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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was mixed, but overall no better than steady. Demand into all channels was slow to moderate, best for active retail ads, fast food, and catering services. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate to available with heavier sizes in the longest position. In the parts structure, mid-week interest was fair to moderate. Dark meat was in good balance to well cleared and moving satisfactorily. Breast items were adequate to fully sufficient, and wings were mixed, but easy to obtain. 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 27, 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	141.50
BREASTS - B/S	111.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	60.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	73.00
LEG QUARTERS	19.00
WINGS	83.00

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

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was generally steady at best. Retail and food service demand was light to instances moderate, best for fast food promotions. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate. Dark meat was in good balance to short and moving strong into export and domestic channels. Breast items were usually sufficient, and wings were mixed, but readily 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 light to fair at best during midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate to available with 3 pound and heavier sizes in the longest position. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair. The market tone was no better than steady. In the parts complex, breast items were at least adequate for trade needs. Most dark meat cuts were in good balance to well cleared. Wings were fully adequate.

MIDWEST REGION Whole broiler/fryer market tone was about steady. Trade call was limited on fully sufficient offerings. The Chicago area noted fill-in trade on 3 up wogs at 39 cents. Retail and food service demand was slow to moderate, best into catering and some fast food outlets. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate; weights mostly desirable. Parts trade activity centered on leg items and at times wings, otherwise interest was lackluster. Supplies of dark meat lines were tight; wings mixed and breast items available. The market tone was steady to firm leg items and regular wings with remainder of parts steady.

WESTERN REGION The market tone was generally steady. Offerings, although moved into better balance, was at least adequate. Retailer demand was moderate, best where features in progress. Floor stocks were adequate. Dark meat items were fully steady to firm with balance of parts steady overall.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES

DOWN 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 22, 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 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 22, 2006. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through April 22, 2006 were 2.80 billion, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED TOTAL

19 SELECTED STATES

WEEK ENDING 04/22/06	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR</u>
EGGS SET	212,623	215,123	-01
CHICKS PLACED	174,406	175,439	-01

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 03-Jun-06 is estimated at 161.9 million head. This compares to 160.7 million head the previous week and to 165.9 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 149.9 million head and the composite weighted average price was 71.69 cents per pound.

APRIL 25, 2006

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

APRIL 26, 2006

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	689	88.00-120.00	90-95	94.46	BREAST - B/S	614	88.00-155.00	90-95	98.22		
TENDERLOINS	228	92.00-152.00	95-99	97.90	TENDERLOINS	178	92.00-152.00	95-99	99.64		
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	198	20.00-38.00	21-24	22.95	LEGS	228	19.00-38.00	24-26	25.80		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	592	15.00-21.00	-	17.62	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	592	16.00-19.00	17-18	17.58		
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,180	17.00-25.00	-	19.00	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,100	17.00-20.00	19-20	19.29		
WINGS (WHOLE)	275	68.00-94.00	72-76	74.69	WINGS (WHOLE)	590	60.00-94.00	-	65.69		
WINGS (CUT)	295	86.00-96.00	89-94	90.85	WINGS (CUT)	260	80.00-96.00	89-92	89.25		
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	
	34.50-38.50		36.31			35.00-38.50		36.65		36.12	

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 continued fair to moderate during midweek trading. Offerings of breast items were adequate to fully adequate. Boneless skinless thigh meat and dark meat items were in close balance and clearing satisfactorily. Wings ranged adequate to available. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to moderate, best for scattered features. The market tone was full steady to firm on most dark meat cuts; at least steady to fully steady for boneless skinless thigh meat. 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.

APRIL 25, 2006 ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	APRIL 26, 2006 ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
TENDERLOINS	100	97.64	71,320	TENDERLOINS	100	95.53	203,240
BREAST - WITH RIBS	56-57	63.87	115,040	BREAST - WITH RIBS	56-57	67.32	63,960
BREAST - LINE RUN	56	61.50	90,000	BREAST - LINE RUN	56	60.90	90,000
LEGS	30-31	34.54	65,720	LEGS	31-32	29.56	170,680
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	19-20	18.06	480,120	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	19-20	18.28	421,640
DRUMSTICKS	21-22	26.54	122,786	DRUMSTICKS	21-22	24.86	121,320
THIGHS	26-27	31.42	86,460	THIGHS	27-28	31.39	63,920
B/S THIGHS	76-77	69.95	64,530	B/S THIGHS	76-77	66.87	123,520
WINGS (WHOLE)	70-71	71.40	227,129	WINGS (WHOLE)	70-71	68.22	269,480
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.29	18,320	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.37	23,760
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	28.57	26,480	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	25.91	12,120
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	49.45	26,680	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	44.73	16,600

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)					AVG	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY				
ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS	ACTUAL	WTS	DELIVERED TO RETAILERS		RANGE	
(1,000)		(1,000)			(1,000)					
04/26	04/25	04/24	04/21	04/24	04/21	04/19	04/17			
Alabama	3,930	3,742	3,824	4,123	5.41	5.34	3,984	5.50	FRESH FRYERS	94-98
Arkansas	5,373	5,520	5,195	5,726	5.31	5.13	5,294	5.33	ROASTERS 4# & UP	97-105
Delmarva	2,261	2,281	2,279	2,559	5.87	5.85	2,306	6.15	HENS UNDER 5#	-
KY-LA-TN	2,320	2,296	2,180	2,330	5.26	4.96	2,281	5.30	HENS OVER 5#	65-73
Mississippi	2,814	2,965	2,919	3,220	5.82	5.49	2,900	5.89	DUCKS	-
North Car	2,625	2,592	2,519	3,472	6.81	6.63	2,613	6.84	RABBITS-WHOLE	-
Texas	2,475	2,482	2,477	2,412	5.39	5.14	2,444	5.32	RABBITS-CUT UP	-
Total	21,798	21,878	21,393	23,542	5.64	5.49	21,822	5.64	SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY	
Mon-Wed	65,654 (A)						63,634 (A)		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	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 26-Apr-06 is estimated to be 32,612,000 head down 0.41 percent from a week ago and up 3.17 percent from a year ago. (Last week 32,746,000, last year 31,609,000)

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 29-Apr-06

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	04/29/06 (1)	04/22/06
	THOUSAND HEAD	
Broiler/fryer	162,882 (2)	158,541
Light hens	1,166	1,171
Heavy hens	1,418	1,456
Total	165,466	161,168

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 29-Apr-06 is 166.2 million head compared to 164.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 163.2 million head or 3.0 million less than estimated available. For the week of 06-May-06 the estimated available is 166.7 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 04/17/06	79,674	66,464
AM 04/01/06	81,033	64,881
CHG	-1,359	1,583
PCT CHG	-2	2

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	04/24/06	04/17/06	04/25/05	04/24/06	04/17/06	04/25/05
PACIFIC COAST	356	447	4,113	7,197	7,265	5,874
LOS ANGELES	62	65	41	3,186	3,231	3,127

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 24, 2006

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

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 04/25/06

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW HIGH AVG			LOW HIGH AVG		
	HEAVY FOWL lb.	.80	1.10	.95	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.	1.50	1.75
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	1.00	1.10	1.04	RABBITS ea.	-	5.00
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	3.00	10.00
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	10.00	11.00
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	2.00	2.25
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-			
TOTAL COOPS	32					

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending April 21, 2006

	Whole	Legs	Necks, Backs	Livers/
	Chickens	Breasts	W/Thighs	& Wings
				Gizzards
				Hens
RAYON				
Low	71.40	139.53	77.97	16.41
High	75.51	143.63	82.07	20.52
Mostly	72.64	139.53	77.97	16.41
SAN JUAN				
Low	69.76	139.53	73.87	16.41
High	75.10	143.63	77.97	20.52
Mostly	69.76	143.63	73.87	16.41
NEW SAN JUAN				
Low	69.76	131.32	73.87	8.21
High	73.87	135.42	77.97	12.31
Mostly	69.76	135.42	77.97	12.31
BECERRA				
Low	57.45	139.53	77.97	12.31
High	75.51	143.63	82.07	16.41
Mostly	72.64	143.63	82.07	16.41

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to fair and somewhat spotty. Seller offerings were fully adequate and were more readily available on the over 3.00 pound sizes. Live supplies were moderate; weights were often heavier than desired. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 48 to 65 cents. Trade sentiment was no better than steady. In the parts complex, breast items were adequate to fully adequate. Leg cuts were adequate to closely cleared. 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	47-66
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A)Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.



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