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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices were unchanged in all areas when compared to early week prices. The market tone was steady overall. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate, slightly better into fast food channels and where promotions were active. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate to satisfy current trade needs. Floor stocks were balanced to ample. In the parts structure, movement was light to fair instances moderate for late week trading. Boneless skinless breasts and wings were moderate to heavy and slow to clear. Dark meat cuts were in good supply with good movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to light weights.

Preliminary Report Prices negotiated for truck lot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers FOB Dock and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 19-Apr-2010 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A
(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
New York	81.00-84.00			
Los Angeles	94.00			
Whole Body 2/				
Chicago	71.00-77.00	65.00-90.50	74.91	38
FOB Dock Equivalent 3/:				
Mississippi	80.00-85.00	72.00-88.00	82.51	59

1/: Includes branded product.
2/: Whole Body category includes whole body birds with or without giblets, all grades, brands, and packaging.
3/: Southeast area

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 85.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG
713	81.01-88.75	84.70

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

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	189.50	1,169
BREASTS - B/S	173.50	4,738
BREASTS - WHOLE	93.50	1,165
THIGH MEAT - B/S	87.50	1,120
THIGHS	47.00	834
DRUMSTICKS	57.50	882
LEG QUARTERS	37.50	6,362
WINGS	144.00	2,546

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

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly fair to moderate entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes were at least sufficient for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was also fair to moderate. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, supplies of boneless skinless breasts were at least adequate for current needs. Wings were very heavy and slow to clear. Dark meat cuts were about adequate to adequate with thighs and drums in the best position.

MIDWEST BROILER/FRYER Preliminary majority delivered prices into the Chicago market were unchanged. The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was steady. Offers of whole birds were light to moderate and sufficient for current trade needs. Retail and food service demand was slow to at times moderate. Floor stocks were adequate to ample; weights desirable to light. Offerings of wings were heavy, breast cuts light to moderate and other parts available. The market was tone was weak on wings, steady on breast cuts and steady to fully steady on dark meat lines.

WESTERN BROILER/FRYER The Los Angeles preliminary majority was 94 cents, unchanged from last Monday's final. The market tone on whole broiler fryers was mostly steady and WOGs were barely steady to instances weak. Offerings of whole fryers adequate, WOGs adequate to ample. Retail and foodservice demand light to moderate. Weights desirable. Floor stocks adequate. Offerings of boneless skinless breast adequate to ample, wings adequate to fully adequate, balance of items mostly adequate. Parts demand light to fair. The market tone on wings was steady to barely steady, boneless skinless breasts barely steady to weak, balance steady. Increased confidence was noted on dark items as industry members continued watch developments in the export markets.

SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYER The market tone was mostly steady. Demand entering the weekend was fair to moderate, best for active features. Supplies of all sizes were moderate to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair for late week business. Supplies of breast items were moderate to heavy, mostly moderate. Wings were heavy, and dark meat cuts were moderate with some discounting noted. In production areas live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to light, but mostly desirable.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds ranged fair to moderate entering the weekend. Seller offerings were adequate to fully adequate for immediate trade requirements. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but noted as mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices remained unchanged at 83 to 92 cents. The market tone was generally steady. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breasts and wings were moderate to heavy with wings in the longest position. Dark meat items were adequate to in close balance.

*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		66-100
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		(A)
NO. OF BOXES		(A)
CUMULATIVE	04/12/10-04/16/10	(A)
	04/13/09-04/17/09	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	04/12/10-04/16/10	(A)
	04/13/09-04/17/09	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

APR 15 ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	WEEKLY (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	329	132.00-195.00	-	142.88	347	132.00-195.00	-	147.62	2,043	146.93
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			958	152.65
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			465	89.11
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			365	91.45
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	410	30.00-36.00	-	33.52	420	31.00-35.00	-	33.29	2,184	33.40
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	607	34.00-38.00	-	36.73	662	34.00-38.00	-	36.46	2,845	36.47
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			791	132.41
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			362	130.23
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			101	43.97
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			118	40.94
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			334	79.61

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

APR 15 RANGE	APR 15 TODAY'S AVERAGE	APR 16 RANGE	APR 16 TODAY'S AVERAGE	APR 16 5-DAY AVERAGE
60.00 – 64.00	62.60	60.00-64.00	62.31	62.43

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 improved slightly and was noted as fair to instances moderate entering the weekend. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts were in better balance and were at least sufficient for current needs; wings were very heavy and slow to clear. Dark meat cuts were adequate to balance and moving well with renewed export interest. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate, best where features were noted. The market tone was weak for wings; about steady for boneless skinless breasts. Dark meat cuts ranged steady to firm with drums and thighs in the best balance.

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

APR 15 ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS	WEEKLY WTD AVG	WEEKLY VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	155	153.61	601,860	155	156.69	746,200	154.54	3,230,540
TENDERLOINS	155	153.55	156,320	155	155.66	168,240	154.25	708,280
BREAST - WITH RIBS	90-91	97.49	87,243	90-91	99.11	83,963	96.79	442,885
BREAST - LINE RUN	90	92.41	62,470	90	92.25	63,474	92.45	333,084
LEGS	52-53	52.25	146,800	52-53	51.45	162,520	50.52	815,280
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	36-37	35.61	355,575	36-37	36.43	335,680	35.8	1,776,855
DRUMSTICKS	44-45	57.57	118,560	44-45	53.99	117,040	54.13	598,320
THIGHS	41-42	52.23	85,080	42-43	51.06	90,320	50.33	445,954
B/S THIGHS	92-93	93.20	57,160	92-93	93.38	54,240	92.6	298,880
WINGS (WHOLE)	136-137	140.53	173,840	134-135	139.7	175,640	142.4	921,280
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	13-15	15.00	25,480	13-15	14.99	22,240	15	104,280
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	40-45	43.65	9,360	40-45	46.47	680	43	33,320
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	51.89	15,200	50-55	52.9	19,520	52.29	93,400

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 (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED (1,000)		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WTS		ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS
		04/16	04/15	04/14	04/13	04/14	04/13	04/09
Alabama	3,997	4,068	3,928	4,013	5.53	5.54	3,939	5.42
Arkansas	4,433	4,673	4,897	5,071	5.61	5.62	3,967	5.62
Delmarva	2,074	2,287	2,188	2,160	5.96	6.06	2,322	5.94
KY-LA-TN	2,305	2,394	2,319	2,367	5.20	5.22	2,419	5.21
Mississippi	3,323	2,997	2,882	3,005	6.05	6.03	2,920	6.05
North Carolina	3,165	2,767	2,643	2,697	7.14	7.16	2,816	7.17
Texas	2,630	2,626	2,326	2,303	5.27	5.57	2,438	5.65
Total	21,927	21,812	21,183	21,616	5.80	5.85	2 0,821	5.83
Mon-Fri	109,411(A)						106,753 (A)	
Saturday	1,100 (included in total for date shown)						425	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 16-Apr-10 and 17-Apr-10 is estimated to be 32,805,000 head up 5.00 percent from a week ago and up 11.50 percent from a year ago.
(Last week 31,244,000, last year 29,422,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 17-Apr-10 is estimated to be 161,863,000 head up 1.13 percent from a week ago, and up 4.42 percent from a year ago. (Last week 160,053,000, last year 155,008,000)
Actual data incorporated when available.

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

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	109-122
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

		RANGE
FRESH/FRYERS	ICE PACK	
	DRY PACK	128
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	
	DRY PACK	117
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	129
	DRY PACK	118
DUCKS		265-268

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED

W/E 10-APR-2010 Under Federal Inspection (Preliminary) (In Thousands)

	(A) 4.25 lbs & down	(B) 4.26 - 6.25 lbs	(C) 6.26 - 7.75 lbs	(D) 7.76 lbs & up	Total
Head	44,557	75,121	19,748	20,627	160,053
Avg Live Wgt	3.67	5.48	6.68	8.30	5.49
% of total /1	28%	47%	12%	13%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	37,464	72,485	26,512	19,738	156,199
Avg Live Wgt	3.71	5.29	6.53	8.68	5.55
% of total /1	24%	46%	17%	13%	100%
Year Ago 2/	43,541	69,529	21,676	13,737	148,483
Avg Live Wgt	3.90	5.47	7.00	8.25	5.49
% of total /1	29%	47%	15%	9%	100%
To date/2010*	566,718	1,092,879	283,126	277,325	2,220,048
To date/2009*	560,812	1,093,704	310,002	198,173	2,162,691

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.

*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods. 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) W/E 15-AUG-2009	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	----------THOUSANDS----------				
Head	160,053	1,449	1,135	2,584	404
Avg Wt	5.49	3.37	7.84	5.33	6.78
Last week	156,199	1,634	1,230	2,864	389
Same wk yr ago	148,483	1,112	1,444	2,556	389
Avg Wt	5.49	3.26	7.86	5.86	6.86
To-date/2010*	2,220,048	20,425	18,409	38,834	5,717
To-date/2009*	2,162,691	17,124	21,057	38,181	5,723
% Change YTD	3%	19%	-13%	2%	0%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	654,625	2,564	5,917	8,481	1,972
Last week	645,844	2,711	6,388	9,099	1,930
Same wk yr ago	607,303	1,831	7,548	9,379	1,908
To-date/2010*	9,176,986	35,081	95,124	130,205	28,009
To-date/2009*	8,839,837	28,341	109,238	137,579	27,508
% Change YTD	4%	24%	-13%	-5%	2%
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Dressing %	74.5%	52.5%	66.5%		72.0%

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 157.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 162.0 million head, or 4.8 million more than estimated available.

**Note: Year-to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.*

EST. U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/FRYER AVAILABLITY COMPARISON

	Week Ending	Million Head Slaughtered	Million Head Available*	Pct	Avg Wt
Mar	6	160.7	156.9	102%	5.60
	13	161.0	156.0	103%	5.57
	20	161.7	154.7	105%	5.58
	27	159.8	156.9	102%	5.54
Apr	3	158.1	158.1	100%	5.55
	10	162.0	157.2	103%	5.49
Year to date		2246.9	2182.7	103%	
Apr	17		158.7		
	24		159.6		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection

W/E	04/17/10	04/10/10	%CHG	04/18/09	%CHG
	----------THOUSANDS----------				
Broilers	161,863	160,053	+01	155,008	-03
Cattle	632	616	+03	608	+04
Hogs	2,032	2,017	+01	2,124	-04

*ACTUAL

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 12 April 2010

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	196-200	201-207
MOSTLY		
MIDWEST	179-195	185-199
MOSTLY		

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)	77.00-87.00	80.00-88.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	75.00-87.00	77.00-86.00

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	69.84 - 87.59
14 OZ.	77.76 - 101.25
16 OZ.	84.96 - 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 remained unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady. Demand ranged moderate to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to at times barely adequate for current trade requirements. Processing schedules were full-time. Prices paid, first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at $7.70-8.70, bone in legs at $2.75-3.10, gizzards at $1.20-1.50, wings at $.70-.90, livers at $1.25-2.05, and feet at $.70-1.45.

PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 17-AUG-2009

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	177-210	179-210
MOSTLY		

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION -13-Apr-10

AI PAPERS REQUIRED FOR ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

Prices paid per pound, except as noted.	RANGE			
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.10	-	1.90	lbs.
Ducklings	.90	-	1.20	ea.
Pekin Ducks	4.50	-	5.00	ea.
Pullets 4-6 LBS		-	1.00	lbs.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.90	-	1.00	lbs.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.70	-	.80	lbs.
Leghorn Roosters	.80	-	1.00	ea.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.70	-	.80	lbs.
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.90	-	1.00	lbs.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.70	-	.75	lbs.
Banty Roosters	3.00	-	4.00	ea.
Banty Hens	2.00	-	2.50	ea.
Guinea Pigs	7.00	-	12.00	ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.20	-	1.50	lbs.
Kid Goats	30.00	-	40.00	ea.
Pigeons	4.00	-	4.25	ea.
White Pigeons	5.00	-	6.00	ea.
Chukars	6.00	-	7.00	ea.
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	1.60	-	1.80	lbs.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	2.00	-	2.10	lbs.
Bunnies	4.00	-	8.00	ea.
Silkies	3.00	-	3.50	ea.
Goats	60.00	-	80.00	ea.
Chicks	.35	-	1.00	ea.
Parakeets		-	15.00	ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.20	-	1.30	lbs.
Fancy Pheasants	28.00	-	31.00	ea.
Ringneck Pheasants	7.00	-	8.00	ea.
Hen with chicks		-	49.00	ea.

Total Coops Sold 4,113

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NATIONAL CANNER FOWL Sales were too few to report prices. Offerings were mostly moderate for current trade needs. Demand was generally fair with limited trading due to the bulk of supplies being used internally. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was steady.

Cents per pound, current negotiations, without freight cost

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

Cents per pound, current negotiation, freight cost included

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
TOO FEW TO REPORT	TOO FEW 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 Prices were unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was fair to mostly moderate for the sufficient offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	2-11	3-7

SOUTH CENTRAL Trading was TFEWR. Demand for leghorn fowl was light. Offerings were fully adequate. Schedules were reduced. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL Prices unchanged. Demand was moderate with offerings adequate to ample. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-10.5	0-5

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB. GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 19-APR-10

SOUTH CENTRAL Trading was TFEWR. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of heavy hens. Schedules were as desired. Finished sales were slowing. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was fair to moderate for the generally adequate offerings of heavy fowl. Processing schedules for next week were mostly normal. Finished product supplies were sufficient for current trade needs. The undertone was at least steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
AT FARM PRODUCES LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT

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