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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was mixed, but was overall no better than steady to weak. Retail and food service demand was mostly light to moderate, best into fast food channels. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to ample and attractively priced to help move. In the parts structure, movement was light and unaggressive with purchases limited to immediate needs. Tenders were in the best balance, but all other items were fully adequate to ample and slow to clear. In production areas, live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

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 68.00 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 74.00 cents last year on March 23, 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	111.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	58.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	72.00
LEG QUARTERS	17.50
WINGS	93.50

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

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Demand was mostly fair at best, with limited trading, and regular commitments were being used to satisfy needs. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate to readily available. In the parts structure, movement was slow to fair. Availability of all items was fully adequate to ample and frequently discounted to help move. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light to no better than fair during mid week trading. Offerings of all sizes were fully adequate to ample and slow to clear. Retail and distributive movement was light. The market tone was mostly weak. In the parts complex, breast items were fully adequate. Leg cuts, wings and boneless skinless thigh meat were at least adequate to readily available. Tenders were adequate.

MIDWEST REGION The whole fryer market tone was barely steady to weak. Offerings were adequate to ample for the limited interest. Retail demand was generally light to instances moderate. Movement into food service channels was light to moderate with fast food entities receiving fair to good demand and capturing most consumer interest. Floor stocks were balanced to long, while sizes were mostly desirable to instances light. Parts supplies were fully adequate to ample with buyers continuing to purchase for immediate needs only despite aggressive discounts. The trade sentiment was barely steady on small wings, barely steady to weak on dark meat items, and weak on large wings and breast cuts with the exception of tenders, which were steady.

WESTERN REGION The market tone was barely steady with trade sentiment weak. Offerings were ample and difficult to place. Sharp discounts were commonplace to help clear out surplus product. Buying activity was light and limited to immediate needs. Retail demand was moderate at best. Floor stocks were adequate to ample. Trade sentiments were barely steady to weak on parts.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES

UP SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 214 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 18, 2006. This was up slightly 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 PLACED

UP SLIGHTLY

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 18, 2006. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through March 18, 2006 were 1.92 billion, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED TOTAL

19 SELECTED STATES

WEEK ENDING 03/18/06	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR</u>
EGGS SET	213,723	213,135	0
CHICKS PLACED	177,078	176,235	0

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 29-Apr-06 is estimated at 162.3 million head. This compares to 160.7 million head the previous week and to 166.1 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 164.7 million head and the composite weighted average price was 73.02 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	650	80.00-149.00	-	93.42	BREAST - B/S	655	78.00-147.00	80-85	86.92
TENDERLOINS	243	80.00-145.00	-	93.11	TENDERLOINS	280	80.00-145.00	-	96.29
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	180	16.00-42.00	-	18.00	LEGS	180	16.00-42.00	17-19	17.67
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	601	11.00-22.00	12-13	13.14	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	446	11.00-22.00	12-13	12.63
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	955	14.00-25.00	15-17	15.94	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,050	14.00-25.00	15-17	16.30
WINGS (WHOLE)	295	85.00-99.00	-	89.69	WINGS (WHOLE)	295	70.00-98.00	74-78	79.76
WINGS (CUT)	265	92.00-105.00	94-99	98.68	WINGS (CUT)	240	90.00-103.00	92-96	96.00
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.					*****				
		RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE				RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
		34.50-42.00	36.34				33.50-41.00	35.32	35.85

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 unaggressive during midweek trading as dealers were cautious and limited orders to most immediate needs. Offerings of breast items, leg cuts, wings and boneless skinless thigh meat were at least adequate to readily available and often discounted to stimulate additional buyer interest. Tenders were at least sufficient for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair. The market tone was generally steady on tenders. The balance of items were about 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	100-105	97.42	550,000	BREAST - B/S	100-105	102.05	380,720
TENDERLOINS	95-100	99.69	207,852	TENDERLOINS	95-100	94.92	120,790
BREAST - WITH RIBS	56-57	63.00	122,200	BREAST - WITH RIBS	56-57	65.12	82,200
BREAST - LINE RUN	56	58.14	63,000	BREAST - LINE RUN	56	58.33	81,000
LEGS	29-30	26.06	225,920	LEGS	29-30	29.94	324,360
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	14-15	15.04	249,680	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	14-15	14.46	207,800
DRUMSTICKS	20-21	25.51	67,000	DRUMSTICKS	20-21	25.47	72,480
THIGHS	23-24	29.96	76,710	THIGHS	23-24	31.81	40,160
B/S THIGHS	69-70	62.75	53,240	B/S THIGHS	69-70	57.20	52,360
WINGS (WHOLE)	75-76	72.98	201,120	WINGS (WHOLE)	74-75	77.31	195,840
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.62	34,120	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.75	18,440
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	24.50	25,280	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	24.79	12,320
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	49.54	23,280	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	49.74	21,800

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	WTS
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)
	03/22	03/21	03/20	03/17	03/20	03/17	03/15	03/13
Alabama	3,578	4,003	4,009	4,176	5.47	5.25	3,872	5.40
Arkansas	5,420	5,430	5,279	5,222	5.28	5.03	5,282	5.08
Delmarva	2,262	2,227	2,032	2,559	5.81	5.63	2,153	5.87
KY-LA-TN	2,293	2,269	2,172	2,419	5.33	4.97	2,234	5.07
Mississippi	2,926	2,847	2,857	3,345	5.88	5.57	2,946	5.81
North Car	2,623	2,626	2,488	2,691	6.85	6.61	2,509	6.79
Texas	2,502	2,499	2,522	2,557	5.46	5.23	2,522	5.41
Total	21,604	21,901	21,359	22,592	5.66	5.41	21,518	5.55
Mon-Wed	65,065(A)						63,845(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 22-Mar-06 is estimated to be 32,322,000 head up 0.10 percent from a week ago and up 7.18 percent from a year ago. (Last week 32,290,000, last year 30,157,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	94-98
ROASTERS 4# & UP	97-105
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	89-103
	DRY PACK	108-114
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	100
	DRY PACK	111-118
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	88-102
	DRY PACK	102-109
DUCKS		185-190

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 25-Mar-06

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	03/25/06 (1)		03/18/06	
	THOUSAND HEAD			
Broiler/fryer	162,318	(2)	163,678	
Light hens	1,080		1,005	
Heavy hens	1,556		1,361	
Total	164,954		166,044	

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 25-Mar-06 is 164.9 million head compared to 153.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 162.6 million head or 2.3 million less than estimated available. For the week of 01-Apr-06 the estimated available is 164.9 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 03/20/06	75,458		63,427	
AM 03/01/06	69,688		69,000	
CHG	5,770		-5,573	
PCT CHG	8		-8	

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	03/20/06	03/13/06	03/21/05	03/20/06	03/13/06	03/21/05
PACIFIC COAST	1,990	1,568	3,033	7,123	7,141	6,402
LOS ANGELES	71	34	66	3,438	3,427	3,424

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 20, 2006

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

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY FOR 3/21/06

	LOW HIGH AVG			LOW HIGH AVG		
	HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	.15	-	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.	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	2.00	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	.60
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	.50	.80	.64	RABBITS ea.	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	3.00	4.75
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	48					

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending March 17, 2006

	Whole		Legs W/Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
	Chickens	Breasts				
RAYON						
Low	70.04	161.29	84.89	21.22	4.24	72.16
High	77.25	169.78	93.38	25.47	8.49	72.16
Mostly	72.16	165.54	89.14	21.22	8.49	72.16
SAN JUAN						
Low	69.61	165.54	80.65	16.98	4.24	76.40
High	78.52	169.78	84.89	21.22	8.49	76.40
Mostly	73.86	165.54	84.89	16.98	4.24	76.40
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	68.76	161.29	80.65	16.98	4.24	74.28
High	77.25	169.78	84.89	21.22	8.49	74.28
Mostly	72.16	161.29	80.65	21.22	4.24	74.28
BECERRA						
Low	70.88	169.78	84.89	21.22	4.24	76.40
High	79.37	174.03	89.14	25.47	8.49	76.40
Mostly	74.28	174.03	84.89	25.47	8.49	76.40

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was slow to fair at best. Seller offerings were fully adequate to ample. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent lower at 53 to 68 cents. Trade sentiment continued generally weak and unsettled. In the parts complex, buyer interest was light and selective; offerings were fully adequate to ample.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

RANGE	WEIGHTED AVERAGE	NO. OF BOXES	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
			43-70
			(A)
			(A)

(A)Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.



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