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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices for next week were irregular, trending higher in the West, lower in the East, and unchanged in the Midwest. Demand into all channels entering the weekend was mostly light to moderate, best into fast food. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to ample for trade needs. Floor stocks were in a full range. In the parts structure, demand was fair to moderate, best where weekend needs increased. Breast items were mixed with bone-in breasts well cleared, but all other cuts were adequate to fully sufficient. Wings were available, and dark meat was adequate to close balanced. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range, 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 23-APR-2007 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	73.00-76.00	65.00-82.00	74.18	30
New York	72.00-75.00			
Los Angeles	86.00			

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	78.50-80.00	76.00-88.00	78.84	91
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 78.50 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.
897	75.00-82.00	78.07

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice-packed parts:

	WTD. AVG.	VOLUME
LINE RUN TENDERS	213.50	1,127
BREASTS - B/S	179.00	4,982
BREASTS - WHOLE	108.00	1,134
THIGH MEAT - B/S	110.00	1,028
LEG QUARTERS	44.50	7,727
WINGS	138.50	2,417

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

SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYER Trade sentiment was generally steady. Retail and food service demand entering the weekend was light to moderate, best for fast food promotions. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was light to moderate. Breasts were adequate to closer balanced, dark meat was sufficient, 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 was light to fair entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes were fully sufficient for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was light and unaggressive. Fast food interest was noted as fair to moderate. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were in good balance and clearing satisfactorily. Boneless skinless breast and tenders were more than sufficient for current needs. The balance of items was mostly adequate.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The preliminary majority prices were 1 cent higher. Reported trading for next weeks' deliveries were at unchanged to higher prices. Offerings were fully adequate to cover the fair buyers' needs. Retailer demand was moderate with best interest where features in progress. Dealers anticipated moderate to instances heavy weekend carryovers. The market tone was overall steady on parts.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Chicago market preliminary majority prices on next week's deliveries were unchanged. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady. Offerings were more than sufficient for limited trade interest. Movement into all channels remained subdued, light to moderate, best into catering and some fast food. Floor stocks were in a full range; weights in a desirable range. Parts trade was light overall. Supplies were available, especially boneless/skinless breast. The market tone was mostly steady with dark meat lines at times noted as fully steady to firm.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds ranged light to moderate entering the weekend. Seller offerings were at least adequate to available for immediate trade requirements. Live supplies were moderate; weights mixed, but reported as mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 73 to 86 cents. Trade sentiment was generally steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were in close balance to well cleared. Boneless/skinless breasts and tenders were fully sufficient and the remainder of items were sufficient.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY IINCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	67-87
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	(A)
	04/16/07 - 04/20/07
	04/17/06 - 04/21/06
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
	04/16/07 - 04/20/07
	04/17/06 - 04/21/06
	(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	560	162.00-240.00	-	172.70	585	162.00-235.00	-	168.62	3,040	171.12
TENDERLOINS	120	197.00-241.00	-	199.93	215	180.00-248.00	-	196.56	1,133	196.23
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				395	104.56
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				265	97.51
LEGS	190	57.00-63.00	58	58.74	TOO FEW TO REPORT				781	58.62
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	599	39.00-44.00	41-42	41.60	533	38.00-44.00	41-42	41.62	2,779	41.59
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	774	44.00-46.00	44-45	44.77	944	39.00-47.00	44-45	44.08	4,215	44.42
WINGS (WHOLE)	TOO FEW TO REPORT				250	109.00-135.00	122-125	122.16	1,151	121.67
WINGS (CUT)	285	135.00-151.00	-	138.54	265	132.00-151.00	135-139	137.70	1,250	137.14
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				279	48.00
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				212	48.33
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				375	110.63

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
 TRADING FOR APR 19, 2007 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

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RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
67.50 - 71.50	69.47	68.00 - 72.00	69.56	69.55

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 under normal weekend demand and was noted as fair to instances moderate. Supplies of bone-in breasts were in good balance and clearing satisfactorily; boneless skinless breasts and tenders were more than sufficient for current needs. Wings and most dark cuts were adequate. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair. The market tone was fully steady for bone-in breasts; steady to at least steady on the balance of items.

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	180	170.63	839,644	180	169.59	617,669	169.90	3,673,865
TENDERLOINS	195-200	194.54	98,200	195-200	196.85	228,880	194.06	1,589,872
BREAST - WITH RIBS	104-105	109.56	112,560	104-105	116.01	66,800	111.27	355,920
BREAST - LINE RUN	104	106.70	79,200	104	106.98	77,400	105.23	417,920
LEGS	58-59	59.93	143,800	58-59	60.56	202,800	60.34	890,360
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	44-45	42.94	306,800	44-45	42.63	276,040	42.86	1,472,680
DRUMSTICKS	51-52	57.39	53,680	51-52	57.32	73,360	55.67	390,757
THIGHS	52-53	55.85	30,640	52-53	58.32	64,800	57.97	319,520
B/S THIGHS	110-111	109.40	115,160	110-111	109.88	66,200	110.31	414,200
WINGS (WHOLE)	130-131	126.36	225,960	130-131	128.71	172,640	126.48	1,194,970
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	10.94	17,000	10-12	11.22	18,600	10.98	97,920
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	36.92	11,040	35-40	36.28	10,480	37.12	46,080
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.76	26,360	40-45	44.20	27,200	44.71	128,920

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		
	04/20	04/19	04/18	04/17	04/18	04/17	04/18	04/17	04/13	04/11	
Alabama	3,240	3,979	3,930	3,882	5.62	5.61	3,812	5.63			
Arkansas	4,504	5,179	5,073	5,155	5.23	5.30	4,728	5.33			
Delmarva	2,143	2,226	2,226	2,268	5.82	5.83	2,516	5.97			
KY-LA-TN	2,061	2,343	2,299	2,327	5.13	5.17	1,887	5.07			
Mississippi	2,784	3,000	2,890	2,945	5.52	5.43	3,330	5.62			
North Carolina	2,921	2,715	2,711	2,637	6.96	6.86	3,272	7.00			
Texas	2,452	2,450	2,444	2,498	4.83	5.39	2,467	5.33			
Total	20,105	21,892	21,573	21,712	5.56	5.61	22,012	5.67			
Mon-Fri	107,744(A)				106,254(A)						
Saturday	260(included in total for date shown)				1,319						

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 20-Apr-07 and 21-Apr-07 is estimated to be 30,079,000 head down 8.94 percent from a week ago and down -15.08 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 33,031,000, last year 35,419,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 21-Apr-07 is estimated to be 160,457,000 head up 0.66 percent from a week ago, and down 1.86 percent from a year ago. (Last week 159,407,000, last year 163,490,000)

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

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	92-102
ROASTERS 4# & UP	109-118
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			105-110
ROASTERS 4# & UP			110-124
HENS OVER 5#			98
DUCKS			111-118
			86-100
			100-107
			185-195

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection,
W/E 14-Apr-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	45,675	71,701	32,679	9,352	159,407
Avg Live Wgt	3.73	5.39	6.93	8.20	5.39
% of total /1	29%	44%	21%	6%	100%
<i>Comparisons</i>					
Last week	40,932	74,891	25,534	12,672	154,029
Avg Live Wgt	3.85	5.36	6.79	8.15	5.43
% of total /1	27%	48%	17%	8%	100%
Year Ago 2/	41,913	80,951	20,655	10,793	154,312
Avg Live Wgt	3.77	5.37	7.04	8.14	5.35
% of total /1	27%	52%	13%	7%	100%

To date/2007 640,168 1,210,057 322,785 173,485 2,346,495
 To date/2006 697,652 1,158,825 340,449 208,554 2,405,480

/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 14-Apr-07	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
(Preliminary)	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	159,407	1,114	1,376	2,490	516
Avg Wt	5.39	3.14	8.02	5.84	6.76
Last week	154,029	1,117	1,422	2,539	551
Same wk yr ago	154,312	1,018	1,333	2,351	498
Avg Wt	5.35	3.38	8.12	6.07	6.70
To-date/2007	2,346,495	16,785	20,291	37,076	7,833
To-date/2006	2,405,480	17,966	21,537	39,503	7,621

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 162.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 161.3 million head, or 1.5 million less than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT	
March	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
April	7	155.9	162.0	96%	5.43
	14	161.3	162.8	99%	5.39
Year to date	2375.0	2406.1	99%		
April	21	163.9			
	28	164.3			

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

W/E	04/21/07	04/14/07	%CHG	04/22/06	%CHG
Broilers	160,457	159,407*	+0.66	163,490*	-1.86
Cattle	647	614	+05	627*	+03
Hogs	1,984	1,971	+01	1,929*	+03

*ACTUAL

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 16-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	78.00-82.00
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 were unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies were in balance 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 16-Apr-2007

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

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - April 17, 2007

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

Prices paid per pound, except as noted.

	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.80 - .90
Pullets 4-6 LBS	1.00 - 1.05
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.75 - .90
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.70 - .90
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.90 - 1.20
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.70 - .90
Guinea Fowl	9.00 - 11.00
Banty Roosters	4.00 - 4.50ea.
Banty Hens	3.00 - 3.25ea.
Leghorn Hens	- 3.75ea.
Silkies	3.00 - 3.50ea.
Geese 9-14 LBS	.30 - .40
Pigeons	5.00 - 5.20ea.
White Pigeons	5.00 - 5.60ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.60 - 1.75
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	1.20 - 1.40
Bunnies	2.00 - 7.00ea.
Guinea Pigs	3.00 - 6.50ea.
Goats	40.00 - 50.00ea.
Kid Goats	35.00 - 45.00ea.
Doves	5.00 - 7.00ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.00 - 1.10
Total Coops Sold	352

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading for heavy canners were too few to report; unchanged on lights when compared to the previous week. Supplies 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. Processing schedules was noted as mostly normal. 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 generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was at least moderate for the adequate to fully adequate offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	4-12	6-9

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS Negotiations for spent leg-horn fowl were TFEWR. Demand was light for adequate supplies from primary users. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Salvage costs were expected to remain constant.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS Removal costs ranged unchanged. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate with demand moderate to instances good. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-9	0-6

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 23-APR-07

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading was light and TFEWR. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of heavy hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
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 moderate to at least moderate for the adequate to about adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Sales of finished product was moderate. The undertone was at least 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	

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