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Majority prices for next week were trending unchanged in the Northeast, but higher in the West and Midwest when compared to early week's values. Trade sentiment was at least steady to firm. Demand covered the full range, best where first of the month business and features were effective. Supplies of all sizes were sufficient to well cleared for trade needs. Floor stocks were balanced to long. Delivery delays were reported due to the increased seasonal demand for trucks. In the parts structure, trading was fair to moderate, best where weekend needs increased. Breast items were adequate to short, closest for boneless skinless breasts. Dark meat was sufficient to well cleared, but often tight for boneless cuts. Wings were readily available with limited interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights varied, but were mostly desirable.

<u>Preliminary Report</u> Prices negotiated for truck lot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 05-MAY-2008 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Includir	WTD			
AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	<u>AVG</u>	LOADS
Delivered to Fire	st Receivers			
Chicago	76.00-79.00	69.00-87.25	77.79	24
New York	76.00-79.00			
Los Angeles	91.00			
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Southeast Area	FOB Dock Equ	ivalent		
Mississippi	80.00-84.00	67.00-88.00	82.91	87

throughout the region. Early trading reported at generally higher prices. Offerings were in close balance to adequate, for current needs. Retailer demand was overall good. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances. The market tone was about steady to firm on parts. Boneless items were in the strongest position, particularly breasts.

WESTERN REGION Preliminary majority prices were 1 cent higher,

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broiler/fryers for this week's trading is 82.50 cents based on icepacked USDA grade "A" sized 2 ½ to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

<u>LOADS</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>FRIDAY PR</u>	<u>ELIM. WTD. AVG</u>
900	79.50-84.50	8	31.61
Georgia f.o.b.	dock confirmed	preliminary weighte	d average price on ice-
packed parts:		WTD. AVG.	VOLUME
ITEM	(CEI	NTS PER POUND)	(000) POUNDS)
LINE RUN TE	NDERS	177.50	1,138
BREASTS - B	/S	149.00	5,047
BREASTS - W	/HOLE	84.00	1,149
THIGH MEAT	- B/S	123.00	1,034
LEG QUARTE	RS	46.50	7,813
WINGS		106.00	2,442

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

SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYER Trade sentiment was mostly steady to at times fully steady. Demand was fair to moderate, better where first of the month business and retail ads were active with optimism noted for upcoming Mother's Day needs. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to closer balanced for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair to fairly good entering the weekend. Breast items were in balance to barely adequate, often short for boneless skinless breasts. Dark meat was adequate to well cleared with boneless cuts in the strongest position. Wings were mixed, but readily available and easy to obtain. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to slightly heavier weights.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was at least moderate entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes were sufficient to well cleared. Retail and distributive movement was fair. Fast food interest was fair to moderate. The market tone was at least steady. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breasts were closely cleared and held with confidence. Dark meat cuts were adequate to well cleared with thigh meat in the best balance. Wings were at least adequate to available.

MIDWEST REGION Preliminary majority delivered prices on next week's trade into the Chicago area increased. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady to firm. Retail and food service movement increased in some markets and rated fairly good, while others saw light to moderate interest. Best trade centered on eight- piece cut-up, boneless/skinless breast and wings. Floor stocks were in a full range; weights desirable. Supplies of wings were fully sufficient, limited on other parts. The market tone was steady to firm on breast cuts, steady to fully steady on dark meat and wings were steady to weak.

<u>DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS</u> Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was moderate to fairly good entering the weekend. Seller offerings were adequate to in good balance and moving satisfactorily. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but reported as mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices continued unchanged at 78 to 88 cents. The market tone was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, breast items were at least adequate to closely cleared. Dark meat cuts were adequate to well cleared. Wings were mixed, but noted as available.

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

	BRA	NDED U.S.GRADE A
RANGE		74-90
WEIGHTED AVERA	AGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES		(A)
CUMULATIVE	04/28/08 - 05/02/08	(A)
	04/30/07 - 05/04/07	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	04/28/08 - 05/02/08	(A)
	04/30/07 - 05/04/07	(A)

(A) NOT REPORTED TO AVOID DISCLOSING INDIVIDUAL OPERATIONS.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVA-LENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

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MAY 01, 2008	LBS			WTD	LBS			WTD	WEEK	LY WTD
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJ	AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJ	AVG	(000)	AVG
BREAST - B/S	457	129.00-205.00	138-141	139.50	395	131.00-204.00	-	143.08	2,074	139.43
TENDERLOINS	136	131.00-197.00	-	135.97	135	125.00-194.00	-	135.43	646	134.36
BREAST - LINE RUN	134	76.00-85.00	-	79.40	TO	O FEW TO REPORT	-		490	80.94
FRONT HALVES	TOO	FEW TO REPORT	•		TO	O FEW TO REPORT	-		253	69.66
LEGS	303	64.00-72.00	66-67	66.72	TO	O FEW TO REPORT	-		906	66.57
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	393	42.00-47.00	45	44.97	268	43.00-48.00	45	45.22	1,947	44.93
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	582	44.00-49.00	46-47	46.70	777	44.00-49.00	46-47	46.73	3,329	46.67
WINGS (WHOLE)	169	75.00-93.00	-	76.60	200	75.00-95.00	-	81.75	865	78.31
WINGS (CUT)	TOO	FEW TO REPORT			TO	O FEW TO REPORT	-		502	92.58
DRUMSTICKS	TOO	FEW TO REPORT	•		TO	O FEW TO REPORT	-		280	52.87
THIGHS	TOO	FEW TO REPORT			TO	O FEW TO REPORT	-		112	55.95
B/S THIGHS	TOO	FEW TO REPORT			TO	O FEW TO REPORT	•		422	118.35
WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOLITHERN STATES PARTS TRADING WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING										

FOR MAY 01, 2008 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE **TODAY'S AVERAGE**

55.00 - 61.00 56.73 FOR MAY 02, 2008 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S AVERAGE RANGE **5-DAY AVERAGE** 54.00 - 60.00 57.03 57.30

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 activity increased as dealers assumed product to cover weekend needs. Shipping delays were occasionally noted due to the seasonal increase in trucking demands. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts were closely cleared and held with confidence; bone-in breasts were at least adequate for current needs. Dark meat cuts and tenders were about adequate to adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Wings were readily available. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone was firm for boneless skinless breasts; barely steady to weak for wings. The balance of items were steady to at least steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND. MAY 01, 2008 MAY 02, 2008

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	CURRENT NEG	WTD	VOL	CURRENT NEG	WTD		WEEKLY	WEEKLY
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	/LBS	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	155	144.98	854,862	155-160	143.43	404,220	143.37	3,495,379
TENDERLOINS	140	135.88	155,960	140	133.93	148,200	134.49	765,020
BREAST - WITH RIBS	80-81	85.69	105,400	80-81	89.95	68,360	87.92	454,880
BREAST - LINE RUN	80	81.06	59,400	80	81.06	55,800	81.28	295,200
LEGS	67-68	69.34	138,920	67-68	68.66	204,040	68.29	925,180
LEG QUARTERS (BULK) 45-46	47.32	240,000	45-46	47.18	156,400	47.08	910,600
DRUMSTICKS	60-61	70.87	88,440	60-61	70.85	71,180	69.01	356,660
THIGHS	60-61	66.99	90,800	60-61	69.15	78,620	68.10	383,423
B/S THIGHS	122-123	124.40	67,840	123-124	124.55	39,830	124.57	286,430
WINGS (WHOLE)	96-97	98.19	204,266	96-97	98.99	122,760	94.54	874,826
BACKS AND NECKS (ST	TRIPPED) 12-14	13.42	35,280	12-14	13.39	30,000	13.26	129,600
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS	S) 35-40	39.74	11,600	35-40	39.50	8,840	39.26	38,280
GIZZARĎS (HEARTS)	50-55	52.90	18,120	50-55	54.95	12,800	53.65	78,800

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, RI, AND PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

^{**} WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS								
ES	STIMATE	D	ACTUA	L	AVG	WTS	ACTUAL	AVG
	(1,000)		(1,000))			(1,000)	WTS
	05/02	05/01	04/30	04/29	04/30	04/29	04/25	04/23
Alabama	4,125	4,189	3,898	4,156	5.43	5.50	3,548	5.37
Arkansas	5,467	5,097	5,233	5,166	5.39	5.36	4,528	5.27
Delmarva	2,267	2,168	2,237	2,270	5.84	5.95	2,406	5.87
KY-LA-TN	2,431	2,434	2,411	2,408	5.22	5.15	2,213	5.15
Mississippi	3,156	3,091	3,046	3,077	5.89	5.89	3,242	5.89
North Carolina	a 2,833	2,940	2,876	2,819	6.96	6.98	2,846	7.00
Texas	2,567	2,566	2,571	2,549	5.50	5.46	2,864	5.42
Total	22,846	22,485	22,272	22,445	5.71	5.71	21,647	5.67
Mon-Fri	113,378	(A)					110,338 (A)
Saturdav	1.765	included	d in total	for date :	shown)		1.216	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 02-May-08 and 03-May-08 is estimated to be 34,180,000 head up 5.22 percent from a week ago and down -1.01 percent from a year ago. (Last week 32,483,000, last year 34,529,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 03-May-08 is estimated to be 168,502,000 head up 1.99 percent from a week ago, and up 1.61 percent from a year ago. (Last week 165,215,000, last year 165,839,000)

Actual data incorporated when available.

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PROCESSED POULTRY, DLVRD TO RETAILERS							
	RANGE						
FRESH FRYERS	100-107						
ROASTERS 4# & UP	109-118						
HENS UNDER 5#							
HENS OVER 5#	67-78						
DUCKS							
RABBITS-WHOLE							
RABBITS-CUT UP							

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY, **DLVRD TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

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BROILER/FRYER 2# & OVER	DRY PACK	135
	ICE PACK	142
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	140
	DRY PACK	127
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	110
	DRY PACK	120
DUCKS		199-207

RANGE

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED

W/E 26-APR-2008 Under Federal Inspection (Preliminary)

	Α	В	С	D	
	4.25 lbs	4.26 -	6.26 -	7.76 lbs	
	& down	6.25 lbs	7.75 lbs	& up	Total
Head	45,300	81,560	21,747	16,608	165,215
Avg Live Wgt	3.88	5.44	6.84	8.30	5.48
% of total /1	28%	49%	13%	10%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	43,450	77,984	27,235	17,249	165,918
Avg Live Wgt	3.86	5.50	6.86	8.36	5.59
% of total /1	26%	47%	17%	10%	100%
Year Ago 2/	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%
To date/2008	735,058	1,337,018	419,138	284,450	2,775,664
To date/2007	719,715	1,366,491	381,032	200,231	2,667,469

/1May 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

(PRELIMINARY)	Young	Light	Heavy	Total	
W/E 26-APR-2008	Chickens	Hens	Hens	Hens	Ducks
			Thousan	ds	
Head	165,215	1,182	1,704	2,886	436
Avg Wt	5.48	3.08	7.90	5.93	6.80
Last week	165,918	1,567	1,571	3,138	442
Same wk yr ago	161,364	1,156	1,432	2,588	532
Avg Wt	5.50	3.29	8.14	5.97	5.81
To-date/2008	2,775,664	23,724	25,562	49,286	7,732
To-date/2007	2,667,469	18,967	23,003	41,970	8,890

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 169.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 167.2 million head, or 2.3 million less than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/

FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON Week Million Head Million Head Avq **Ending** Slaughtered **Available** Pct Wt 165.9 Mar 22 162.4 98% 5.45 29 162.2 166.6 97% 5.59 5 168.5 167.4 101% 5.56 Apr 12 168.0 167.4 100% 5.57 19 167.9 168.1 100% 5.59 26 167.2 169.5 99% 5.48 Year to date 2809.4 2835.0 99% May 3 170.1 10 170.0

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection

Thousands						
W/E	05/03/08	04/26/08	%CHG	05/04/07	%CHG	
Broilers	168,502	165,215 *	+1.99	165,839 *	+1.61	
Cattle	699	704	-01	663 *	+05	
Hogs	2,155	2,245	-04	1,970 *	+09	
*Actual						

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR DELIVERY THE WEEK OF 28-APR-2008

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL

TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND
ORIGIN
LONG ISLAND
MOSTLY

MIDWEST
MOSTLY

Trucklot Quantities, CENTS PER POUND
FRESH
170-174
176-180
176-180
170-174
176-180
176-180

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND

ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX) 74.00-82.25 75.00-82.00 VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX) 71.00-87.00 78.00-86.00

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES,

FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ. 64.80-89.91 14 OZ. 71.28-101.25 16 OZ. 77.04-112.08

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 continued unchanged. Trade sentiment was reported as fully steady with a noted firm undertone. Supplies were adequate for the good to instances very good demand. Schedules were full-time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$5.50-6.75, bone in legs at \$1.50-2.80, gizzards at \$1.20-1.40, wings at \$.60-.70, livers at \$.95-1.85, and feet at \$.55-1.35.

PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 28-APR-2008

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	138-180	135-180

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION -

DATE OF AUCTION: APRIL 29, 2008

PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

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	RANGE			
Pekin Ducks	9.00	-	10.00 ea.	
Pullets 4-6 LBS	1.20	-	1.30	
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	1.00	-	1.10	
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.80	-	.90	
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	1.00	-	1.20	
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.80	-	1.00	
Guinea Fowl	6.00	-	10.00 ea.	
Banty Roosters	3.00	-	4.00 ea.	
Banty Hens	1.50	-	2.00 ea.	
Leghorn Hens	1.00	-	1.50 ea.	
Silkies	3.00	-	6.00 ea.	
Pigeons	3.50	-	3.75 ea.	
White Pigeons	5.00	-	6.00 ea.	
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	2.20	-	3.20	
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	1.50	-	1.70	
Bunnies	.50	-	2.00 ea.	
Guinea Pigs	3.00	-	8.00 ea.	
Goats	35.00	-	45.00 ea.	
Kid Goats	15.00	-	25.00 ea.	
Doves	3.00	-	6.00 ea.	
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.80	-	.90	
Total Coops Sold 469				

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Sales of both light and heavy canners were too few to report. Offerings were at least sufficient for current needs. Demand was fair to moderate with most available supplies being used internally. Processing schedules were normal to instances heavy. The undertone was steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT **HEAVY CANNER HENS** (WITHOUT NECKS)

TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT **HEAVY CANNER HENS** (WITHOUT NECKS)

TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

LIVE HEAVY TYPE HENS

(7 POUNDS AND UP) * PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., **GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER** THE WEEK OF 05-MAY-08

SOUTH CENTRAL Trading was TFEWR. Demand was moderate for at least 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.

LIVE 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 Prices were unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was fair to fairly good for the fully adequate offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules were normal to instances heavy. Trade sentiment was steady.

RANGE **MAJORITY** REMOVAL COST 3-12 4-8

SOUTH CENTRAL Salvage costs were TFEWR. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings of light fowl. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was about steady.

RANGE **MAJORITY** REMOVAL COST TOO FEW TO REPORT

NORTH CENTRAL Prices unchanged. Demand was moderate to good, offerings adequate to ample. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment steady.

RANGE **MAJORITY** 0-10.5 REMOVAL COST 0-5 **SOUTHEAST** Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was moderate for the at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules for next week were noted as normal. Sales of finished product was fair to moderate. The undertone was at least steady.

AT FARM BUYER LOADING AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING **FOB PLANT**

RANGE MAJORITY TOO FEW TO REPORT TOO FEW TO REPORT TOO FEW TO REPORT

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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