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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 fully steady to firm. Demand into all channels entering the holiday weekend was moderate to good. Supplies of all sizes were in good balance to well cleared for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was moderate to good. Wings were at least adequate, and tenders were readily available. The remaining breast items and dark meat were in good supply to tight and moving at premium levels. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at 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 29-MAY-2006 (cents per lb)

### US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	56.00-59.00	52.00-63.00	57.31	29
New York	56.00-59.00			
Los Angeles	75.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	67.00-69.00	54.00-75.00	67.24	90

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 68.25 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.
912	65.25-71.00	68.01
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	142.50	1,153
BREASTS - B/S	131.50	5,434
BREASTS - WHOLE	65.50	1,266
THIGH MEAT - B/S	83.50	1,040
LEG QUARTERS	28.00	8,302
WINGS	82.50	2,826

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

**SOUTHERN BROILER** Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Demand entering the extended holiday weekend was fair to fairly good with active trading. Supplies of all sizes were balanced to well cleared and held with confidence. In the parts structure, interest was moderate to good. Wings were available, but all other items were close to tight and 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 was good to instances very good entering the holiday weekend. Offerings of all sizes were well cleared. Retail and distributive movement was moderate to good. The market tone was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, breast items were adequate to well cleared. Leg cuts were about adequate to adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Wings and tenderloins were at least adequate to fully adequate.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** The market tone was fully steady to firm. Offerings in good balance. Retailer demand good. Floor stocks adequate.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into the Chicago area moved higher from Monday's final. Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Trade inquiry was light on limited offerings with smaller sized birds short of call. Retail centers were seeing good movement in preparation for extended holiday weekend. Food service was mixed, light to good with catering and some fast food providing good demand. Floor stocks were in balance to short and weights were in a desirable range. Parts trade had tapered over prior period as holiday rush subsided, plus the lack of transportation impacted movement. Supplies, overall, were in close balance with only wings and tenderloins readily available. The market tone was fully steady to firm on bone-in breast, boneless/skinless breast and leg items and barely steady to weak on wings and tenderloins.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was good entering the holiday lengthened weekend. Seller offerings were generally well cleared. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processor schedules were very heavy when combined with operations planned for Saturday. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher at 57 to 74 cents. Trade sentiment continued firm. In the parts complex, offerings were adequate to well cleared for immediate deliveries.

\*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	50-77
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	(A)
	05/22/06-05/26/06
	05/23/05-05/27/05
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
	05/22/06-05/26/06
	05/23/05-05/27/05
	(A)

(A)Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations

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**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

MAY 26

ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS				(000)	WTD AVG
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG		
BREAST - B/S	573	128.00-185.00	130-135	136.16	528	125.00-187.00	130-135	135.90	2,997	130.99
TENDERLOINS	288	80.00-157.00	-	100.17	143	83.00-166.00	-	99.78	1,123	97.60
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				290	62.90
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				340	64.41
LEGS	148	35.00-42.00	37-38	36.86	148	35.00-44.00	-	35.89	830	35.71
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	577	26.00-29.00	27-28	27.41	592	25.00-29.00	28	27.85	2,631	26.30
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	480	27.00-31.00	29	29.00	948	28.00-31.00	29-30	29.49	4,878	27.76
WINGS (WHOLE)	330	55.00-75.00	62-65	64.32	295	60.00-75.00	62-65	65.42	1,540	67.57
WINGS (CUT)	335	80.00-96.00	85-92	88.90	250	80.00-96.00	88-92	88.78	1,530	89.03
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				340	39.74
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				140	39.94
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				567	83.82

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 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS  
 TRADING FOR MAY 25, 2006 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

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RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
44.50 - 49.00	47.21	42.00 - 49.00	46.76	45.47

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 mostly good entering the holiday weekend. Offerings of breast items were adequate to well cleared. Leg cuts were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Wings were fully adequate. Movement through retail and distributive channels was moderate. The market tone was fully adequate to instances firm for breast items; fully steady for legs and leg quarters. 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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MAY 26

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			CURRENT NEG			WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
	TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS		
BREAST - B/S	145	128.52	818,680	145	127.91	533,720	123.88	3,147,800
TENDERLOINS	100	98.30	149,590	100	100.52	134,700	98.97	691,010
BREAST - WITH RIBS	70-71	77.46	54,720	71-72	77.85	70,240	76.71	324,400
BREAST - LINE RUN	70	70.99	128,000	71	73.80	79,200	71.28	472,600
LEGS	40-41	40.53	92,200	40-41	41.47	155,120	41.06	767,360
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	27-28	26.57	308,600	27-28	27.00	440,440	26.45	1,710,440
DRUMSTICKS	33-34	39.86	67,240	33-34	39.20	113,120	36.05	562,200
THIGHS	28-29	36.86	58,480	28-29	33.62	110,400	35.01	361,390
B/S THIGHS	83-84	82.73	76,360	83-84	84.23	58,440	82.07	447,760
WINGS (WHOLE)	70-71	72.68	172,600	70-71	73.10	228,560	71.45	1,032,060
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.18	37,480	10-12	12.80	9,800	11.74	103,320
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	24.26	22,320	30-35	23.98	22,920	24.10	77,680
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	43.55	16,400	40-45	42.97	39,240	43.54	102,480

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	4,976	4,206	4,052	4,009	5.41	5.34	4,466	5.38		
Arkansas	6,145	5,407	5,299	5,342	5.25	5.30	5,547	5.26		
Delmarva	2,955	2,268	2,260	2,559	5.72	5.78	2,496	5.78		
KY-LA-TN	2,600	2,311	2,270	2,281	5.04	5.20	2,650	5.09		
Mississippi	3,470	2,978	2,859	2,987	5.96	5.77	3,564	5.88		
North Carolina	3,913	2,663	2,523	2,551	6.89	6.97	3,508	6.88		
Texas	2,557	2,535	2,560	2,528	5.28	5.28	2,534	5.32		
Total	26,616	22,368	21,823	21,964	5.59	5.60	24,765	5.60		
Mon-Fri	115,485 (A)						112,227(A)			
Saturday	4,100(included in total for date shown)						3,750(A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 26-May-06 and 27-May-06 is estimated to be 39,821,000 head up 7.16 percent from a week ago and up 13.74 percent from a year ago.  
 (Last week 37,162,000, last year 35,010,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 27-May-06 is estimated to be 171,843,000 head up 2.73 percent from a week ago, and up 6.06 percent from a year ago. (Last week 167,283,000, last year 162,024,000)

**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#			100
			111-118
			88-102
			102-109
DUCKS			185-190

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED** Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 13-May-06 (Preliminary),

	(A) Fast food/ Food service 4.20 Lbs. & down	(B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs.	(C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs. & Up
	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	24,711	19,084	58,405
Avg Weight	3.73	4.65	6.43
% of total /1	24%	19%	57%

**Comparisons**

Last week	28,685	16,610	51,839
Avg Weight	3.87	4.75	6.44
% of total /1	30%	17%	53%
Same week, yr ago /2	24,951	23,888	51,044
Avg Weight	3.78	4.72	6.57
% of total /1	25%	24%	51%

To date/2006	515,983	359,273	1,031,400
To date/2005	527,360	394,059	934,930

/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 20-MAY-2006	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	167,283	1,211	1,635	2,846	573
Avg Wt	5.42	3.30	8.04	6.02	6.74
Last week	164,848	1,226	1,509	2,735	556
Same wk yr ago	163,035	1,709	1,540	3,249	487
Avg Wt	5.30	3.46	7.99	5.61	6.77
To-date/2006	3,222,472	23,842	29,052	52,894	10,349
To-date/2005	3,161,879	30,936	27,213	58,149	10,095

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 165.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 169.3 million head, or 4.2 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 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
20	169.3	165.1	103%	5.42
Year to date	3261.7	3278.4	99%	
May 27		162.8		
June 3		163.1		

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

	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	05/27/06	05/20/06	% CHG	05/28/05	% CHG
Broilers	171,843	167,283*	+2.73	162,024*	+6.06
Cattle	695	698	0	657*	+06
Hogs	1,924	1,945	-01	1,940*	-01

\*ACTUAL

**EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 22-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)	52.00-57.00	54.00-56.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	65.50-86.50	75.00-78.00

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

12 OZ.	62.64- 85.05
14 OZ.	69.12- 96.39
16 OZ.	74.88-106.73

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 balanced to adequate. 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 22-MAY-2006

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

**GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - DATE OF AUCTION: 05-23-06**

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

Prices paid per pound, except as noted.

	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.90 - 1.00
Chukars	- 12.00ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.80 - .95
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	1.00 - 1.10
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	1.00 - 1.10
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.80 - 1.00
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.60 - .90
Banty Roosters	2.75 - 3.50ea.
Banty Hens	2.00 - 2.25ea.
Leghorn Hens	- .10ea.
Leghorn Roosters	- .50ea.
Silkie	3.00 - 4.15ea.
Pigeons	3.50 - 4.00ea.
White Pigeons	6.00 - 7.00ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.80 - 1.90
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	1.80 - 1.90
Bunnies	1.50 - 5.00ea.
Guinea Pigs	4.00 - 6.00ea.
Goats	60.00 - 70.00ea.
Kid Goats	50.00 - 70.00ea.
Doves	5.00 - 8.00ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.90 - 1.00

**Total Coops Sold 530**

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

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
18-27 MAJORITY 23-24	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
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 HENS** Prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand ranged light to moderate, best for rendering operations. Offerings of spent hens were fully adequate to ample for current trade needs. Processing schedules were mostly normal to instances heavy. Trade sentiment was steady.

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

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS** Negotiations were too few to report. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were light. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

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

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS** Majority prices were unchanged to higher. Demand was fair with offerings exceeding current needs in most locations. Unscheduled spent hens were being worked into rendering channels. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	4.5-10.25	4.5-6.5

**WEST COAST LIGHT** Plant schedules light to moderate. Offerings lighter.

#### HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 29-MAY-06

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading was TFEWR. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Schedules were reduced. Sales of dressed product were light. Trade sentiment was no better than steady.

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

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was fair at best for the fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules for next week were noted as normal to less than normal due to the Memorial Day holiday. Sales of finished product was light to fair. The undertone was about steady.

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

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