited buyer call. Wings were providing some renewed interest in Ohio and Michigan. The market tone was about steady to weak on all parts.

**WESTERN REGION** The market tone was about steady. Offerings remained fully adequate overall, for full needs. Heavier weights remained in the longest position. Buying activity was light and interest in excess product slow to develop. Retail demand was moderate, best where featured. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. The market tone was about steady to weak on parts.

### BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 217 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 4, 2006. This was up 1 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 DOWN 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 4, 2006. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through March 4, 2006 were 1.57 billion, up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

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

WEEK ENDING 03/04/06	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>PERCENT CHANGE</u> <u>PREVIOUS YEAR</u>
EGGS SET	216,821	214,750	+01
CHICKS PLACED	173,749	176,267	-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 15-Apr-06 is estimated at 159.6 million head. This compares to 159.9 million head the previous week and to 166.2 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 160.0 million head and the composite weighted average price was 73.22 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	635	87.00-155.00	-	99.36	BREAST - B/S	655	82.00-145.00	-	93.81
TENDERLOINS	183	95.00-145.00	-	98.09	TENDERLOINS	228	90.00-145.00	92-98	96.14
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT				BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				LEGS	266	19.00-42.00	21-23	22.83
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	586	13.00-22.00	14-15	14.83	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	626	13.00-22.00	14-15	14.84
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,130	15.00-25.00	17-18	18.55	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	890	15.00-26.00	17-18	17.84
WINGS (WHOLE)	295	82.00-101.00	90-95	94.00	WINGS (WHOLE)	295	80.00-100.00	82-85	87.12
WINGS (CUT)	125	100.00-109.00	102-106	105.28	WINGS (CUT)	210	100.00-109.00	102-105	103.52
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				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.					F.O.B. DOCK.				
		RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE				RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
		36.50-43.00	38.31				35.00-42.50	37.42	38.14

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 light and selective during midweek trading as dealers were cautious and limited orders to most immediate needs. Offerings of breast items and boneless skinless thigh meat was fully adequate to readily available. Tenderloins were clearing satisfactorily. Leg cuts and wings remained fully adequate to ample. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to mostly fair. The market tone was at least steady for tenders. The balance of items 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	VOL/LBS	ITEM	CURRENT NEG	WTD	VOL/LBS
	TRADING*	AVG**			TRADING*	AVG**	
BREAST - B/S	115	104.03	660,040	BREAST - B/S	110-115	105.59	701,760
TENDERLOINS	95-100	95.35	164,440	TENDERLOINS	95-100	95.83	98,440
BREAST - WITH RIBS	57-58	67.02	84,480	BREAST - WITH RIBS	57-58	65.65	70,280
BREAST - LINE RUN	57	58.30	90,000	BREAST - LINE RUN	57	57.82	99,000
LEGS	33-34	31.79	244,080	LEGS	33-34	29.81	305,800
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	18-19	22.00	725,560	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	18-19	19.87	307,167
DRUMSTICKS	20-21	25.78	118,670	DRUMSTICKS	20-21	25.66	101,480
THIGHS	25-26	30.01	75,970	THIGHS	24-25	33.15	41,120
B/S THIGHS	77-78	71.84	56,020	B/S THIGHS	75-76	68.75	64,820
WINGS (WHOLE)	86-87	85.35	335,780	WINGS (WHOLE)	84-85	86.83	242,320
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.63	25,400	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.36	22,280
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	39.08	11,840	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	37.35	7,760
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	48.86	29,840	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	46.76	22,640

\*\*\*\*\* 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)	WTS	
	03/08	03/07	03/06	03/03	03/06	03/03	03/01	02/27	
Alabama	3,767	3,845	3,712	4,353	5.45	5.08	3,854	5.47	
Arkansas	5,377	5,362	5,297	5,067	5.23	5.03	5,270	5.17	
Delmarva	2,212	1,950	2,164	2,559	5.65	5.93	2,237	5.71	
KY-LA-TN	2,304	2,220	2,136	2,146	5.04	4.89	2,186	5.08	
Mississippi	2,715	2,954	2,875	3,576	5.74	5.44	2,863	5.89	
North Car	2,607	2,609	2,507	3,003	6.85	6.55	2,604	6.69	
Texas	2,501	2,498	2,489	2,518	5.36	5.10	2,489	5.38	
Total	21,483	21,438	21,180	23,302	5.57	5.39	21,503	5.57	
Mon-Wed	64,698(A)						64,352(A)		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 08-Mar-06 is estimated to be 32,141,000 head down 0.39 percent from a week ago and up 2.75 percent from a year ago. (Last week 32,267,000, last year 31,282,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	95-98
ROASTERS 4# & UP	97-106
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	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 11-Mar-06

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	03/11/06 (1)	03/04/06
	THOUSAND HEAD	
Broiler/fryer	164,578 (2)	163,964
Light hens	1,000	1,122
Heavy hens	1,493	1,517
Total	167,071	166,603

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 11-Mar-06 is 164.2 million head compared to 159.5 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 164.9 million head or 0.7 million more than estimated available. For the week of 18-Mar-06 the estimated available is 164.3 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 03/06/06	69,602	68,311
AM 02/01/06	52,434	73,883
CHG	17,168	-5,572
PCT CHG	33	-5

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)**

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	03/06/06	02/27/06	03/07/05	03/06/06	02/27/06	03/07/05
<b>PACIFIC COAST</b>	2,032	5,254	2,874	6,840	6,608	6,433
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>	42	3,330	55	3,547	3,418	3,504

**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 MARCH 6, 2006

HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	RANGE
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	76-78 77-86

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	FOR 3/07/06			FOR 3/07/06		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.65	.80	.68	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.	.10	.35
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	4.00
ROOSTERS lb.	1.00	1.15	1.03	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-
GEESE lb.	.70	.95	.87	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	.75	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	2.00	2.40	2.18	RABBITS ea.	3.25	9.75
PIGEONS lb.	3.00	7.25	-	PIGEONS ea.	-	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-			
TOTAL COOPS	58					

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City**

Cents per pound for the week ending March 3, 2006

	Whole	Legs	Necks, Backs	Livers/		
	Chickens	Breasts	W/Thighs	& Wings	Gizzards	Hens
<b>RAYON</b>						
Low	57.98	158.90	81.60	21.47	4.29	75.15
High	78.59	163.19	85.89	25.77	8.59	75.15
Mostly	78.59	158.90	85.89	21.47	4.29	75.15
<b>SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	56.69	154.60	81.60	17.18	4.29	77.30
High	79.45	163.19	85.89	21.47	8.59	77.30
Mostly	79.45	154.60	81.60	21.47	4.29	77.30
<b>NEW SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	55.83	154.60	81.60	21.47	4.29	73.01
High	79.45	158.90	85.89	21.47	8.59	73.01
Mostly	79.45	154.60	81.60	21.47	4.29	73.01
<b>BECERRA</b>						
Low	60.98	163.19	94.48	21.47	4.29	77.30
High	80.74	171.78	98.77	25.77	8.59	77.30
Mostly	80.74	163.19	94.48	25.77	4.29	77.30

**DELMARVA**

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds remained light to fair and generally unaggressive. Seller offerings were adequate to well cleared on the 2.50 and 3.00 pound sizes; fully adequate to ample on the 3.50 and 4.00 pound sizes. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate to light. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 54 to 69 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, supplies were at least adequate. Tenders continued to clear satisfactorily. Wings were readily available and competitively priced to stimulate buyer 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

	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
RANGE	44-70
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A)Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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