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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices for next week were trending higher in the Midwest and East, but unchanged in the West. Trade sentiment was steady in the West, steady to firm elsewhere. Demand covered the full range, best for active retail ads and first of the month business, and where weekend needs increased. Supplies of all sizes were in good balance to well cleared, but more available for heavy weights in the West. In the parts structure, demand was at least moderate for end of the week trading. Wings were mostly adequate, and dark meat was balanced to short. Breast items were sufficient to close balanced with bone-in breasts often tight and tenders long. 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 07-MAY-2007 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	74.00-77.00	68.00-83.00	75.53	30
New York	74.00-77.00			
Los Angeles	86.00			

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	78.00-80.00	76.00-89.00	79.25	88

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 79.00 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.
889	75.00-83.00	78.54
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice-packed parts:		
LINE RUN TENDERS	218.00	1,201
BREASTS - B/S	185.00	4,956
BREASTS - WHOLE	111.50	1,115
THIGH MEAT - B/S	110.00	1,015
LEG QUARTERS	44.50	7,659
WINGS	139.50	2,341

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

SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYER Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady, instances firm. Demand was fair to moderate, best for retail ads, fast food, and where interest increased to cover upcoming Mother's Day needs. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to well cleared. In the parts structure, movement was light to fairly good entering the weekend. Wings were available, and dark meat was balanced to short. Breast items were adequate to closer balanced with tenders in the longest position. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers continued moderate to good entering the weekend. Offerings were in good balance and well cleared. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. Fast food interest was moderate. The market tone was fully steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were in close balance to tight; boneless skinless breasts were in fairly good balance and clearing satisfactorily. Drums, thighs and leg quarters were well cleared and wings were about adequate to adequate. Tenders were readily available.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The preliminary majority prices were unchanged. Trading reported for next weeks' delivery was at mainly unchanged to slightly higher prices, with regular commitments in the steadiest position. Offerings were adequate on sized product and ample on heavy weights. Buying activity was fair. Retailer demand was moderate overall. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers. The market tone was steady to fully steady on parts.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices on next week's whole birds delivered into the Chicago market increased 1 cent. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady, occasionally firm. Offerings adequate on light to moderate buyer action; fill-in noted on wogs, mixed sizes, at 73 cents. Retail and food service demand improved going into weekend, mostly moderate to occasionally fairly good movement. Floor stocks were in balance for the most part; weights desirable. Parts trade activity centered on bone-in parts, and being in close balance to short of needs, while much of boneless product lines were available, discounted and slow to clear. The market tone was steady to firm on bone-in cuts; steady to barely steady on boneless/skinless breasts, boneless dark meat, thighs and tenders; steady to weak on wings and generally steady on remainder of parts.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to moderate entering the weekend. Seller offerings were closely balanced to tight for immediate trade requirements. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were higher at 77 to 88 cents. Trade sentiment ranged steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, wings were adequate to available and tenders were noted as readily available. Breast items remained adequate to closely balanced and dark meat was balanced to well cleared.

*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	74-91
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	(A)
	04/30/07 - 05/04/07
	05/01/06 - 05/05/06
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
	04/30/07 - 05/04/07
	05/01/06 - 05/05/06
	(A)

(A) NOT REPORTED TO AVOID DISCLOSING INDIVIDUAL OPERATIONS.

MAY 03

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

MAY 04

ITEM	POUNDS			WTD AVG	POUNDS			WTD AVG	WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY		(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY		(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	580	155.00-225.00	-	169.50	520	162.00-231.00	-	169.16	2,880	169.57
TENDERLOINS	190	192.00-240.00	-	200.60	150	188.00-240.00	-	193.01	988	197.47
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				391	106.42
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				245	98.61
LEGS	193	52.00-63.00	59	58.26	193	57.00-70.00	58-59	58.78	930	58.47
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	544	40.00-44.00	41-42	41.68	564	40.00-46.00	43-44	43.46	3,010	41.91
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	774	42.00-47.00	45-46	45.04	759	43.00-48.00	45-46	45.93	4,131	45.38
WINGS (WHOLE)	295	110.00-135.00	119-122	122.20	295	105.00-136.00	-	123.17	1,500	122.83
WINGS (CUT)	280	130.00-151.00	132-136	134.07	325	132.00-151.00	-	137.71	1,430	137.51
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				295	52.20
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				152	52.90
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				390	106.36

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
 TRADING FOR MAY 03, 2007 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
 TRADING FOR MAY 04, 2007 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
68.00 - 72.00	69.73	68.50 - 74.00	71.69	70.19

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 at least moderate entering the weekend. Supplies of bone-in breasts were in close balance to tight; boneless skinless breasts were about adequate to adequate for current needs. Dark meat cuts were adequate to well cleared with drums and thighs in the best position. Wings were noted as mostly adequate and tenders were readily available. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone was fully steady to firm for bone-in breast, leg quarters, drums and thighs; barely steady to weak for tenders. The balance of items was generally steady.

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

MAY 03

MAY 04

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	CURRENT NEG			WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
	TRADING*	AVG**	WTD			TRADING*	AVG**	WTD		
BREAST - B/S	180	172.56	890,190	180	173.83	574,080	173.22	3,496,779		
TENDERLOINS	190-195	196.15	106,840	190	195.32	77,000	199.27	913,560		
BREAST - WITH RIBS	107-108	110.41	96,800	108-109	116.82	61,680	113.37	353,960		
BREAST - LINE RUN	107	108.55	79,200	108	109.53	88,200	107.99	411,600		
LEGS	59-60	60.00	208,600	59-60	59.56	201,640	60.42	856,380		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	45-46	45.27	242,160	45-46	43.07	310,560	44.17	1,411,720		
DRUMSTICKS	53-54	55.97	53,040	53-54	60.86	84,840	58.75	339,880		
THIGHS	52-53	58.68	47,760	53-54	57.92	69,880	57.69	333,440		
B/S THIGHS	110-111	110.09	63,900	110-111	112.41	91,400	110.93	379,540		
WINGS (WHOLE)	130-131	128.34	161,320	130-131	129.88	138,440	127.74	873,820		
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	10.97	16,720	10-12	10.43	10,800	10.85	81,680		
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	37.60	2,080	35-40	38.56	4,040	37.84	23,440		
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	39.97	21,080	40-45	36.84	49,440	39.43	127,680		

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
	05/03	05/02	05/01	05/02	05/01	04/27		
Alabama	4,440	3,918	3,358	3,933	5.65	5.62	3,449	5.60
Arkansas	4,998	5,242	5,262	5,277	5.21	5.36	5,172	5.29
Delmarva	2,201	2,217	2,228	2,126	5.68	5.83	2,589	5.82
KY-LA-TN	2,076	2,333	2,322	2,314	5.10	5.18	2,419	5.10
Mississippi	3,624	3,069	3,014	3,084	5.56	5.57	3,426	5.52
North Carolina	3,419	2,782	2,675	2,516	6.84	6.82	3,154	6.98
Texas	2,462	2,462	2,498	2,403	5.13	5.48	2,651	5.28
Total	23,220	22,023	21,357	21,653	5.56	5.65	22,860	5.63
Mon-Fri	110,724(A)				107,800(A)			
Saturday	1,962(included in total for date shown)				1,375			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 04-May-07 and 05-May-07 is estimated to be 34,740,000 head up 1.27 percent from a week ago and down -9.38 percent from a year ago. (Last week 34,304,000, last year 38,335,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 05-May-07 is estimated to be 164,713,000 head up 2.08 percent from a week ago, and up 6.84 percent from a year ago. (Last week 161,364,000, last year 154,172,000)

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 28-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	40,862	77,296	30,866	12,340	161,364
Avg Live Wgt	3.82	5.40	6.84	8.26	5.50
% of total /1	25%	48%	19%	8%	100%
<i>Comparisons</i>					
Last week	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%
Year Ago 2/	49,085	71,277	31,526	15,311	167,199
Avg Live Wgt	3.82	5.76	7.01	8.20	5.47
% of total /1	29%	43%	19%	9%	100%

To date/2007 719,715 1,366,491 381,032 200,231 2,667,469
 To date/2006 790,782 1,310,508 395,399 239,480 2,736,169

/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 28-Apr-07	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
(Preliminary)					
Head	161,364	1,156	1,432	2,588	532
Avg Wt	5.50	3.29	8.14	5.97	5.81
Last week	159,610	1,026	1,280	2,306	525
Same wk yr ago	167,199	1,110	1,456	2,566	542
Avg Wt	5.47	3.32	8.03	5.99	6.82
To-date/2007	2,667,469	18,967	23,003	41,970	8,890
To-date/2006	2,736,169	20,284	24,378	44,662	8,717

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 164.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 163.3 million head, or 1.0 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	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
	21	161.5	163.9	99%	5.50
	28	163.3	164.3	99%	5.50
Year to date		2699.8	2734.3	99%	
May	5		164.6		
	12		165.3		

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

W/E	05/05/07	04/28/07	%CHG	05/06/06	%CHG
Broilers	164,713	161,364*	+2.08	154,172*	+6.84
Cattle	666	678	-02	628*	+06
Hogs	1,970	1,975	0	1,825*	+08

*ACTUAL

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 30-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

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
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 remained unchanged.

Trade sentiment steady. Demand was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were balanced. 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 30-Apr-2007

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

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - May 01, 2007****AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY****

Prices paid per pound, except as noted.

	RANGE
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.75 - .90
Doves	5.00 - 6.00ea.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	1.00 - 1.10
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.90 - 1.00
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.60 - .80
Guinea Fowl	7.00 - 8.00
Banty Roosters	3.50 - 4.00ea.
Banty Hens	1.75 - 2.25ea.
Silkies	3.25 - 3.50ea.
Geese 9-14 LBS	.40 - .45
Pigeons	5.25 - 5.50ea.
White Pigeons	5.75 - 6.10ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.72 - 1.90
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	1.40 - 1.60
Bunnies	2.00 - 7.00ea.
Guinea Pigs	2.50 - 4.75ea.
Goats	60.00 - 65.00ea.
Kid Goats	20.00 - 35.00ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	1.00 - 1.20

Total Coops Sold 416

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading for heavy canners were too few to report; generally 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 to at least 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	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
23-30 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)
24-32.5 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 LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly 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	6-8

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading levels were TFEWR. Demand was light for adequate supplies of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Dressed sales were slow. Disposal costs were expected to remain at least steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Removal costs were unchanged. Demand was mostly moderate while offerings were adequate to fully adequate. 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 07-MAY-07

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was fair to fairly good for the about adequate to 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.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS Negotiations for next weeks kill were limited. Demand was fair for adequate supplies of heavy fowl. Slaughter schedules were reduced. Dressed sales were moderate. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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