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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were unchanged in the major terminal markets when compared to a week earlier. Trade sentiment was mostly steady in shipping channels. However, some caution was noted. Retail and food service demand improved for the weekend and was generally reported as fair to moderate. Supplies of all sizes were sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, demand was also fair to moderate going into the weekend. Breast items fully adequate to well cleared, in some locations wings increased in availability, and dark meat was reported in good balance to short. 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 30-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	67.00-82.00	74.23	30
New York	72.00-75.00			
Los Angeles	86.00			

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	78.00-80.00	76.00-89.00	78.91	87
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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 78.75 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.
923	69.65-83.00	78.24
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice-packed parts:		
LINE RUN TENDERS	WTD. AVG.	VOLUME
BREASTS - B/S	217.00	1,087
BREASTS - WHOLE	182.50	4,882
THIGH MEAT - B/S	110.00	1,084
LEG QUARTERS	109.50	998
WINGS	44.50	7,527
	140.00	2,387

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 was fair to moderate, best where ad activity was stimulating additional business. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs, although 3 pound and heavier weights were available in spot locations. In the parts structure, movement was light to moderate. Wings were available, breasts were adequate to closer balanced, and dark meat was sufficient to mostly well cleared. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers increased slightly under normal weekend demand and was noted as fair to moderate at best. Offerings of all sizes were at least sufficient for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was light. Fast food interest was fair to moderate. The market tone was generally steady. In the parts complex, breasts items were in good balance and clearing satisfactorily. The balance of items was about adequate to adequate.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The preliminary majority prices were unchanged throughout the region. The market tone was generally steady. Reported trading for next week's deliveries was at unchanged prices on regular commitments and unchanged to slightly higher on new commitments. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate with heavy weights in the longest position. Buyers' interest was fair. Retailer demand was moderate. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend carryovers.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices were unchanged from Monday's final. Whole broiler/fryers market tone was steady. Offerings were more than adequate for the light to moderate trade call. Retail and food service movement was slow to instances fairly good; best into fast food and catering. Floor stocks were adequate to long; weights desirable. Parts trade was light overall with some active trade on boneless/skinless breast noted at sharply discounted price levels and wings continued to clear best. Supplies of parts were adequate to ample with tenderloins, boneless/skinless breast and thighs fully sufficient. The market tone was steady to firm on bone-in dark cuts; steady to barely steady on boneless/skinless breasts, wings, thighs and boneless dark meat; and steady on the balance of parts.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to moderate entering the weekend. Offerings were usually sufficient to handle immediate trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processor schedules ranged moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 73 to 86 cents. Trade sentiment was reported as generally steady. In the parts complex, breasts were adequate to in close balance and wings were available. Dark meat items were adequate to well cleared.

*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	72-87
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	(A)
	04/23/07 - 04/27/07
	04/24/06 - 04/28/06
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
	04/23/07 - 04/27/07
	04/24/06 - 04/28/06
	(A)

(A) NOT REPORTED TO AVOID DISCLOSING INDIVIDUAL OPERATIONS.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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ITEM	POUNDS			WTD AVG	POUNDS			WTD AVG	WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY		(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY		(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	600	150.00-225.00	-	166.38	710	157.00-235.00	-	169.98	3,170	169.70
TENDERLOINS	185	180.00-236.00	-	195.36	201	182.00-241.00	-	197.50	968	196.22
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT				115	105.00-111.00	-	107.52	450	105.48
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				200	97.40
LEGS	230	55.00-63.00	-	59.00	TOO FEW TO REPORT				810	58.97
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	564	39.00-44.00	41-42	41.73	564	40.00-44.00	41-42	41.68	3,046	41.69
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	424	40.00-47.00	44-45	44.35	1,004	41.00-46.00	44-45	44.41	3,477	44.50
WINGS (WHOLE)	310	102.00-132.00	-	121.90	320	106.00-135.00	-	120.13	1,465	122.35
WINGS (CUT)	295	135.00-151.00	-	139.32	255	132.00-151.00	-	138.43	1,290	136.97
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				312	52.79
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				118	53.20
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				350	110.90

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR APR 26, 2007 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

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RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
68.00 - 71.50	69.03	67.50 - 71.50	69.34	69.63

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 continued fair to mostly moderate entering the weekend. Supplies of breasts items and most dark meat cuts were in good balance and clearing satisfactorily. Tenders were generally sufficient for current needs. Wings were irregular but still noted as adequate to well cleared. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair. The market tone was at least steady to fully steady for breast items, legs and drums; 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			WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	CURRENT NEG			WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	WEEKLY	
	TRADING*	TRADING*	TRADING*			TRADING*	TRADING*	WTD AVG			VOL/LBS	
BREAST - B/S	180	173.40	746,848	180	173.13	519,901	173.20	3,197,361				
TENDERLOINS	195-200	196.51	117,400	195-200	196.55	67,080	195.14	631,660				
BREAST - WITH RIBS	104-105	110.05	95,600	104-105	113.24	54,880	111.67	361,200				
BREAST - LINE RUN	104	106.82	79,200	104	106.67	86,400	106.75	406,800				
LEGS	59-60	60.99	128,200	59-60	59.98	203,680	60.12	876,880				
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	44-45	45.46	270,680	44-45	45.30	221,640	43.76	1,359,000				
DRUMSTICKS	52-53	57.05	56,680	52-53	54.33	114,400	56.25	359,640				
THIGHS	52-53	59.49	59,000	52-53	57.03	64,640	58.14	301,080				
B/S THIGHS	110-111	110.09	72,000	110-111	112.70	86,440	111.37	365,120				
WINGS (WHOLE)	130-131	129.30	166,560	130-131	128.83	162,840	127.79	877,240				
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	10.93	16,200	10-12	10.48	11,200	11.05	87,480				
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	36.69	14,880	35-40	36.63	9,200	36.75	45,040				
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.42	17,440	40-45	42.74	25,240	43.96	103,840				

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
	04/27	04/26	04/25	04/24	04/25	04/24	04/20	04/18	
Alabama	3,488	3,976	3,955	3,907	5.60	5.63	3,610	5.62	
Arkansas	4,983	4,869	4,683	5,102	5.29	5.27	4,505	5.23	
Delmarva	2,137	2,235	2,221	2,147	5.82	5.88	2,144	5.82	
KY-LA-TN	2,410	2,333	2,312	2,351	5.10	5.24	2,079	5.13	
Mississippi	3,449	3,026	2,832	3,074	5.52	5.59	2,761	5.52	
North Carolina	3,191	2,759	2,697	2,718	6.98	6.90	2,852	6.96	
Texas	2,472	2,471	2,162	2,171	5.28	5.23	2,395	4.83	
Total	22,130	21,669	20,862	21,470	5.63	5.64	20,346	5.56	
Mon-Fri	109,278(A)						107,114(A)		
Saturday	1,025(included in total for date shown)							438	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 27-Apr-07 and 28-Apr-07 is estimated to be 33,109,000 head up 8.44 percent from a week ago and up 2.31 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 30,531,000, last year 32,361,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 28-Apr-07 is estimated to be 161,100,000 head up 0.93 percent from a week ago, and down 3.65 percent from a year ago. (Last week 159,610,000, last year 167,199,000)

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	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	105-110
	DRY PACK	110-124
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 21-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
	Thousands				
(Preliminary) Head	38,685	79,138	27,381	14,406	159,610
Avg Live Wgt	3.81	5.36	6.92	8.32	5.50
% of total /1	24%	50%	17%	9%	100%
<i>Comparisons</i>					
Last week	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%
Year Ago 2/ Avg Live Wgt	44,045 3.89	80,406 5.34	23,424 7.02	15,615 8.51	163,490 5.40
% of total /1	27%	49%	14%	10%	100%

To date/2007 678,853 1,289,195 350,166 187,891 2,506,105
 To date/2006 741,697 1,239,231 363,873 224,169 2,568,970

/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 21-Apr-07	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	THOUSANDS				
(Preliminary) Head	159,610	1,026	1,280	2,306	525
Avg Wt	5.50	3.23	7.89	5.82	5.99
Last week	159,407	1,114	1,376	2,490	516
Same wk yr ago	163,490	1,208	1,385	2,593	554
Avg Wt	5.40	3.21	8.07	5.81	6.80
To-date/2007	2,506,105	17,811	21,571	39,382	8,358
To-date/2006	2,568,970	19,174	22,922	42,096	8,175

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 163.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 161.5 million head, or 2.4 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	17	160.0	99%	5.39
	24	160.4	99%	5.45
	31	160.9	100%	5.38
April	7	155.9	96%	5.43
	14	161.3	99%	5.39
	21	161.5	99%	5.50
Year to date	2536.5	2570.0	99%	
April	28	164.3		
May	5	164.6		

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

W/E	04/28/07	04/21/07	%CHG	04/29/06	%CHG
Broilers	161,100	159,610*	+0.93	167,199*	-3.65
Cattle	671	647	+04	681*	-01
Hogs	1,975	1,975	0	1,980*	0

*ACTUAL

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 23-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

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 usually moderate to at times 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 \$.60-.70, livers at \$.95-1.70, and feet at \$.55-.90.

DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 23-Apr-2007

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

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - April 24, 2007

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

Prices paid per pound, except as noted.

	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.85 - .90
Pullets 4-6 LBS	- .90
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.75 - .90
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.80 - 1.00
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.70 - .90
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.80 - 1.00
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.75 - .90
Guinea Fowl	7.00 - 9.00
Banty Roosters	3.75 - 4.00ea.
Banty Hens	2.00 - 2.50ea.
Leghorn Roosters	1.00 - 2.00ea.
Silkie	- 2.75ea.
Pigeons	5.00 - 6.25ea.
White Pigeons	5.50 - 7.00ea.
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	1.50 - 1.70
Bunnies	2.00 - 6.00ea.
Guinea Pigs	2.50 - 5.50ea.
Goats	35.00 - 40.00ea.
Kid Goats	20.00 - 30.00ea.
Chukars	4.00 - 5.50ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.90 - 1.10
Total Coops Sold	501

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading for heavy cannery were too few to report; generally unchanged on lights when compared to the previous week. Supplies of both light and heavy cannery were about adequate to adequate for current needs with most available supplies of heavy cannery being used internally. Demand was mostly moderate. Processing schedules was noted as normal. The undertone was steady to fully steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) 23-31 MAJORITY 26-28	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS) TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT
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CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED	
LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) 24-33.5 MAJORITY 29-31	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS) 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 LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate to 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 HEN Salvage costs were TFEWR. Demand was moderate for adequate supplies of light fowl. Schedules were reduced. Finished product sales were fair. Disposal values were expected to remain constant.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Removal costs ranged unchanged. Offerings were about adequate to fully adequate while demand remains moderate to instances good. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-9	0-5

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 02-APR-07

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was at least moderate for the mostly adequate to about adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules for next week were noted as normal. Sales of finished product was moderate. The undertone was at least steady.

AT FARM BUYER LOADING	RANGE	MAJORITY
	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 adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

AT FARM BUYER LOADING	RANGE	MAJORITY
	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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