



**NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE**



Majority prices for next week were trending higher in the West, but mostly unchanged elsewhere. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm in the West, but steady in all other areas. Retail and food service demand entering the weekend was light to moderate with some optimism for post-holiday interest. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to handle limited trade needs. Floor stocks were balanced to long. Plant operations were mixed with some plants down today in observance of Good Friday. In the parts structure, movement was light to moderate. Breast items were adequate to well cleared, wings were mixed but available, and dark meat was sufficient. 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 09-APR-2006 (cents per lb)

**US GRADE A**

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	73.00-76.00	69.50-82.00	75.11	31
New York	73.00-76.00			
Los Angeles	85.00			

**Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent**

Mississippi	77.50-79.00	74.00-87.00	78.10	88
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**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 77.50 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.
895	75.00 - 81.00	77.10

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	208.50	1,091
BREASTS - B/S	170.00	4,794
BREASTS - WHOLE	103.50	1,090
THIGH MEAT - B/S	109.00	1,000
LEG QUARTERS	43.00	7,463
WINGS	136.50	2,340

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

**MIDWEST** Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into the Chicago market were unchanged. The whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady. Food service demand was light to fairly good, best into restaurants expecting Easter holiday traffic. Retail demand was light to moderate, occasionally fairly good into the Ohio and Michigan markets. Floor stocks balanced too long; weights mostly in a desirable range, but trending heavy. Parts trade activity was light overall as many in the sales/buyer part of operations took Good Friday off. Parts supplies were in balance. The market tone was steady on all parts with boneless/skinless breasts steady to fully steady and small wings steady to barely steady.

**SOUTHERN** Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail and food service demand entering the holiday weekend was light to moderate with optimism for post-holiday interest. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to handle limited trade needs. Processing schedules were mixed with many plants down today in observance of Good Friday. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate. Breast items were adequate to well cleared with tenders and boneless skinless in the shortest position. Wings were available, and dark meat was sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN** Preliminary majority prices were higher throughout the region. Limited trading reported with both new and regular negotiations at generally higher prices. Offerings were at least adequate to cover the light buyers' interest. Retailer demand was light to moderate. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers. The market tone was steady to firm on parts, with white meat items in the strongest position.

**NORTHEAST** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly light to fair entering the Easter holiday weekend. Offerings of all sizes were generally sufficient for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was no better than fair as dealers look to other holiday items. Fast food interest was fair. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breasts and tenders were closely cleared to tight and held with confidence. The balance of items was about adequate and clearing satisfactorily.

**DELMARVA** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to moderate entering the Easter holiday weekend. Seller offerings were usually sufficient to handle immediate trade requirements. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processing schedules ranged moderate to light with various plants down today in observance of Good Friday. Less than trucklot asking prices remained unchanged at 76 to 84 cents. Trade sentiment was noted as steady. In the parts complex, boneless/skinless breasts and tenderloins were no more than adequate to tight. Wings were available and dark meat items were sufficient and clearing satisfactorily.

\*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	72-87
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	04/02/07 - 04/06/07 (A)
	04/03/06 - 04/07/06 (A)
NO. OF BOXES	04/02/07 - 04/06/07 (A)
	04/03/06 - 04/07/06 (A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

APR 06

ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS				WEEKLY		
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG	
BREAST - B/S	560	159.00-229.00	164-167	167.98	540	160.00-229.00	-	167.29	2,958	164.65	
TENDERLOINS	153	182.00-245.00	190-195	198.39	163	182.00-245.00	-	202.99	865	195.90	
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				400	101.55	
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				253	97.01	
LEGS	175	54.00-62.00	57	57.43	176	55.00-61.00	56-57	56.85	913	56.99	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	494	38.00-42.00	39-40	39.69	518	37.00-42.00	39-40	39.68	2,575	39.64	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	734	38.00-45.00	41-42	41.74	809	38.00-44.00	41-42	41.53	3,908	41.57	
WINGS (WHOLE)	270	112.00-136.00	124-128	124.89	260	112.00-135.00	-	123.44	1,362	124.61	
WINGS (CUT)	235	135.00-151.00	138-142	140.28	200	135.00-151.00	-	140.03	1,250	138.57	
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				276	43.21	
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				126	46.56	
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				7	463	105.58
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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS					WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS						
TRADING FOR APR 05, 2007 -- F.O.B. DOCK.					TRADING FOR APR 06, 2007 -- F.O.B. DOCK.						
	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>TODAY'S AVERAGE</u>			<u>RANGE</u>	<u>TODAY'S AVERAGE</u>		<u>5-DAY AVERAGE</u>			
	66.50 - 71.50	69.01			66.50 - 70.50	67.72		68.37			

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 was fair to mostly moderate entering the Easter holiday weekend. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts and tenderloins were no more than adequate to tight. The balance of items were adequate to about adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair as dealers look to other holiday meat items. The market tone was fully steady to firm on boneless skinless breasts and tenders, steady on the balance of items.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

APR 05

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD	CURRENT NEG			WTD	WEEKLY	
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	175	162.08	783,500	175	166.46	348,965	159.29	3,637,227		
TENDERLOINS	190-195	188.89	130,160	190-195	190.48	65,800	186.02	513,668		
BREAST - WITH RIBS	99-100	109.69	49,040	99-100	106.20	62,520	108.61	304,200		
BREAST - LINE RUN	99	101.33	81,000	99	102.14	63,000	101.68	360,000		
LEGS	56-57	56.60	174,440	56-57	62.96	51,920	57.11	863,880		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	41-42	40.27	451,577	41-42	42.33	247,880	39.68	1,664,297		
DRUMSTICKS	47-48	54.45	90,200	47-48	54.96	93,360	53.18	445,960		
THIGHS	51-52	57.75	58,120	51-52	58.52	56,840	56.90	314,320		
B/S THIGHS	110-111	108.83	113,840	110-111	110.89	52,440	109.73	435,720		
WINGS (WHOLE)	130-131	126.88	172,480	130-131	131.64	133,080	127.74	834,160		
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	10.76	13,520	10-12	10.77	13,000	10.91	102,520		
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	36.81	5,960	35-40	36.43	12,280	37.14	27,520		
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	40.07	14,280	40-45	41.02	27,760	39.31	111,440		

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, RI, & 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	
	04/06	04/05	04/04	04/03	04/04	04/03	03/30	03/28		
Alabama	2,207	3,866	3,432	3,758	5.70	5.61	3,717	5.43		
Arkansas	4,124	5,244	5,159	5,211	5.15	5.26	4,820	5.16		
Delmarva	1,914	2,201	1,987	2,191	5.80	6.10	2,180	5.66		
KY-LA-TN	1,917	2,372	2,216	2,297	4.96	5.15	2,142	4.95		
Mississippi	2,798	3,043	2,559	3,074	5.39	5.48	2,697	5.31		
North Carolina	1,251	2,722	2,720	2,557	6.75	6.92	2,971	6.95		
Texas	2,454	2,450	2,232	2,367	5.20	5.27	2,437	5.35		
Total	16,665	21,898	20,305	21,455	5.54	5.62	20,964	5.52		
Mon-Fri	103,323(A)						105,007(A)			
Saturday	0(included in total for date shown)						739			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 06-Apr-07 and 07-Apr-07 is estimated to be 24,933,000 head down 20.74 percent from a week ago and down -29.76 percent from a year ago. (Last week 31,459,000, last year 35,496,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 07-Apr-07 is estimated to be 153,036,000 head down 3.72 percent from a week ago, and down 5.88 percent from a year ago. (Last week 158,956,000, last year 162,595,000)

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

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	92-102
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**

		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	93-105
	DRY PACK	110-119
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	98
	DRY PACK	111-118
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	86-100
	DRY PACK	100-107
DUCKS		185-195

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED** Under federal inspection,  
W/E 31-Mar-07

	(A) 4.25 lbs & down	(B) 4.26- 6.26 lbs	(C) 6.26- 7.75 lbs	(D) 7.76 lbs & up	Total
(Preliminary)	-----Thousands-----				
Head	42,711	80,444	25,807	9,994	158,956
Avg Live Wgt	3.81	5.36	6.93	8.18	5.38
% of total /1	27%	51%	16%	6%	100%
<i>Comparisons</i>					
Last week	42,389	74,451	28,438	13,169	158,447
Avg Live Wgt	3.78	5.38	6.98	8.23	5.45
% of total /1	27%	47%	18%	8%	100%
Year Ago 2/	51,719	79,945	16,700	13,458	161,822
Avg Live Wgt	3.67	5.49	6.95	8.15	5.28
% of total /1	32%	49%	10%	8%	100%

To date/2007 553,561 1,063,465 264,572 151,461 2,033,059  
 To date/2006 602,527 1,002,477 299,123 184,446 2,088,573

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

Weight Class Description:

(A) This size product is normally marketed bone-in into fast food and food service sectors and may include Cornish hens.

(B) This size product is normally marketed into the retail grocery sector in tray pack or bagged forms.

(C) This size product is normally marketed either into the retail grocery sector in tray pack and IQF form or is further processed and marketed into various sectors. (D) This size product is normally marketed deboned or as roasters or roasting chicken.

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

W/E 31-Mar-07	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
(Preliminary)	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	158,956	1,214	1,412	2,626	510
Avg Wt	5.38	3.31	8.01	5.84	6.70
Last week	158,447	1,115	1,138	2,253	532
Same wk yr ago	161,822	1,166	1,433	2,599	485
Avg Wt	5.28	3.21	7.80	5.74	6.69
To-date/2007	2,033,059	14,554	17,493	32,047	6,766
To-date/2006	2,088,573	15,763	18,652	34,415	6,549

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 161.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 160.9 million head, or 0.2 million less than estimated available.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
February	24 161.2	162.0	100%	5.21
March	3 162.0	161.8	100%	5.37
	10 163.3	162.0	101%	5.43
	17 160.0	161.6	99%	5.39
	24 160.4	161.3	99%	5.45
	31 160.9	161.1	100%	5.38
Year to date	2057.8	2081.3	99%	
April	7 162.0	162.8		
	14 162.8			

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

W/E	04/07/07	03/31/07	%CHG	04/08/06	%CHG
Broilers	153,036	158,956*	-3.72	162,595*	-5.88
Cattle	606	620	-02	636*	-05
Hogs	2,052	2,097	-02	2,012*	+02

\*ACTUAL

**EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 02-Apr-2007

**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 MOSTLY	155-159	161-165

MIDWEST MOSTLY	136-146	138-148
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**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)	70.00-82.00	77.00-82.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	72.00-86.00	74.00-84.00

**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 steady. Demand was good as Easter holiday sales begin to slow down. 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 \$.60-.70, livers at \$.95-1.70, and feet at \$.55-.90.

DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 02-Apr-2007

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	122-146	130-148

**GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION** - April 03, 2007

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

Prices paid per pound, except as noted.

	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.80 - 1.00
Chukars	- 3.00ea.
Pekin Ducks	- 9.00ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.80 - 1.00
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.80 - 1.00
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.90 - 1.20
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.90 - 1.00
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.50 - .90
Guinea Fowl	9.00 - 10.00
Banty Roosters	1.00 - 3.00ea.
Banty Hens	1.00 - 1.50ea.
Leghorn Hens	.50 - 1.00ea.
Silkie	3.50 - 4.00ea.
Geese 9-14 LBS	.40 - .45
Pigeons	3.25 - 3.50ea.
White Pigeons	4.00 - 4.25ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.95 - 2.30
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	1.30 - 1.60
Bunnies	2.00 - 7.00ea.
Guinea Pigs	1.00 - 3.00ea.
Goats	40.00 - 50.00ea.
Kid Goats	20.00 - 35.00ea.
Doves	4.50 - 5.50ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.90 - 1.10
Total Coops Sold	690

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Trading for heavy canners were too few to report; unchanged on lights when compared to the previous week. Offerings of both light and heavy canners were generally sufficient for current needs with most available supplies of heavy canners being used internally. Demand was mostly moderate to at least moderate. Processing schedules were noted as less than normal with some operations down in observance of Good Friday. The undertone was steady to fully steady.

Cents per Pound, Current Negotiations, Without Freight Cost  
**LIGHT CANNER HENS**                      **HEAVY CANNER HENS**  
**(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)**        **(WITHOUT NECKS)**  
 23-31 MAJORITY 26-28                      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)**  
 24-33.5 MAJORITY 29-31                      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 was fair to instances fairly good for the about adequate offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules were less than normal due to some operations taking some down time in observance of Good Friday. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	5-12	7-9

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS** Disposal costs were TFEWR. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were light. Salvage costs were expected to remain steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS** Removal costs ranged unchanged to higher. Current offerings were closely balanced to adequate with additional offerings noted for next week. Demand was fair to fairly good. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	5-9	5-6

**HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\***  
 PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 09-APR-07

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading levels were too few to report. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent heavy fowl. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were good into retail outlets. Trade sentiment was fully steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Sales were too few to report. Demand was at least moderate for the mostly adequate to about offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules for next week were noted as normal to less than normal with some plants taking some down time in observance of the Easter holiday. Sales of finished product was moderate to at least moderate. The undertone was steady to fully 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.

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