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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices in the major terminal markets were generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Trade sentiment was usually reported as steady to about steady at current price levels. Demand into all channels was light to moderate for early week business, with best movement noted into fast food outlets. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to ample with heavier weights in the longest position. In the parts structure, demand was light to moderate. Tenders were clearing, and leg quarters were in a better position. Overall, availability of most parts, were adequate and reported as sufficient for trade needs. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

**Final Report** of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 17-APR-2006 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	
Boston/New England	TFEWR		:	52.06	21
Chicago	46.00-49.00	49.43	37 :	49.89	72
Ohio Cities	TFEWR		:	52.62	21
Denver	74.50	74.25	14 :	74.97	15
Detroit	48.00-52.00	50.89	9 :	52.54	63
Los Angeles	75.00	72.56	66 :	69.39	122
New York	48.00-51.00	49.61	23 :	54.43	60
Philadelphia	47.50-49.00	48.18	11 :	48.70	22
Pittsburgh	47.00-50.00	48.64	11 :	57.47	57
St. Louis	48.00	47.60	20 :	49.93	34
San Francisco	75.50	74.20	32 :	72.77	94

### Composite Weighted Average

Loads	04/17/06	Change/Last Wk	04/10/06	04/18/05
581	58.64	-.73	59.37	72.77

**WOG BROILERS** (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads
Eastern	52.50-55.50	54.09	35
Central	45.00-55.00	51.56	71
Western	50.00-60.00	57.22	36
<b>Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent</b>			
Mississippi	65.00-68.00	66.59	87

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 67.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,121	46.00-70.00	66.12
The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:		
LINE RUN TENDERS	139.50	1,496
BREASTS - B/S	111.50	6,191
BREASTS - WHOLE	58.50	1,568
THIGH MEAT - B/S	71.00	1,195
LEG QUARTERS	16.50	9,604
WINGS	85.50	3,121

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**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Trucklot buying interest was light to no better than fair and generally unaggressive entering the week. Offerings of all sizes were fully sufficient for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items were mostly adequate. Dark meat cuts and wings were adequate with leg quarters in the best balance. Tenders were in good balance to well cleared.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment for early week business was generally steady at prevailing price levels. Retail demand was fair with traders still closely watching further market developments. Supplies of all sizes were at least sufficient for trade needs, although heavier sizes were more available than the lighter weights. In the parts structure, movement was mostly light to fair. Supplies of all items ranged from close balance to sufficient, but not as available as early last week. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at usually desirable weights.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Final majority prices were unchanged throughout the region. Trade sentiment was about steady. Reported trading for this week's deliveries on regular commitments were at generally unchanged prices, however new negotiations were at unchanged to lower prices. Offerings were adequate to ample. Buying activity improved in some areas but was moderate overall. Retailer demand was light to moderate, with best to cover planned feature activities. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was down .39 to 51.73, with the volume reported up 4 percent to 26 loads.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Majority prices on whole broiler/fryers were unchanged to slightly higher from last Monday's final; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole fryer market tone was mostly steady, occasionally barely steady. Offerings were adequate for the light to fair trade call. Retail demand was light to moderate. Food service movement covered the full range; best into fast food, catering and some restaurants Floor stocks well cleared to long; sizes desirable. Supplies of parts were available. The market tone was steady to firm on dark meat, and steady to fully steady on the balance of parts.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was generally noted as light and unaggressive for post weekend fill-in needs. Seller offerings were irregular, but fully adequate for current inquiry. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processing schedules were very light as several plants were closed, mainly due to normal, seasonally lighter requirements during the Passover/Easter period. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 48 to 65 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. In the parts complex, availability was tempered by plant closings, however, offerings were at least adequate, as demand was only fair at best.

\*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	41-69
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying activity was fair to moderate at best following the extended religious holiday weekend. Offerings of breast items were generally sufficient for trade needs and clearing satisfactorily. Dark meat cuts were mostly adequate with leg quarters in the best balance. Wings were adequate to fully adequate. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone was at least steady for leg quarters and boneless skinless thigh meat; generally steady on the balance of items.

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

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	100-105	91.77	433,520
TENDERLOINS	95-100	93.63	135,560
BREAST - WITH RIBS	56-57	63.57	32,080
BREAST - LINE RUN	56	57.79	119,400
LEGS	29-30	25.40	264,240
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	15-16	15.99	231,880
DRUMSTICKS	20-21	23.92	91,280
THIGHS	23-24	31.97	17,400
B/S THIGHS	72-73	68.00	109,640
WINGS (WHOLE)	70-71	65.82	232,560
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.41	14,880
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	28.24	20,760
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	49.18	15,920

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS** 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	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	933	85.00-198.00	86-94	100.50
TENDERLOINS	379	88.00-162.00	-	105.96
BREAST - WITH RIBS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	795	12.00-14.00	13-14	13.14
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,845	14.00-19.00	14-14.5	14.98
WINGS (WHOLE)	979	53.00-115.00	60-71	66.74
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	1,248	15.00-26.00	15-20	15.71

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

	ESTIMATE (1,000)	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS (1,000)	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS (1,000)
	04/17	04/13	04/13	04/10	04/06
Alabama	4,124	4,003	5.32	3,213	5.19
Arkansas	5,489	5,250	5.23	4,053	5.20
Delmarva	1,311	2,295	5.66	1,434	5.71
KY-LA-TN	2,121	2,014	4.96	2,145	4.97
Mississippi	2,903	2,685	5.59	2,845	5.80
North Carolina	2,075	2,611	6.77	2,242	6.81
Texas	2,473	2,521	5.24	2,189	5.30
Total	20,496	21,379	5.50	18,121	5.50
Mon	20,496(A)			18,121(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 17-Apr 2005 is estimated to be 30,664,000 up 12.77 percent from a week ago. and down 8.7 percent from a year ago. (last week 27,192,000 last year 33,581,000)

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS** 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
BREAST - B/S	649	90.00-155.00	-	99.97
TENDERLOINS	223	88.00-145.00	92-98	94.66
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	228	16.00-38.00	18-20	19.67
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	562	12.00-18.00	13-14	13.84
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	875	14.00-25.00	15-16	16.56
WINGS (WHOLE)	285	65.00-93.00	68-71	71.95
WINGS (CUT)	295	86.00-96.00	88-92	90.71
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
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 APRIL 17, 2006 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
33.00 - 37.00	34.42	34.41

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.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER PARTS** ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 17-APR-TO 21-APR-2006

	Price (Cents) Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	85.00 - 108.00	88.00 - 95.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	50.00 - 81.00	57.00 - 61.00
LEGS	22.00 - 34.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	10.00 - 27.00	16.00 - 18.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	16.00 - 29.00	18.00 - 20.00
DRUMSTICKS	16.00 - 29.00	-
THIGHS	22.00 - 30.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	71.00 - 100.00	80.00 - 86.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 23.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 48.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 58.00	-

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	80-98
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	83.5-100.5
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	

**DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)**

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

**EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

APRIL 14, 2006				
<b>CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED</b>				
PRICES — VOLUME —				
(Cents per Pound)				
FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS RANGE	-	15.00-15.50	521,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		15.15		
15-20% RANGE	14.75-19.00	11.00-14.00	1,888,000	1,208,000
WTD AVERAGE	16.97	12.59		
20% OR MORE RANGE	-	13.00	40,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		13.00		

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

**CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

APRIL 14, 2006				
<b>CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED</b>				
PRICES — VOLUME —				
(Cents per Pound)				
FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS RANGE	16.00	16.00	101,200	-
WTD AVERAGE	16.00	16.00		
15-20% RANGE	12.00-22.00	12.00-15.00	1,393,200	640,000
WTD AVERAGE	12.83	12.82		
20% OR MORE RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were unchanged to slightly lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly fair to no better than moderate for the generally adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were noted as normal to instances less than normal. The undertone was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 17-APR-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9-15	11-13	12.07
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading levels were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings from producers. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 17-APR-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9-15.5	11-13	12.33

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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