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#### NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment overall was fully steady to firm. Retail and food service demand was light to good, mostly moderate to good, best for promotions and upcoming Mother's Day needs. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to closely cleared to satisfy present trade needs. Floor stocks were no more than adequate to tight. In the parts structure, movement was fair to fairly good for midweek business. Breast items were mostly sufficient to well cleared, but tenders were readily available and slow to clear. Wings were adequate and dark meat items were in good supply and moving satisfactorily. In production areas live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .50 cents to 86.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 83.00 cents last year on May 7, 2008.

GA f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

	DOCK FRICE
ITEM	(CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	178.00
BREASTS - B/S	153.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	84.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	124.50
THIGHS	60.50
DRUMSTICKS	60.00
LEG QUARTERS	43.50
WINGS	138.50

Information supplied by the GA Dept of Ag's Poultry Market News Service.

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Demand into all channels was at least moderate to fairly good, best for active features and upcoming Mother's Day needs. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to well cleared to satisfy current trade needs. In the parts structure movement was fair to fairly good for mid week trading. Breast items were mostly sufficient to close balanced. Boneless skinless were better balanced, wings were sufficient and tenders were more than adequate. Dark meat items were in good supply and moving well. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers remained moderate to good during midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes were well cleared. Movement through retail and distributive channels was moderate to fairly good. The market tone was firm. In the parts complex, breast items were in good balance to tight; wings were at least sufficient for current needs. Drums and leg quarters were well cleared and tenders were readily available and slow to clear.

MIDWEST REGION Whole broiler/fryer market tone was mostly firm. Producer offerings for the most part were non-existent and trade call was very active. Retail and food service movement was light to good. Catering, fast food promotions and retail ads created strong consumer traffic and many restaurants were gearing up orders for Mother's Day. Floor stocks were short to tight; weights desirable. Supplies of bone-in dark meat cuts were limited, boneless dark meat available, tenders were ample and the balance of parts were in close balance. Trade sentiment was steady to firm on dark meat lines, weak to barely steady on tenders and steady on the balance of parts.

<u>WESTERN REGION</u> The market tone was fully steady to firm. Offerings in close balance to adequate. Lighter weights were in the closest position. Retail demand was moderate to good. Floor stocks in close balance to adequate at best.

### BROILER -TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 6 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 201 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 2, 2009. This was down 6 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 85 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

# BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN 6 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 2, 2009. Placements were down 6 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2008 through May 2, 2009 were 3.02 billion, down 6 percent from the same period a year earlier.

# BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED TOTAL 19 SELECTED STATES

WEEK ENDING 05/02/		<b>2008</b> usand	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET		214,360	-6
CHICKS PLACED Source: NASS, USDA	167,700	177,740	-6

### **WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING**

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 13-Jun-09 is estimated at 155.2 million head. This compares to 154.5 million head the previous week and to 167.4 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 168.9 million head and the composite weighted average price was 82.06 cents per pound.

### **MAY 05**

#### SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

**MAY 06** 

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

P	OUND	S		WTD	Р	OUND	S		WTD
<u>ITEM</u>	(000)	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	(000)	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>	<u>AVG</u>
BREAST - B/S	371	133.00-205.00	-	141.43	BREAST - B/S	457	134.00-200.00	-	142.58
TENDERLOINS	255	135.00-200.00	-	144.22	TENDERLOINS	236	130.00-195.00	-	147.32
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO	FEW TO REPOR	Т		BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO	FEW TO REPO	RT	
FRONT HALVES	TOO	FEW TO REPOR	Τ		FRONT HALVES	TOO	FEW TO REPO	RT	
LEGS	TOO	FEW TO REPORT	Т		LEGS	TOO	FEW TO REPO	RT	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	436	37.00-45.00	42-43	41.72	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	499	40.00-53.00	41-43	42.36
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	717	40.00-48.00	44-45	43.68	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	712	42.00-48.00	44-45	44.77
WINGS (WHOLE)	167	136.00-141.00	-	137.95	WINGS (WHOLE)	130	132.00-140.00	-	136.81
WINGS (CUT)	159	148.00-157.00	-	151.77	WINGS (CUT)	151	148.00-159.00	-	152.21
DRUMSTICKS	TOO	FEW TO REPORT	Т		DRUMSTICKS	TOO	FEW TO REPO	RT	
THIGHS	TOO	FEW TO REPOR	Τ		THIGHS	TOO	FEW TO REPO	RT	
B/S THIGHS	TOO	FEW TO REPOR	Т		B/S THIGHS	TOO	FEW TO REPO	RT	

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR F.O.B. DOCK

 RANGE
 TODAY'S AVERAGE
 RANGE
 TODAY'S AVERAGE
 5-DAY AVERAGE

 52.50 - 59.00
 56.21
 54.00 - 64.00
 56.93
 55.84

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.

<u>NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS</u> - Trucklot buying activity was mostly moderate during midweek trading. Offerings of breast items were in close balance to well cleared. Wings were adequate for current needs. Legs, leg quarters and drums were clearing satisfactorily with tenders noted as available and slow to clear. Retail and distributive movement was fair. The market tone was fully steady to firm for breast items; barely steady for tenders. Other items were mostly steady.

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

MAY 05	<b>CURRENT NEG</b>	WTD			CURRENT NEG	WTD	
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG	VOL/LBS	ITEM	TRADING*	AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	150	141.67	490,117	BREAST - B/S	150-155	144.56	583,630
TENDERLOINS	150	149.05	161,890	TENDERLOINS	145-150	151.41	63,760
BREAST - WITH RIBS	80-81	83.01	119,045	BREAST - WITH RIBS	81-82	85.07	96,450
BREAST - LINE RUN	80	82.00	72,000	BREAST - LINE RUN	81	83.25	72,000
LEGS	63-64	64.20	165,360	LEGS	63-64	63.64	223,760
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	43-44	42.56	384,428	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	43-44	44.73	203,600
DRUMSTICKS	54-55	61.75	113,130	DRUMSTICKS	54-55	62.33	72,160
THIGHS	58-59	64.22	78,760	THIGHS	58-59	62.53	49,800
B/S THIGHS	120-121	123.09	77,520	B/S THIGHS	120-121	123.31	39,360
WINGS (WHOLE)	134-135	138.11	186,080	WINGS (WHOLE)	134-135	142.44	190,600
BACKS AND NECKS (STRI	PPED) 13-15	14.01	14,825	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIF	PPED) 13-15	14.86	23,255
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	47.35	9,920	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	47.37	9,760
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	65-70	66.34	20,960	GIZZARĎS (HEARTS)	65-70	68.88	19,520

INCLUDES NY CITY METRO. AREA, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, RI, & PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). \* TODAY'S 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**

								<u>AVG</u>
	<b>ESTIMATED</b>		<u>ACTUAL</u>		<b>AVG WTS</b>		<u>ACTUAL</u>	WTS
	(1,000)		(1,000)				(1,000)	
	05/06	05/05	05/04	05/01	05/04	05/01	04/29	04/27
Alabama	3,676	4,146	3,762	3,928	5.43	5.18	3,584	5.54
Arkansas	4,971	4,963	4,987	4,165	5.49	5.21	5,067	5.40
Delmarva	2,261	2,270	2,261	2,136	6.11	6.04	2,188	6.05
KY-LA-TN	2,266	2,312	2,306	2,207	5.19	4.80	2,331	5.12
Mississippi	2,791	2,900	2,727	2,981	5.77	5.62	2,682	5.81
North Carolin	2,738	2,728	2,669	2,664	7.17	6.93	2,643	7.17
Texas	2,623	2,641	2,651	2,645	5.59	5.38	2,380	5.61
Total	21,326	21,960	21,363	20,726	5.77	5.55	20,875	5.76
Mon-Wed	64.938 (	(A)					63.703 (A	4)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 06-May-09 is estimated to be 31,906,000 head up 1.85 percent from a week ago and down -5.08 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,325,000, last year 33,613,000)

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

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH FRYERS	109-119
ROASTERS 4# & UP	125-135
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

# SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DLVRD TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	<u>RANGE</u>
ICE PACK	159
DRY PACK	116
ICE PACK	175
DRY PACK	117
ICE PACK	125
DRY PACK	116
	252-262
	DRY PACK ICE PACK DRY PACK ICE PACK

165,369

#### **ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 09-MAY-09

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	05/09/09 (1)	05/02/09
Class	Tho	ousand head
Broiler/fryer	159,048(2)	162,186
Light hens	1,699	1,707
Heavy hens	1,530	1,476

162,277

(1)ESTIMATED
2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 09-May-09 is 158.9 million head compared to 171.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 159.4 million head or 0.5 million more

available is 158.1 million head.

Total

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TOTAL COOPS 23

### WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS (INCL. GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

than estimated available. For the week of 16-May-09 the estimated

	ROCESSED TURKEY LBS	PROCESSED POULTRY LBS
AM 05/04/09	139,332	66,988
AM 04/01/09	130,812	73,006
CHG	8,520	-6,018
PCT CHG	7	-8

### COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS) PROCESSED TURKEYS PROCESSED POULTRY

	COLUGE	JIONNE	I NOOLOOLD I COLINI				
05.	/04/09 04/3	27/09 05	5/05/08	05/04/09	04/27/09	05/05/08	
PACIFIC							
COAST	578	570	2,356	7,925	7,906	7,008	
LOS							
<b>ANGELES</b>	200	190	222	1,327	1,340	1,231	

#### **CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS**

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S.GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE,5LBS AND UP, FOR WEEK OF MAY 4, 2009

		KANGE
HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	75-86
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	75-94

HACKETTSTOWN P	OUL	ΓRΥ	SALI	ES	FOR 05	/05/09	
AI PAPERS REQUIR	ED T	O SE	ELL A	LL OUT OF STAT	E POU	LTRY	
LOV	۷ HIC	3H A	١VG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	- 1.	00	-	HEAVY FOWL ea		-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-		LIGHT FOWL ea.		-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.		-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.70	1.20	.97
	-			PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	4.50	10.00	6.00
ROOSTERS lb.	- 1.	00	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb. 1.4	5 1.	85	1.66	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb. 2.0	0 3	.45	2.86	RABBITS ea.	-	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	3.00	4.25	3.54
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL e	a	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS	S ea	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-	PEACOCKS ea.	-	-	-
PARTRIDGES ea.	-	-	-	COCKATIELS ea.		-	-

- GUINEAS

3.60

#### MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending May 1, 2009

Who Chic			0	ks,Backs Wings	Livers Gizzards	Hens		
RAYON								
Low	71.30	131.43	55.86	16.43	9.86	69.00		
High	77.21	138.00	62.43	19.71	13.14	69.00		
Mostly	77.21	131.43	59.14	18.07	9.86	69.00		
SAN JUAN								
Low	71.96	128.14	52.57	16.43	6.57	65.71		
High	76.56	134.71	59.14	19.71	9.86	65.71		
Mostly	76.56	128.14	55.86	16.43	8.21	65.71		
NEW SAN JUAN								
Low	72.28	131.43	59.14	16.43	13.14	72.28		
High	77.87	141.28	65.71	23.00	16.43	72.28		
Mostly	76.23	134.71	62.43	21.36	13.14	72.28		
BECERRA								
Low	69.00	131.43	62.43	19.71	13.14	75.57		
High	78.86	144.57	69.00	26.29	16.43	75.57		
Mostly	76.88	138.00	65.71	23.00	14.79	75.57		

<u>DELMARVA</u> Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was moderate to good for midweek trading. Seller offerings were in good balance to well cleared for current trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher at 74 to 85 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady to mostly firm. In the parts complex, dark meat cuts were sufficient to well cleared. Tenders remained available and slow to clear. Breast items were closely balanced to well cleared and wings were usually adequate.

### BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	70-89
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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