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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was steady to about steady, at times barely steady. Demand into all channels was light to moderate with strongest movement into fast food channels and delis. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to ample with heavier weights in the longest balance. In the parts structure, demand was fair to moderate. Availability was adequate to fully sufficient, but more manageable and in a better position than previous days. In production areas, live supplies were 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 remains unchanged at 67.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 74.00 cents last year on April 13, 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	111.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	58.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	70.00
LEG QUARTERS	17.00
WINGS	85.50

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

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was steady to about steady. Retail demand was light to fair, best for features. Food service was fair to moderate with best movement for fast food promotions. Supplies were sufficient to better balanced due to schedule reductions from Monday, and some plants will be down Friday for the holiday. In the parts structure, interest was fair to moderate. Supplies of all items were in good supply to available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly fair to moderate at best for midweek trading. Offerings of all ranged adequate to available with 2.5 and 4 pound sizes in the better balance. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items were generally sufficient for current needs. Tenders were clearing satisfactorily. Dark meat cuts and wings were mostly adequate.

MIDWEST REGION Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady to barely steady. Offerings were fully sufficient for immediate trade needs; fill-in on 3 up wogs into Chicago at 39 cents. Movement into all channels was light to moderate; fast food draw was best in the Chicago and St. Louis areas, while delicatessens and barbeque outlets were best in the Ohio and Michigan areas. Floor stocks were adequate to more than desired; weights desirable. Parts supplies were available, but considerably more in balance than prior week's supplies. The market tone was steady to fully steady on all parts, except large wings which were unsettled.

WESTERN REGION Trade sentiments, although mixed, were generally steady. Offerings were adequate to ample, to cover an only fair buyers' interest. Discounts offered where surplus product was available. Retailer demand was light to moderate at best, mainly due to interest in traditional holiday items. Floor stocks adequate.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES

DOWN 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 215 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 8, 2006. This was down 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 PLACED

DOWN 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 8, 2006. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through April 8, 2006 were 2.45 billion, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

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

WEEK ENDING 04/08/06	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>PERCENT CHANGE</u> <u>PREVIOUS YEAR</u>
EGGS SET	215,346	217,024	-01
CHICKS PLACED	173,247	176,774	-02

Source: NASS,USDA

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 20-May-06 is estimated at 161.4 million head. This compares to 163.2 million head the previous week and to 166.3 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 165.0 million head and the composite weighted average price was 72.14 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 (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	614	88.00-155.00	92-100	100.21	BREAST - B/S	695	90.00-155.00	95-100	99.16
TENDERLOINS	178	87.00-149.00	92-98	94.94	TENDERLOINS	178	92.00-148.00	95-99	96.79
BREAST - LINE RUN	82	52.00-60.00	54-56	55.27	BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	148	16.00-38.00	18-20	20.03	LEGS	193	16.00-38.00	18-19	19.37
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	112	11.00-16.00	13-14	13.14	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	512	13.00-16.00	14	14.05
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,060	14.00-25.00	15-16	16.23	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,105	14.00-25.00	15-16	16.79
WINGS (WHOLE)	275	67.00-93.00	68-71	72.00	WINGS (WHOLE)	285	66.00-93.00	67-69	68.60
WINGS (CUT)	240	85.00-96.00	89-92	90.38	WINGS (CUT)	245	86.00-95.00	88-92	89.71
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	
	30.00-35.50	32.57			33.50-36.00	34.69		33.36	

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 fair to moderate for midweek trading. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts were generally sufficient and clearing satisfactory; bone-in breasts were adequate to at least adequate for current needs. Dark meat cuts and wings were mostly adequate. Tenders were in good balance. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone was steady to at least steady on boneless skinless breasts and tenderloins. The balance of items 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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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	100-105	96.66	713,120	BREAST - B/S	100-105	96.60	532,640
TENDERLOINS	95-100	91.12	219,000	TENDERLOINS	95-100	92.56	141,240
BREAST - WITH RIBS	56-57	62.54	127,320	BREAST - WITH RIBS	56-57	67.14	68,520
BREAST - LINE RUN	56	59.60	90,000	BREAST - LINE RUN	56	59.89	81,000
LEGS	29-30	26.72	210,080	LEGS	29-30	27.76	254,760
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	14-15	16.85	334,200	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	14-15	18.46	361,784
DRUMSTICKS	20-21	22.99	156,070	DRUMSTICKS	20-21	23.47	99,960
THIGHS	23-24	31.55	76,470	THIGHS	23-24	32.12	58,400
B/S THIGHS	71-72	64.22	188,140	B/S THIGHS	71-72	63.09	104,520
WINGS (WHOLE)	70-71	68.98	255,600	WINGS (WHOLE)	70-71	68.70	238,840
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.57	30,400	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.37	26,800
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	26.78	25,440	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	23.37	19,440
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	47.66	25,240	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	46.38	14,880

***** 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 (1,000)		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WTS		ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS
Alabama	04/12	04/11	04/10	04/07	04/10	04/07	04/05	04/03
Arkansas	4,087	4,183	3,213	4,591	5.44	5.10	3,979	5.42
Delmarva	5,341	5,482	4,053	5,704	4.98	4.99	5,248	5.26
KY-LA-TN	2,318	2,309	1,434	2,559	5.67	5.60	2,338	5.78
Mississippi	2,013	2,101	2,145	2,224	5.17	4.90	2,125	5.00
North Car	2,471	3,007	2,845	3,134	5.84	5.64	2,885	5.91
Texas	2,609	2,381	2,242	3,295	6.62	6.73	2,478	6.96
Total	2,500	2,470	2,189	2,494	5.27	5.07	2,482	5.27
Mon-Wed	21,339	21,933	18,121	23,957	5.51	5.40	21,535	5.59
	63,851(A)						64,059(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 12-Apr-06 is estimated to be 31,926,000 head down 1.20 percent from a week ago and up 5.90 percent from a year ago. (Last week 32,315,000, last year 30,147,000)

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	RANGE
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 15-Apr-06

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	04/15/06 (1)	THOUSAND HEAD	04/08/06	THOUSAND HEAD
Broiler/fryer	161,391 (2)		164,804	
Light hens	1,102		1,222	
Heavy hens	1,332		1,505	
Total	163,825		167,531	

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 15-Apr-06 is 163.2 million head compared to 160.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 161.7 million head or 1.5 million less than estimated available. For the week of 22-Apr-06 the estimated available is 164.4 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 04/10/06	80,934		66,094	
AM 04/01/06	81,033		64,881	
CHG	-99		1,213	
PCT CHG	0		2	

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	04/10/06	04/03/06	04/11/05	04/10/06	04/03/06	04/11/05
PACIFIC COAST	718	1,157	3,934	7,420	7,469	6,390
LOS ANGELES	65	69	49	3,534	3,574	3,711

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 APRIL 10, 2006

HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	RANGE
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	69-76
		72-79

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	FOR 04/11/06			FOR 04/11/06		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	-	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	9.50	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	4.75	6.50
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.60	4.00
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	1.00	7.50
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	16.00	19.50
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	1.35	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	1.30	2.60	1.89	RABBITS ea.	1.00	5.00
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	6.25	11.75
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	3.75	5.75
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-			
TOTAL COOPS	71					

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending April 7, 2006

	Whole		Legs W/Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/Gizzards	Hens
	Chickens	Breasts				
RAYON						
Low	57.76	130.15	77.28	12.20	4.07	61.01
High	72.81	138.29	81.35	16.27	8.13	61.01
Mostly	57.76	134.22	81.35	12.20	4.07	61.01
SAN JUAN						
Low	61.01	134.22	73.21	12.20	4.07	61.01
High	74.03	142.36	77.28	16.27	4.07	61.01
Mostly	61.01	138.29	77.28	12.20	4.07	61.01
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	56.94	130.15	73.21	8.13	4.07	56.94
High	73.21	134.22	77.28	12.20	4.07	56.94
Mostly	56.94	134.22	77.28	12.20	4.07	56.94
BECERRA						
Low	56.94	138.29	77.28	12.20	4.07	61.01
High	74.84	142.36	81.35	16.27	8.13	61.01
Mostly	58.57	142.36	81.35	16.27	4.07	61.01

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair. Seller offerings of 2.50 and 4.00 sizes were adequate and clearing satisfactorily; 3.00 and 3.50 pound sizes were fully adequate to ample and generally slow to clear. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 48 to 65 cents. Trade sentiment remained about steady. In the parts complex, supplies were adequate to fully adequate and were in much more manageable balance than over the last several days.

*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		44-66	
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		(A)	
NO. OF BOXES		(A)	

(A)Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.



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