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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was about steady to mostly steady in the major terminal markets When compared to a week earlier. Retail demand was fair, but not aggressive. Food service was fair to good, best into fast food channels. Supplies of all sizes were mixed, but generally sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair to good. Wings were close balanced to short and where available were held with confidence. Dark meat was irregular, but usually clearing. Breast items were adequate to ample with boneless skinless cuts in the longest position. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were irregular, but 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 17-JUL-2006 (cents per lb)

| US GRADE A | | | WTD | |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------|-------|
| (Including branded product) | | | AVG | LOADS |
| AREAS | MAJORITY | RANGE | | |
| Delivered to First Receivers | | | | |
| Chicago | 60.00-63.00 | 51.00-70.00 | 61.57 | 28 |
| New York | 63.00-66.00 | | | |
| Los Angeles | 77.00 | | | |
| Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent | | | | |
| Mississippi | 69.00-70.00 | 58.00-79.00 | 69.45 | 88 |

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 70.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

| PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT | | |
|---|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| LOADS | RANGE | FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG. |
| 939 | 66.27-71.00 | 69.74 |
| 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 | 156.50 | 1,185 |
| BREASTS - B/S | 146.00 | 5,468 |
| BREASTS - WHOLE | 75.50 | 1,268 |
| THIGH MEAT - B/S | 82.50 | 1,070 |
| LEG QUARTERS | 37.50 | 8,415 |
| WINGS | 82.00 | 2,720 |

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

SOUTHERN BROILER Trade sentiment was usually steady in the major terminal markets when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair, but buyers were unaggressive. Interest into fast food outlets was fairly active, especially where ads were in progress. Supplies were sufficient but generally clearing. In the parts structure, movement was fair to good. Wings were in close balanced to tight and held with confidence. Breast items were adequate, although b/s breast were in the longest position. Dark meat items were in balance to occasionally short. 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 mostly moderate entering the weekend. Offerings of 3 pound and lighter sizes were in good balance to closely cleared; heavier sizes were at least sufficient for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was fair. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, wings were well cleared; boneless skinless breasts were readily available and slow to clear. Other items were mostly adequate and clearing satisfactorily.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The preliminary majority price was unchanged throughout the area. The market tone was overall steady on whole body product. Early trading reported at unchanged prices, for next weeks' delivery. Offerings fully adequate overall, with sized product in the best position. Retailer demand was fairly good, best where promoted. Dealers anticipate weekend carryovers to be moderate to heavier than desired. Parts were about steady with wings firm.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority delivered prices for next week into the Chicago market were unchanged. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady. Offerings were moderate. Movement into all channels was subdued, slow to moderate at best; Chicago noted occasional fairly good demand into some food service outlets. Floor stocks were adequate to long; weights mixed. Parts offerings were light with boneless/skinless breasts most available and discounted. The market tone was fully steady to firm on wings, steady to fully steady on leg quarters, barely steady to weak on boneless/skinless breasts and steady on the balance.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was mostly moderate entering the weekend. Seller offerings were generally noted as adequate to fully adequate. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable to light. Processor schedules were moderate to light with some operations suspended today. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 64 to 77 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, offerings were adequate from most points of sale. Boneless/skinless breasts were often noted as readily available. Wings cleared well but increased in overall availability. Other cuts were well balanced to 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 | 61-82 |
| WEIGHTED AVERAGE | (A) |
| NO. OF BOXES | (A) |
| CUMULATIVE | (A) |
| | 07/10/06 - 07/14/06 |
| | 07/11/05 - 07/15/05 |
| NO. OF BOXES | (A) |
| | 07/10/06 - 07/14/06 |
| | 07/11/05 - 07/15/05 |
| | (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 | | | | WEEKLY | |
|---------------------|-------------------|---------------|----------|---------|-------------------|---------------|----------|---------|--------|---------|
| | (000) | RANGE | MAJORITY | WTD AVG | (000) | RANGE | MAJORITY | WTD AVG | (000) | WTD AVG |
| BREAST - B/S | 745 | 110.00-172.00 | - | 122.81 | 570 | 118.00-165.00 | - | 126.98 | 3,390 | 127.85 |
| TENDERLOINS | 284 | 118.00-165.00 | 119-123 | 125.56 | 143 | 115.00-155.00 | 120-125 | 122.27 | 1,192 | 126.23 |
| BREAST - LINE RUN | 92 | 72.00-77.00 | 73-75 | 73.82 | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | 502 | 73.96 |
| FRONT HALVES | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | 376 | 65.61 |
| LEGS | 213 | 35.00-56.00 | 38 | 38.51 | 196 | 37.00-56.00 | 38-39 | 38.07 | 1,046 | 38.46 |
| LEG QUARTERS (BULK) | 665 | 30.00-36.00 | 33-34 | 33.65 | 625 | 31.00-37.00 | 33-34 | 34.06 | 3,100 | 33.13 |
| LEG QUARTERS (4/10) | 1,176 | 31.00-38.00 | 35-36 | 35.10 | 1,131 | 31.00-39.00 | 35-36 | 35.16 | 5,381 | 34.93 |
| WINGS (WHOLE) | 295 | 69.00-82.00 | 72-77 | 75.64 | 365 | 69.00-82.00 | 75-79 | 76.95 | 1,605 | 76.80 |
| WINGS (CUT) | 385 | 89.00-101.00 | 90-95 | 94.61 | 310 | 92.00-102.00 | 95-99 | 96.89 | 1,366 | 94.38 |
| DRUMSTICKS | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | 290 | 41.25 |
| THIGHS | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | 184 | 33.57 |
| B/S THIGHS | 62 | 72.00-91.00 | - | 81.00 | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | 348 | 82.92 |

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
 TRADING FOR JUL 13, 2006 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

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 TRADING FOR JUL 14, 2006 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

| RANGE | TODAY'S AVERAGE | RANGE | TODAY'S AVERAGE | 5-DAY AVERAGE |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 46.50 - 52.00 | 48.83 | 47.00 - 52.00 | 49.53 | 49.42 |

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 interest increased slightly but was still noted as fair to moderate entering the weekend. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts were fully adequate to ample; bone-in breasts were generally sufficient for current needs. Dark meat cuts were adequate to well cleared. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair. The market tone was fully steady to firm on wings; barely steady to weak on boneless skinless breasts. The balance of items were 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 | | | CURRENT NEG | | | WEEKLY | |
|----------------------------|-------------|-----------|---------|-------------|-----------|---------|---------|-----------|
| | TRADING* | WTD AVG** | VOL/LBS | TRADING* | WTD AVG** | VOL/LBS | WTD AVG | VOL/LBS |
| BREAST - B/S | 135-140 | 132.61 | 712,520 | 135-140 | 132.17 | 656,260 | 131.40 | 3,728,685 |
| TENDERLOINS | 120-125 | 120.68 | 182,220 | 120-125 | 113.25 | 205,500 | 117.27 | 933,296 |
| BREAST - WITH RIBS | 76-77 | 81.72 | 99,760 | 76-77 | 86.31 | 60,160 | 82.97 | 379,240 |
| BREAST - LINE RUN | 76 | 78.78 | 81,000 | 76 | 77.22 | 106,200 | 76.75 | 403,200 |
| LEGS | 45-46 | 45.22 | 122,300 | 45-46 | 43.72 | 131,600 | 44.17 | 667,740 |
| LEG QUARTERS (BULK) | 37-38 | 37.16 | 300,360 | 37-38 | 36.91 | 231,960 | 36.14 | 1,522,360 |
| DRUMSTICKS | 38-39 | 41.11 | 121,720 | 38-39 | 41.00 | 168,895 | 42.24 | 654,905 |
| THIGHS | 28-29 | 39.51 | 53,640 | 28-29 | 41.91 | 53,920 | 39.20 | 342,690 |
| B/S THIGHS | 83-84 | 84.49 | 137,040 | 83-84 | 84.69 | 119,840 | 84.71 | 537,300 |
| WINGS (WHOLE) | 84-85 | 82.79 | 224,540 | 85-86 | 81.61 | 218,800 | 80.72 | 1,101,160 |
| BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED) | 10-12 | 11.76 | 19,440 | 10-12 | 12.28 | 17,440 | 11.72 | 97,400 |
| LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS) | 30-35 | 25.73 | 23,680 | 30-35 | 26.42 | 17,200 | 25.73 | 80,410 |
| GIZZARDS (HEARTS) | 45-50 | 49.36 | 12,760 | 45-50 | 49.70 | 18,960 | 49.77 | 79,440 |

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 | |
|----------------|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-----------|-------|---------|-------|
| | 07/14 | 07/13 | 07/12 | 07/11 | 07/12 | 07/11 | 07/07 | 07/05 | 07/07 | 07/05 |
| Alabama | 4,199 | 4,036 | 3,914 | 4,060 | 5.26 | 5.29 | 4,518 | 5.33 | | |
| Arkansas | 5,301 | 5,391 | 5,281 | 5,306 | 5.26 | 5.23 | 5,826 | 5.37 | | |
| Delmarva | 1,794 | 2,196 | 2,265 | 2,559 | 5.51 | 5.62 | 2,667 | 5.59 | | |
| KY-LA-TN | 2,186 | 2,206 | 2,147 | 2,153 | 5.04 | 5.02 | 2,667 | 5.07 | | |
| Mississippi | 2,961 | 2,966 | 2,620 | 2,930 | 5.81 | 5.81 | 3,124 | 6.07 | | |
| North Carolina | 2,645 | 2,616 | 2,474 | 2,575 | 6.75 | 6.64 | 2,673 | 6.47 | | |
| Texas | 2,521 | 2,521 | 2,522 | 2,538 | 5.22 | 5.24 | 2,549 | 5.37 | | |
| Total | 21,607 | 21,932 | 21,223 | 21,831 | 5.50 | 5.51 | 24,024 | 5.56 | | |
| Mon-Fri | 108,585(A) | | | | | | 93,022(A) | | | |
| Saturday | 375 (included in total for date shown) | | | | | | 3,752 | | | |

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 14-Jul-06 and 15-Jul-06 is estimated to be 32,326,000 head down 10.33 percent from a week ago and down -11.43 percent from a year ago. (Last week 36,050,000, last year 36,498,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 15-Jul-06 is estimated to be 161,978,000 head up 16.18 percent from a week ago, and down 3.84 percent from a year ago. (Last week 139,425,000, last year 168,451,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

| | RANGE |
|------------------|--------|
| FRESH FRYERS | 91-100 |
| ROASTERS 4# & UP | 99-108 |
| HENS UNDER 5# | - |
| HENS OVER 5# | 65-74 |
| DUCKS | - |
| RABBITS-WHOLE | - |
| RABBITS-CUT UP | - |

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DLVRD TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

| | ICE PACK | DRY PACK | RANGE |
|------------------|----------|----------|---------|
| FRESH FRYERS | | | 89-103 |
| ROASTERS 4# & UP | | | 108-114 |
| HENS OVER 5# | | | 100 |
| | ICE PACK | DRY PACK | 111-118 |
| | ICE PACK | DRY PACK | 88-102 |
| | ICE PACK | DRY PACK | 102-109 |
| DUCKS | | | 185-190 |

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 01-Jul-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 | 28,029 | 19,566 | 47,786 |
| Avg Weight | 3.74 | 4.75 | 6.32 |
| % of total /1 | 29% | 21% | 50% |

Comparisons

| | | | |
|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Last week | 29,049 | 22,894 | 51,658 |
| Avg Weight | 3.76 | 4.73 | 6.43 |
| % of total /1 | 28% | 22% | 50% |
| Same week, yr ago /2 | 26,158 | 21,889 | 45,786 |
| Avg Weight | 3.77 | 4.75 | 6.79 |
| % of total /1 | 28% | 23% | 49% |

| | | | |
|--------------|---------|---------|-----------|
| To date/2006 | 700,241 | 506,294 | 1,396,303 |
| To date/2005 | 717,829 | 572,382 | 1,276,716 |

/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 08-JUL-2006 | YOUNG CHICKENS | LIGHT HENS | HEAVY HENS | TOTAL HENS | DUCKS |
|-----------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------|
| | -----THOUSANDS----- | | | | |
| Head | 139,425 | 831 | 1,087 | 1,918 | 448 |
| Avg Wt | 5.37 | 3.37 | 8.22 | 6.12 | 6.16 |
| Last week | 168,518 | 1,006 | 1,614 | 2,620 | 468 |
| Same wk yr ago | 148,211 | 1,268 | 1,196 | 2,464 | 445 |
| Avg Wt | 5.17 | 3.31 | 7.97 | 5.57 | 6.69 |
| To-date/2006 | 4,341,437 | 30,624 | 39,488 | 70,112 | 13,755 |
| To-date/2005 | 4,303,159 | 41,706 | 37,169 | 78,875 | 13,403 |

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 162.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 141.1 million head, or 21.2 million less than estimated available.

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

| WEEK ENDING | MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED | MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE | PCT | AVG WT | |
|--------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-------|-----------|------|
| June | 3 | 144.6 | 163.1 | 89% | 5.41 |
| | 10 | 168.3 | 165.4 | 102% | 5.38 |
| | 17 | 165.7 | 166.0 | 100% | 5.31 |
| | 24 | 169.0 | 164.5 | 103% | 5.30 |
| July | 1 | 170.6 | 162.5 | 105% | 5.24 |
| | 8 | 141.1 | 162.3 | 87% | 5.37 |
| Year to date | 4394.2 | 4425.0 | 99% | | |
| July | 15 | 163.7 | | | |
| | 22 | 164.1 | | | |

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

| | Under Federal Inspection | | | | |
|----------|--------------------------|----------|--------|----------|-------|
| | -----THOUSANDS----- | | | | |
| W/E | 07/15/06 | 07/08/06 | % CHG | 07/16/05 | % CHG |
| Broilers | 161,978 | 139,425* | +16.18 | 168,451* | -3.84 |
| Cattle | 683 | 594 | +15 | 658* | +04 |
| Hogs | 1,954 | 1,638 | +20 | 1,869* | +05 |

*ACTUAL

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 10-JUL-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) | 53.00-64.00 | 58.00-63.00 |
| VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX) | 65.00-86.25 | 72.00-78.00 |

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. Trade sentiment

mostly steady. Demand was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were balanced to adequate. Schedules full time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.50-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.45-2.40, gizzards at \$1.20-1.40, wings at \$0.70-0.65, livers at \$0.95-1.70, and feet at \$.65-1.00.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 10-JUL-2006

| ORIGIN | FROZEN | FRESH |
|--------------------|---------|---------|
| MIDWEST AND OTHERS | 129-146 | 130-148 |

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - July 11, 2006

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

| Prices paid per pound, except as noted. | RANGE |
|---|------------------|
| Muscovy Ducks - Drakes | .70 - .75 |
| Doves | 7.00 - 9.00ea. |
| Red Fowl 4-5 LBS | .60 - .70 |
| Red Fowl 5-6 LBS | .65 - .75 |
| Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS | .60 - .70 |
| Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS | .60 - .70 |
| Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS | .50 - .60 |
| Guinea Fowl | 1.50 - 2.00ea. |
| Banty Roosters | 2.50 - 3.00ea. |
| Banty Hens | 1.50 - 1.75ea. |
| Silkie | 1.00 - 1.50ea. |
| Geese 9-14 LBS | .70 - .80 |
| Pigeons | 2.10 - 2.40ea. |
| White Pigeons | 4.00 - 5.00ea. |
| Rabbits 4-6 LBS | 1.10 - 1.40 |
| Rabbits 6-9 LBS | 1.00 - 1.10 |
| Bunnies | .25 - 1.25ea. |
| Guinea Pigs | 1.00 - 2.00ea. |
| Goats | 50.00 - 60.00ea. |
| Kid Goats | 25.00 - 35.00ea. |
| Pekin Ducks | - 5.00ea. |

Total Coops Sold 608

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading was too few to report on heavy canners; generally unchanged on the lights when compared to the previous week. Offerings were at least adequate to ample for the generally fair at best buyer interest; with most available supplies of heavy canners 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
LIGHT CANNER HENS **HEAVY CANNER HENS**
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) **(WITHOUT NECKS)**
 18-26 MAJORITY 22-24 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)**
 19-28 MAJORITY 24-25 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 slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to fairly good, best into rendering operations. Offerings of spent hens ranged adequate to readily available for current needs. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

| | RANGE | MAJORITY |
|--------------|-------|----------|
| REMOVAL COST | 5-12 | 8-10 |

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading levels were too few to report. Demand was light for fully adequate supplies of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Disposal costs were expected to remain constant. **RANGE MAJORITY**
 REMOVAL COST TOO FEW TO REPORT

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Demand was light to fairly good and continued better into non-traditional slaughter operations. Offerings were fully adequate to instances ample. Schedules mixed for next week. Trade sentiment steady. **RANGE MAJORITY**
 REMOVAL COST 5-10.5 8-10

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plant schedules light to moderate. Offerings adequate.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 17-JUL-06

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was light to fair at best for the at least adequate to fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules for next week were noted as mostly normal. Sales of finished product was fair at best. The undertone was barely 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 was TFEWR. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings from primary users. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was no better than steady.

| | RANGE | MAJORITY |
|-----------------------|-------|-------------------|
| AT FARM BUYER LOADING | | TOO FEW TO REPORT |

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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