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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices for next week were trending unchanged to lower. Trade sentiment was mixed, but overall no better than steady. Demand entering the weekend was light to moderate, best for fast food and catering services, with some improvements for first of the month and in preparation for upcoming Mother's Day. Supplies of smaller sizes were in good balance, but heavier weights were sufficient to more available. In the parts structure, movement was fair to fairly good, best where weekend needs increased. Supplies of dark meat and breast items were balanced to closely cleared; wings were mixed, but readily 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 08-MAY-2006 (cents per lb)

### US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	45.00-48.00	38.00-68.00	46.26	27
New York	46.00-49.00			
Los Angeles	75.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	65.00-68.00	47.00-72.00	66.90	89

**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.
919	63.22-70.00	67.08
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	1,240
BREASTS - B/S	113.00	5,718
BREASTS - WHOLE	58.00	1,327
THIGH MEAT - B/S	76.50	1,091
LEG QUARTERS	21.00	8,641
WINGS	83.50	2,939

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

**SOUTHERN BROILER** Trade sentiment was mixed, mostly about steady. Demand entering the weekend was light to moderate, best for fast food promotions and where weekend needs increased. There is some optimism for next week as Mother's Day approaches. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, interest was fair to fairly good. Dark meat continued to move well with supplies balanced to short of full needs. Breast items were sufficient to well cleared, and wings were readily available. 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 entering the weekend and was noted as fair to moderately good. Offerings were generally adequate on 3 pound and smaller sizes; fully adequate and slow in clearing on the heavier sizes. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair. The market tone was no better than steady. In the parts complex, breast items and boneless skinless were well cleared. Most dark meat cuts were in good balance and clearing satisfactorily. Wings were at least adequate.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Preliminary majority prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady overall. Reported trading for next week's delivery was at mainly unchanged prices. Buying activity was fair. Offerings were easily adequate for trade needs. Retailer demand was light to moderate, best to cover features. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into the Chicago area were slightly lower over Monday's final. Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment remained generally steady. Offerings were light to moderate; smaller sizes were in close balance. Trade call was light to moderate overall with a positive increase in movement for first of month and upcoming Mother's Day activity. All market venues experienced increased demand. Floor stocks were short to ample; weights desirable. Parts trade was active on dark bone-in items, smaller sized boneless/skinless breast, tenderloins and wings saw a moderate to good call in major metropolitan centers. Supplies of large sized breast cuts were fully sufficient, leg items and tenderloins were tight and wings varied. The market tone was fully steady to firm on dark meat cuts, steady to firm on bone-in and boneless/skinless breasts and steady on wings.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to moderately good entering the weekend. Offerings were adequate and clearing satisfactorily on the 2.50 and 3.00 pound sizes; adequate to ample and slow to clear in instances on the 4.00 pound sizes. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were very heavy when combined with operations planned for Saturday. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 47 to 64 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. In the parts complex, offerings were adequate to closely cleared.

\*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	38-70
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	(A)
	05/01/06-05/05/06
	05/02/05-05/06/05
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
	05/01/06-05/05/06
	05/02/05-05/06/05
	(A)

(A)Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations

MAY 04

## SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

MAY 05

ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS				(000)	WTD AVG	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG			
BREAST - B/S	684	90.00-165.00	93-100	99.95	708	97.00-185.00	100-110	108.82	3,305	100.51	
TENDERLOINS	670	89.00-149.00	90-100	101.22	203	88.00-165.00	94-100	100.91	1,429	99.82	
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				395	56.15	
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				245	55.96	
LEGS	130	30.00-38.00	32	32.77	148	30.00-38.00	32	31.78	745	31.79	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	638	19.00-22.00	20-21	20.38	602	19.00-26.00	20-22	21.02	2,920	19.65	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,125	21.00-28.00	23-25	22.98	1,365	22.00-26.00	24-25	24.53	5,225	22.64	
WINGS (WHOLE)	275	60.00-85.00	66-69	69.09	275	60.00-85.00	64-68	68.00	1,510	68.98	
WINGS (CUT)	335	80.00-96.00	88-92	89.94	300	80.00-96.00	89-94	89.62	1,412	87.95	
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				365	33.67	
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				155	34.68	
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				550	75.33	
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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS					WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS						
TRADING FOR MAY 04, 2006 -- F.O.B. DOCK.					TRADING FOR MAY 05, 2006 -- F.O.B. DOCK.						
	RANGE		TODAY'S AVERAGE			RANGE		TODAY'S AVERAGE		5-DAY AVERAGE	
	36.50 - 40.00		38.30			36.50 - 42.50		38.76		37.82	

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 moderate to fairly good entering the weekend. Offerings of breast items and boneless skinless thigh meat were well cleared. Most dark meat cuts were in good balance and clearing satisfactorily. Wings were at least adequate. Movement through distributive channels was fair to moderate. Food service demand was moderate to good. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm on breast items and most dark meat cuts. 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

MAY 04

MAY 05

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD	CURRENT NEG			WTD	MAY 05	
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		WTD AVG	WEEKLY
BREAST - B/S	105-110	97.89	624,960	110	99.68	673,440	99.24	2,816,490		
TENDERLOINS	100	92.05	173,980	100-105	94.92	215,000	95.80	823,431		
BREAST - WITH RIBS	57-58	69.09	76,040	57-58	61.36	161,840	65.90	454,000		
BREAST - LINE RUN	57	59.00	81,000	57	60.25	95,400	59.50	460,080		
LEGS	34-35	30.77	262,420	34-35	34.37	113,660	31.03	818,530		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	22-23	20.70	366,200	23-24	20.42	531,293	20.43	2,032,288		
DRUMSTICKS	24-25	25.15	120,800	25-26	23.49	270,840	25.69	832,671		
THIGHS	28-29	32.95	56,680	28-29	35.33	53,520	34.95	272,800		
B/S THIGHS	79-80	69.84	123,840	79-80	76.44	74,960	71.79	449,578		
WINGS (WHOLE)	70-71	72.86	193,220	70-71	70.85	178,360	69.79	994,580		
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.96	36,840	10-12	11.94	18,120	11.45	108,720		
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	31.12	15,280	30-35	28.85	13,840	29.92	54,440		
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	46.81	17,000	45-50	48.10	18,040	44.74	93,880		

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		SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED	
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	
05/05	05/04	05/03	05/02	05/03	05/02	04/28	04/26					<b>RANGE</b>
Alabama	4,745	4,150	4,122	3,836	5.34	5.38	5,240	5.37			FRESH FRYERS	94-98
Arkansas	5,088	5,451	5,293	5,288	5.13	5.27	6,345	5.25			ROASTERS 4# & UP	97-105
Delmarva	2,849	2,280	2,317	2,559	5.86	5.79	2,761	5.85			HENS UNDER 5#	-
KY-LA-TN	2,981	2,301	2,301	2,313	5.11	5.16	2,754	5.05			HENS OVER 5#	65-73
Mississippi	3,613	2,906	2,809	2,743	5.84	5.89	3,617	5.89			DUCKS	-
North Carolina	3,237	2,636	2,572	2,494	6.84	6.94	3,493	6.77			RABBITS-WHOLE	-
Texas	2,523	2,501	2,523	2,446	5.00	5.16	2,505	5.34			RABBITS-CUT UP	-
Total	25,036	22,225	21,937	21,436	5.52	5.60	26,715	5.58				
Mon-Fri	106,869(A)						113,480 (A)				<b>SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY</b>	
Saturday	3,082 (included in total for date shown)						5,205				<b>DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS</b>	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 05-May-06 and 06-May-06 is estimated to be 37,457,000 head down 6.57 percent from a week ago and up 7.42 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 40,089,000, last year 34,871,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 06-May-06 is estimated to be 154,795,000 head down 7.42 percent from a week ago, and down 5.61 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 167,199,000, last year 163,999,000)

		<b>RANGE</b>
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

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED** Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 22-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	24,049	26,402	54,812
Avg Weight	3.83	4.67	6.62
% of total /1	23%	25%	52%

**Comparisons**

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

Same week, yr ago /2	28,432	19,382	53,241
Avg Weight	3.74	4.71	6.40
% of total /1	28%	19%	53%

To date/2006	439,850	303,571	864,769
To date/2005	442,045	332,424	771,641

/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 29-APR-2006	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					

Head	167,199	1,110	1,456	2,566	542
Avg Wt	5.47	3.32	8.03	5.99	6.82
Last week	163,490	1,208	1,385	2,593	554
Same wk yr ago	162,731	1,715	1,437	3,152	514
Avg Wt	5.46	3.24	8.02	5.42	6.77
To-date/2006	2,736,169	20,284	24,378	44,662	8,717
To-date/2005	2,671,507	26,095	22,726	48,821	8,589

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 166.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 169.2 million head, or 3.0 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 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
29	169.2	166.2	102%	5.47
Year to date	2769.5	2780.1	100%	
May 6		166.7		
13		166.5		

**BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**

Under Federal Inspection

W/E	05/06/06	04/29/06	% CHG	05/07/05	% CHG
-----THOUSANDS-----					
Broilers	154,795	167,199*	-7.42	163,999*	-5.61
Cattle	624	682	-08	654*	-05
Hogs	1,809	1,974	-08	1,858*	-03

\*ACTUAL

**EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 01-MAY-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
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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)	65.00-86.50	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
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14 OZ.	69.84-81.00
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16 OZ.	74.88-89.10
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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 were unchanged. The trade sentiment steady. Demand was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were balanced to adequate. 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 01-MAY-2006

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

**GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - DATE OF AUCTION: 05-02-06**

\*\*AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY\*\*

Prices paid per pound, except as noted.	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.20 - 1.30
Pullets 4-6 LBS	.90ea.
Pekin Ducks	5.50 - 6.00ea.
Red Fowl 4-6 LBS	.60 - .90
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.65 - .95
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.65 - .90
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	1.00 - 1.10
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.90 - 1.00
Guinea Fowl	4.00 - 4.50ea.
Banty Roosters	3.00 - 3.50ea.
Banty Hens	1.75 - 2.00ea.
Leghorn Hens	3.00ea.
Silkie	4.50 - 5.00ea.
Pigeons	4.00 - 4.50ea.
White Pigeons	5.00 - 6.00ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.60 - 1.75
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	1.10 - 1.30
Bunnies	3.00 - 7.00ea.
Guinea Pigs	4.00 - 9.00ea.
Kid Goats	40.00 - 50.00ea.
Doves	5.00 - 7.00ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.30

Total Coops Sold 336

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Trading was too few to report on heavy canners; unchanged on lights when compared to the previous week. Offerings of light canners were fully adequate for the generally light to fair at best demand; heavier canners ranged adequate to fully adequate with most available supplies being used internally. Demand was light to fair. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was no better than steady.

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

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED	
<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b>
<b>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>(WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
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 generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand ranged light to good, best for rendering operations. Offerings of spent hens were fully adequate to ample for current needs. Processing schedules were mostly normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	5-13	9-10

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Salvage values were TFEWR. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent leg-horn hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair. Disposal costs were expected to remain about steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Removal prices ranged unchanged to higher. Offerings were ample while demand into traditional processors was light while rendering demand was fairly good to good. Schedules were full-time for next week. Trade sentiment steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	4.5-11	4.5-9

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plant worked desired slaughter schedules. Demand was fair. Offerings in fair balance.

**HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \***  
PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR  
SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 08-MAY-06

**SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS** Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was fair to moderate at best for the least adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules for next week were noted as normal. Sales of finished product was light to fair at best. The undertone was about steady.

AT FARM BUYER LOADING	<b>RANGE MAJORITY</b>
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 supplies of raw materials. Schedules were reduced. Sales of dressed hens were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	<b>RANGE MAJORITY</b>
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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