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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices for next week were trending unchanged in the West, but higher elsewhere. Trade sentiment was mixed, ranging steady to firm. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate, instances good for fast food and catering businesses. Supplies of larger sized product was at least adequate, but lighter weights were balanced to limited for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was moderate to good. Breast items were well balanced to short, dark meat was sufficient to closely cleared, and wings were readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

**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 22-MAY-2006 (cents per lb)

### US GRADE A

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
(Including branded product)				
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	52.00-55.00	47.00-59.00	53.38	26
New York	51.00-54.00			
Los Angeles	75.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	66.00-69.00	49.00-74.00	67.10	88

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 67.75 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.
934	65.00-70.00	67.61
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice-packed parts:		
ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	141.00	1,219
BREASTS - B/S	123.50	5,667
BREASTS - WHOLE	61.50	1,301
THIGH MEAT - B/S	81.00	1,074
LEG QUARTERS	25.50	8,545
WINGS	82.50	2,923

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

**SOUTHERN BROILER** Trade sentiment was mostly fully steady to firm. Retail and food service demand entering the weekend was fair to moderate with active trading. Supplies of heavier weight product were sufficient, but smaller sizes were balanced to well cleared. In the parts structure, movement was moderate to good. Wings were at least adequate and tenders were available. But the remaining breast items and dark meat were no more than adequate to tight and often moving at premium levels. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers remained mostly good entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes were in good balance to well cleared with 3 pound and lighter sizes in the better balance. Retail and distributive movement was moderate. The market tone continued firm. In the parts complex, breast items were in good balance to well cleared. Drums, legs and leg quarters were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Wings were fully adequate.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Preliminary majority prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady to firm. Trading reported at generally unchanged prices on regular commitments and unchanged to higher on new negotiations. Offerings were adequate to ample with heavy weight product in the longest position. Retailer demand was moderate overall, best to cover promotional activities. Dealers anticipated fair weekend clearances. The market tone on parts was about steady to firm with bone-in and boneless breasts in the strongest position.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Preliminary majority prices on whole broiler/fryers for next week's delivery into the Chicago area increased sharply from Monday's final. Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment was steady to firm. Offerings were adequate on large birds and limited on smaller sizes with buyer interest measured. Demand overall into retail and food service was light to moderate; instances fairly good into fast food and catering. Floor stocks were adequate to ample; weights mixed. Parts supplies were in close balance on dark meat lines and breast cuts with wings building. The market tone was steady on wings and remaining parts were fully steady to firm.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds entering the weeked remained good. Seller offerings were in good balance to closely cleared. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderate to heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher at 52 to 69 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, offerings were adequate to barely adequate. Bone-in and particularly boneless/skinless breasts were often no more than adequate. Wings were generally noted as at least 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	49-72
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	05/15/06-05/19/06 (A)
	05/16/05-05/20/05 (A)
NO. OF BOXES	05/15/06-05/19/06 (A)
	05/16/05-05/20/05 (A)

(A)Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations

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**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

MAY 19

ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS				(000)	WTD AVG
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG		
BREAST - B/S	697	117.00-175.00	122-126	126.15	653	115.00-165.00	122-126	125.14	3,296	123.29
TENDERLOINS	223	95.00-164.00	100-105	100.95	180	95.00-164.00	100-105	101.12	932	100.51
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				423	63.03
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				360	59.03
LEGS	188	32.00-38.00	34-35	33.85	123	31.00-42.00	33-35	34.32	810	33.85
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,070	22.00-28.00	24-26	25.46	572	22.00-28.00	24-25	24.71	3,417	24.85
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	640	24.00-30.00	27-28	27.38	1,368	24.00-29.00	26-28	26.82	5,288	26.49
WINGS (WHOLE)	315	60.00-85.00	70-74	72.25	305	60.00-85.00	-	68.69	1,345	70.25
WINGS (CUT)	305	80.00-96.00	85-92	89.67	315	80.00-96.00	87-92	88.89	1,495	89.82
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				405	41.40
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				220	35.51
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				85	80.00-86.00	-	83.76	525	84.11

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 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS  
 TRADING FOR MAY 18, 2006 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

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**RANGE**      **TODAY'S AVERAGE**  
 39.00 - 45.00      42.21

**RANGE**      **TODAY'S AVERAGE**      **5-DAY AVERAGE**  
 40.00 - 45.50      43.09      41.90

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 at least moderate to good entering the weekend. Offerings of breast items were in good balance to short of current trade needs. Legs, leg quarters, drums and thighs were about adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Wings were fully adequate. Movement through retail and distributive channels was moderate. The market tone was firm on breast items; steady to instances firm on 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 18

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD	CURRENT NEG			WTD	WTD AVG	WEEKLY
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS			
BREAST - B/S	130-135	112.65	703,400	135	116.13	550,520	111.44	3,141,020		
TENDERLOINS	100-105	97.01	240,080	100-105	96.52	145,060	100.78	935,497		
BREAST - WITH RIBS	65-66	70.07	123,560	66-67	73.20	109,200	71.31	422,560		
BREAST - LINE RUN	65	69.27	99,000	66	68.80	90,000	67.31	441,000		
LEGS	37-38	39.41	278,360	37-38	38.48	113,520	36.88	963,560		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	25-26	24.73	214,120	25-26	25.61	242,440	23.50	1,491,163		
DRUMSTICKS	32-33	31.57	101,960	32-33	36.82	96,880	31.02	625,350		
THIGHS	28-29	34.63	51,820	28-29	36.53	55,360	35.32	342,055		
B/S THIGHS	83-84	80.52	132,760	83-84	80.90	122,920	79.01	594,980		
WINGS (WHOLE)	70-71	68.86	254,240	70-71	70.87	224,420	70.30	1,235,180		
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.23	20,680	10-12	11.56	19,400	11.47	99,900		
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	27.79	7,640	30-35	22.24	20,710	26.00	64,270		
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	36.09	16,040	40-45	45.06	19,520	43.42	93,120		

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). \* 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	05/19	05/18	05/17	05/16	05/17	05/16	05/12	05/10		
Arkansas	4,174	4,044	4,068	4,095	5.38	5.41	4,615	5.26		
Delmarva	5,394	5,482	5,399	5,309	5.26	5.37	4,728	5.32		
KY-LA-TN	2,536	2,267	2,204	2,559	5.78	5.81	2,225	5.70		
Mississippi	2,543	2,351	2,255	2,296	5.09	5.23	2,532	4.95		
North Carolina	3,550	2,937	2,825	2,901	5.88	5.77	2,959	5.82		
Texas	3,440	2,609	2,602	2,524	6.88	6.90	2,734	6.90		
Mon-Fri	2,546	2,523	2,497	2,519	5.32	5.36	2,398	5.28		
Saturday	112,134(A)						109,538 (A)			
	2,652	(included in total for date shown)					884			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 19-May-06 and 20-May-06 is estimated to be 36,180,000 head up 8.65 percent from a week ago and up 0.30 percent from a year ago. (Last week 33,300,000, last year 36,071,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 20-May-06 is estimated to be 167,609,000 head up 1.67 percent from a week ago, and up 2.81 percent from a year ago. (Last week 164,848,000, last year 163,035,000)

**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			88-102
			102-109
			185-190

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

	(A) Fast food/ Food service	(B) Retail	(C) Deboning
	4.20 Lbs. & down	4.21-5.25 Lbs.	5.26 Lbs. & Up
-----THOUSANDS-----			
Head	28,685	16,610	51,839
Avg Weight	3.87	4.75	6.44
% of total /1	30%	17%	53%
Comparisons			
Last week	22,737	20,008	56,387
Avg Weight	3.81	4.73	6.41
% of total /1	23%	20%	57%
Same week, yr ago /2	27,884	20,305	56,085
Avg Weight	3.78	4.60	6.31
% of total /1	27%	19%	54%
To date/2006	491,272	340,189	972,995
To date/2005	502,409	370,171	883,886

/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 13-MAY-2006	YOUNG	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL	DUCKS
	CHICKENS	HENS	HENS	HENS	
-----THOUSANDS-----					
Head	164,848	1,226	1,509	2,735	556
Avg Wt	5.45	3.35	8.35	6.11	6.82
Last week	154,172	1,121	1,530	2,651	503
Same wk yr ago	163,338	1,528	1,462	2,990	505
Avg Wt	5.32	3.21	8.08	5.59	6.82
To-date/2006	3,055,189	22,631	27,417	50,048	9,776
To-date/2005	2,998,844	29,227	25,673	54,900	9,608

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 166.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 166.9 million head, or 0.4 million more than estimated available.

**ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/  
FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT	
April	8	164.6	163.5	101%	5.34
	15	156.2	163.2	96%	5.35
	22	165.5	164.4	101%	5.40
	29	169.2	166.2	102%	5.47
May	6	156.0	166.7	94%	5.39
	13	166.9	166.5	100%	5.45
Year to date	3092.4	3113.3	99%		
May	20	165.1			
	27	162.8			

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

**Under Federal Inspection**

W/E	-----THOUSANDS-----				
	05/20/06	05/13/06	% CHG	05/21/05	% CHG
Broilers	167,609	164,848*	+1.67	163,035*	+2.81
Cattle	698	708	-01	661*	+06
Hogs	1,945	1,931	+01	1,919*	+01

\*ACTUAL

**EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 15-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
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)	50.00-57.00	53.00-54.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	65.00-86.50	73.00-78.00

**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 remained unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady. Demand was moderate to instances good. Supplies were in good balance to adequate for current needs. Schedules 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 15-MAY-2006

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

**GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - DATE OF AUCTION: 05-16-06**

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

Prices paid per pound, except as noted.	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.80 - .90
Doves	5.00 - 6.00ea.
Pekin Ducks	- 6.00ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.50 - .60
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.60 - .80
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.60 - .70
Guinea Fowl	2.20 - 2.25ea.
Banty Roosters	2.00 - 2.50ea.
Banty Hens	1.00 - 1.25ea.
Leghorn Hens	.25 - .30ea.
Silkie	2.50 - 4.00ea.
Geese 9-14 LBS	.30 - .35
Pigeons	3.50 - 3.75ea.
White Pigeons	4.00 - 4.25ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.50 - 1.90
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	1.40 - 1.70
Bunnies	1.50 - 5.00ea.
Guinea Pigs	3.50 - 5.00ea.
Goats	50.00 - 55.00ea.
Kid Goats	45.00 - 50.00ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.95 - 1.00

Total Coops Sold 478

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Trading was too few to report on heavy canners; generally unchanged on lights when compared to the previous week. Offerings of light canners were fully adequate for the mostly light to fair at best demand; heavy canners were adequate to fully adequate with most available supplies being used internally. Demand was light to fair. Processing schedules were normal to instances heavy. 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)**  
 18-27 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)**  
 20-28 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 light to moderate, best into rendering operations. Offerings of spent hens were fully adequate to ample for current trade needs. Processing schedules were mostly normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	5-13	9-10

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Disposal costs were too few to report. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings of spent fowl. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Removal prices ranged unchanged with majority prices unchanged to slightly higher. Offerings were easily available while demand was reported as fair. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	4.5-11	4.5-5.5

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plant worked full schedule. Demand was moderate to good. Offerings in fairly good balance with needs.

**HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \***  
 PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR  
 SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 22-MAY-06

**SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS** Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was fair at best for the least adequate to fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules for next week were noted as normal to instances heavy. Sales of finished product was light to fair. 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 at least adequate offerings of hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was barely steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING		TOO FEW TO REPORT

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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