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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices in the major terminal markets were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. However, the trade sentiment was usually no better than steady. Demand improved slightly for weekend business, but was still no better than light to moderate. Supplies of whole product were at least adequate to available, with smaller sizes in the best position. In the parts structure, dark meat items were in the best position, although product was reported as good balance to spot availability. White meat items were adequate to available. Wings were irregular but usually available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

Preliminary report Prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 01-MAY-2006 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	46.00-49.00	35.50-68.00	47.25	28
New York	48.00-51.00			
Los Angeles	75.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	65.00-68.00	47.00-72.00	66.87	94

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.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
927	63.37-70.00	67.23
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice-packed parts:	WTD. AVG.	VOLUME
ITEM	(CENTS PER POUND)	(000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	139.50	1,225
BREASTS - B/S	111.00	5,683
BREASTS - WHOLE	59.00	1,307
THIGH MEAT - B/S	74.00	1,085
LEG QUARTERS	19.00	8,566
WINGS	84.50	2,939

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

SOUTHERN BROILER Trade sentiment was steady to about steady. Demand entering the weekend was light to moderate, best where fast food promotions were in progress. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate with the heavier sizes in the longest position. In the parts structure, interest was still fairly active on dark meat items with product usually clearing, breast items were adequate to available and slow to clear. Wings were mixed, but available, and tenders were slightly more available in late week trading than early week. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers increased slightly and was noted as fair to moderate entering the weekend. Offerings were generally sufficient to well cleared and in better balance on the smaller sizes. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items were at least adequate for trade needs. Most dark meat cuts were about adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Wings were at least adequate to fully adequate.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was about steady. Reported trading was at mixed levels, with heavy weights in the weakest position. Buying activity was fair. Offerings were fully adequate overall. Retailer demand was moderate, best for parts. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers. Dark meat items were fully steady to firm with balance of parts steady.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS The preliminary majority price for next week's delivery into the Chicago area was unchanged from Monday's final majority. The market tone for whole broiler/fryers was mostly steady, instances barely steady. Additional offerings were adequate to ample for the limited trade interest. Retail and distributive demand was light to moderate with many anticipating improved demand as the first of the month and the Mother's Day holiday approaches. Features, catering, and some fast food channels provided the best consumer appeal. Floor stocks were mostly balanced to instances long with sizes desirable, instances heavy. Part supplies were mostly adequate with the exception of small wings and dark meat cuts, which were in the tightest position. The trade sentiment was steady to firm on dark meat items and small wings with the remainder of parts generally steady.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to moderate. Seller offerings were adequate to well cleared and were in the closer better balance on the smaller sizes. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Several plants were slated to close Monday, mainly due to expected shortages of line crew workers. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 48 to 65 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. In the parts complex, offerings varied from plant to plant, but were at least adequate overall.

*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	42-70
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	04/24/06-04/28/06 (A)
	04/25/05-04/29/05 (A)
NO. OF BOXES	04/24/06-04/28/06 (A)
	04/25/05-04/29/05 (A)

(A)Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS				(000)	WTD AVG
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG		
BREAST - B/S	704	87.00-159.00	90-95	95.78	779	88.00-155.00	90-95	98.02	3,481	97.19
TENDERLOINS	228	85.00-152.00	-	95.51	188	89.00-152.00	92-97	97.74	1,040	97.39
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				336	56.23
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				270	55.26
LEGS	278	22.00-38.00	27-29	28.22	TOO FEW TO REPORT				960	25.33
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	592	17.00-21.00	18	18.09	600	15.00-22.00	17-18	17.73	2,968	17.42
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	964	18.00-25.00	19-21	20.24	1,645	18.00-25.00	19-20	20.24	6,194	19.51
WINGS (WHOLE)	251	68.00-94.00	67-70	71.59	285	60.00-94.00	67-70	70.32	1,676	69.96
WINGS (CUT)	310	80.00-96.00	87-92	89.66	305	80.00-96.00	88-92	88.36	1,470	89.92
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				405	31.26
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				215	31.98
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				505	70.55

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
 TRADING FOR APR 27, 2006 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

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RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
35.50 - 39.50	37.05	32.00 - 40.00	35.50	36.38

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 increased slightly and was noted as fair to moderate entering the weekend. Offerings of breast items were at least adequate for current needs. Boneless skinless thigh meat and dark meat items were about adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Wings ranged adequate to available. Movement through retail and distributive channels ranged light to moderate, with best interest centering on scattered feature activity. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm on most dark meat cuts and 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

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD	CURRENT NEG			WTD	WTD AVG	WEEKLY
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS			
BREAST - B/S	100-105	97.51	724,780	100-105	102.96	627,680	97.83	3,278,515		
TENDERLOINS	100	94.71	173,500	100	98.58	79,520	95.55	724,830		
BREAST - WITH RIBS	56-57	69.41	63,800	56-57	68.36	60,160	65.70	382,640		
BREAST - LINE RUN	56	59.24	119,000	56	59.81	77,400	60.05	461,480		
LEGS	32-33	28.48	274,410	32-33	30.59	135,920	29.72	820,400		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21	18.78	313,000	20-21	19.95	361,374	18.53	2,022,444		
DRUMSTICKS	22-23	23.58	86,800	22-23	26.18	122,560	24.83	564,566		
THIGHS	28-29	31.18	50,040	28-29	33.14	71,840	31.68	308,180		
B/S THIGHS	77-78	69.77	125,200	77-78	71.90	67,400	69.79	476,030		
WINGS (WHOLE)	70-71	68.18	244,040	70-71	72.21	159,800	70.09	1,170,309		
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.08	27,200	10-12	11.76	18,080	11.55	108,000		
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	27.09	22,560	25-30	26.89	18,800	28.05	91,000		
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	36.47	19,960	45-50	50.02	17,720	46.03	94,360		

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG)* TODAY'S NEG. 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 WT		ACTUAL		AVG WTS	
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)
Alabama	4,916	4,084	3,931	3,741	5.37	5.31	4,123	5.35		
Arkansas	5,729	5,429	5,300	5,411	5.25	5.28	5,726	5.09		
Delmarva	2,472	2,311	2,342	2,213	5.85	5.81	2,259	5.74		
KY-LA-TN	2,625	2,287	2,324	2,275	5.05	5.25	2,330	5.06		
Mississippi	3,360	2,961	2,807	2,935	5.89	5.86	3,220	5.82		
North Carolina	3,564	2,646	2,517	2,522	6.77	6.87	3,472	6.85		
Texas	2,490	2,490	2,548	2,548	5.34	5.34	2,412	5.31		
Total	25,156	22,208	21,769	21,645	5.58	5.61	23,542	5.54		
Mon-Fri	113,018(A)						108,666(A)			
Saturday	3,518 (included in total for date shown)						2,759			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 28-Apr-06 and 29-Apr-06 is estimated to be 37,636,000 head up 6.54 percent from a week ago and up 9.42 percent from a year ago. (Last week 35,327,000, last year 34,395,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 29-Apr-06 is estimated to be 168,211,000 head up 2.89 percent from a week ago, and up 3.37 percent from a year ago. (Last week 163,490,000, last year 162,731,000)

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

	ICE PACK	DRY PACK	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS			89-103
ROASTERS 4# & UP			108-114
HENS OVER 5#			111-118
DUCKS			102-109
			185-190

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 15-Apr-06 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning
Food service
4.20 Lbs. & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs. 5.26 Lbs. & Up

	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	24,019	18,340	49,587
Avg Weight	3.75	4.73	6.36
% of total /1	26%	20%	54%

Comparisons

Last week	33,822	23,461	56,686
Avg Weight	3.85	4.83	6.37
% of total /1	30%	21%	50%
Same week, yr ago /2	27,465	18,311	53,607
Avg Weight	3.69	4.62	6.31
% of total /1	28%	18%	54%
To date/2006	415,801	277,169	809,957
To date/2005	413,613	313,042	718,400

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION (Preliminary)

W/E 22-APR-2006	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	163,490	1,208	1,385	2,593	554
Avg Wt	5.40	3.21	8.07	5.81	6.80
Last week	154,312	1,018	1,333	2,351	498
Same wk yr ago	161,112	1,651	1,466	3,117	479
Avg Wt	5.33	3.30	8.07	5.54	6.75
To-date/2006	2,568,970	19,174	22,922	42,096	8,175
To-date/2005	2,508,776	24,380	21,289	45,669	8,075

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 164.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 165.5 million head, or 1.1 million more than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
March 18	164.3	164.3	100%	5.31
25	164.1	164.9	100%	5.36
April 1	163.8	164.9	99%	5.28
8	164.6	163.5	101%	5.34
15	156.2	163.2	96%	5.35
22	165.5	164.4	101%	5.4
Year to date	2600.3	2613.9	99%	
April 29		166.2		
May 6		166.7		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**Under Federal Inspection**

W/E	04/29/06	04/22/06	% CHG	04/30/05	% CHG
Broilers	168,211	163,490*	+2.89	162,731*	+3.37
Cattle	679	624	+09	625*	+09
Hogs	1,974	1,925	+03	1,928*	+02

*ACTUAL

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 24-APR-2006

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	151-155	157-161
MOSTLY		

MIDWEST	132-142	133-143
MOSTLY		

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	46.00-57.00	52.00-53.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	57.00-86.00	72.00-76.00

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	63.36-72.90
14 OZ.	69.84-81.00
16 OZ.	74.88-89.10

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices unchanged. The trade sentiment steady. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies were adequate for current needs. Schedules were full time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$3.50-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.45-1.95, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$0.50-0.65, livers at \$0.95-1.70, and feet at \$1.00-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 24-APR-2006

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	126-146	128-148

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - DATE OF AUCTION: 04-25-06

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

Prices paid per pound, except as noted.

	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.60- .75
Pullets	- 1.00ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.60- .70
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.80- 1.00
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.75- .90
Guinea Fowl	2.00- 2.20ea.
Banty Roosters	2.50- 3.00ea.
Banty Hens	1.50- 2.00ea.
Leghorn Hens	.04- .10
Silkie	2.25- 2.50ea.
Pigeons	3.75- 4.00ea.
White Pigeons	5.00- 5.75ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.80- 2.20
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	1.40- 1.70
Bunnies	2.00- 5.00ea.
Guinea Pigs	2.50- 4.50ea.
Goats	- 50.00ea.
Kid Goats	30.00- 40.00ea.
Doves	- 6.00ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.60- .75

Total Coops Sold 400

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading was too few to report for heavy canners; unchanged on lights when compared to the previous week. Offerings of light canners were fully sufficient for the generally light to fair at best demand; heavier canners were at least adequate to fully adequate with most available supplies being used internally. Demand ranged light to fair. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was steady at best.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST
LIGHT CANNER HENS **HEAVY CANNER HENS**
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) **(WITHOUT NECKS)**
 18-28 MAJORITY 23-24 TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED
LIGHT CANNER HENS **HEAVY CANNER HENS**
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) **(WITHOUT NECKS)**
 20-29 MAJORITY 24.5-25.5 TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to fairly good, best into rendering operations. Offerings of spent hens were fully adequate to instances ample for current needs. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was mostly steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	4-12	9-10

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Disposal costs were TFEWR. Demand was light for fully adequate volume of light hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Salvage values were expected to remain constant.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Removal prices ranged irregular. Demand was fair to good with offerings fully adequate to ample. Schedules were full-time at most locations. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	4.5-9.5	

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plant worked reduced slaughter schedules. Demand was fair. Offerings were adequate.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 01-MAY-06

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was fair to no better than moderate for the generally adequate to at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules for next week was noted as normal to instances less than normal. Sales of finished product was light to fair at best. The undertone was about steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS Trading levels were too few to report. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were reduced.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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