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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices were trending unchanged in all areas when compared to early week prices. The market tone was steady in the West, steady to fully steady elsewhere. Retail and food service demand was light to fairly good, best where features were planned or in progress. Supplies of all sizes were light to moderate to satisfy current trade needs. Floor stocks were adequate to well cleared. In the parts structure, movement was light to very good, mostly moderate to good for late week trading. Wings were heavy and slow to clear. Breast items and dark meat cuts were mostly light with good movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable 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 26-Apr-2010 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Including branded product) 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	68.00-90.50	75.76	37
FOB Dock Equivalent 3/:				
Mississippi	80.00-85.00	76.00-88.00	82.30	55

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
698	81.01-88.75	84.97

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	190.00	1,027
BREASTS - B/S	172.00	4,616
BREASTS - WHOLE	96.00	1,125
THIGH MEAT - B/S	88.00	965
THIGHS	48.50	744
DRUMSTICKS	59.00	842
LEG QUARTERS	39.50	6,257
WINGS	134.50	2,444

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 moderate entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes were adequate to balanced and clearing. Retail and distributive movement was moderate to fairly good, best where features were planned. The market tone was at least steady. In the parts complex, supplies of breast items were in close balance to tight. Dark meat cuts were adequate to balanced and clearing satisfactorily. Wings were very heavy and discounted where product was in excess.

MIDWEST BROILER/FRYER Preliminary majority delivered prices into the Chicago market were unchanged. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady to fully steady. Offers of whole birds varied from were very light to moderate. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate; occasionally fairly good into restaurants and fast food promotion. Floor stocks were well cleared to adequate; weights mixed. Supplies of wings were very heavy and slow to clear, breast cuts limited with fairly good call and dark meat was in balance with moderate trade interest. The market tone was weak on wings and steady to firm on the balance of parts.

WESTERN BROILER/FRYER The Los Angeles preliminary majority was 94 cents, unchanged from last Monday. The market tone on whole broiler fryers and WOGs was steady. Offerings adequate. Retail and foodservice demand light to moderate. Floor stocks adequate. Offerings of wings adequate to ample, boneless skinless breasts short to light, tenderloins adequate to fully adequate, bone-in breasts and dark items light to adequate. The market tone on wings was barely steady to weak, tenderloins steady to barely steady, boneless skinless breasts steady to instances firm, balance of items steady to fully steady.

SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYER The market tone was steady. Demand entering the weekend was seasonally moderate for late week business. Supplies of all sizes were sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was light to very good. Wings were heavy but breast cuts were very light and moving well. Dark meat cuts were in good supply with leg quarters, drums and thighs in the best position. In production areas live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally moderate entering the weekend. Seller offerings were sufficient to tight for current trade requirements. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but noted as mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices remained unchanged at 83 to 92 cents. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, wings were very heavy and noted as weak. The balance of parts were balanced to tight and in a fully steady to firm position.

*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		78-100
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		(A)
NO. OF BOXES		(A)
CUMULATIVE	04/19/10-04/23/10	(A)
	04/20/09-04/24/09	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	04/19/10-04/23/10	(A)
	04/20/09-04/24/09	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER PARTS 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.

APR 22, 2010					APR 23, 2010					
									WEEKLY	
ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	LBS (000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	341	146.00-195.00	-	151.18	401	143.00-191.00	-	152.77	2,090	149.06
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			280	145.00-207.00	-	156.52	1,196	153.65
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			585	90.06
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			305	92.33
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	393	32.00-37.00	-	35.55	466	31.00-37.00	-	35.27	2,192	35.11
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	512	36.00-39.00	-	36.91	915	35.00-39.00	-	37.23	3,073	37.01
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			550	108.00-135.00	-	118.07	1,045	125.00
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			337	123.18
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			113	46.63
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			123	44.84
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			352	77.53

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR APR 22, 2010 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
62.00 - 65.50	64.05

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR APR 23, 2010 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
60.00 - 64.50	62.85	63.68

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 PARTS Trucklot buying activity improved slightly and still noted as mostly moderate entering the weekend. Offerings of breast items, drums and thighs were balanced to tight and clearing well. Wings were readily available and competitively priced. Retail and distributive movement was moderate to fairly good, best where feature activity was noted. The market tone was weak for wings; fully steady to firm for breast items and most dark meat cuts.

Ice Packed Broiler/Fryer Parts, Delivered To First Receivers in Pool Trucklot and Trucklot Quantities, Cents per Pound.

APR 22, 2010				APR 23, 2010				
ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS	WEEKLY WTD AVG	WEEKLY VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	160	156.32	713,480	160-165	153.99	756,680	155.65	3,028,080
TENDERLOINS	155	157.19	100,240	155	154.90	193,280	155.59	680,800
BREAST - WITH RIBS	92-93	98.95	64,910	93-94	100.02	65,525	100.34	360,355
BREAST - LINE RUN	92	94.94	67,220	93	96.23	63,461	93.85	321,996
LEGS	53-54	52.19	148,880	53-54	51.59	161,480	51.33	771,120
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	37-38	37.87	311,760	37-38	38.07	287,160	36.96	1,600,440
DRUMSTICKS	46-47	55.97	92,680	47-48	54.63	114,120	54.57	459,680
THIGHS	43-44	50.02	52,040	44-45	52.18	47,200	51.95	322,960
B/S THIGHS	92-93	93.88	47,800	92-93	93.17	70,080	93.58	314,120
WINGS (WHOLE)	128-129	137.32	107,000	126-127	131.83	184,640	135.25	839,600
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	13-15	14.97	14,480	13-15	15.00	26,840	15.00	112,480
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	40-45	43.02	10,440	40-45	42.14	6,760	42.64	45,640
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	52.87	10,200	50-55	50.94	19,920	52.36	93,560

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

	ESTIMATED (1,000)		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WTS		ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS
	04/23	04/22	04/21	04/20	04/21	04/20	04/16	04/14
Alabama	3,938	4,049	3,919	3,863	5.48	5.67	4,067	5.53
Arkansas	4,271	4,884	5,213	5,210	5.56	5.55	4,568	5.61
Delmarva	2,227	2,185	2,303	2,279	5.94	5.95	2,208	5.96
KY-LA-TN	2,380	2,386	2,377	2,347	5.30	5.24	2,374	5.20
Mississippi	3,581	3,027	2,952	3,054	6.06	5.94	3,358	6.05
North Carolina	3,084	2,800	2,360	2,708	7.34	7.17	3,066	7.14
Texas	2,621	2,625	2,438	2,429	5.51	5.99	2,122	5.27
Total	22,102	21,956	21,562	21,890	5.82	5.88	21,763	5.80
Mon-Fri	110,341 (A)						107,073 (A)	
Saturday	1,485 (included in total for date shown)						1,355	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.
Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 23-Apr-10 and 24-Apr-10 is estimated to be 33,067,000 head up 1.25 percent from a week ago and up 7.48 percent from a year ago. (Last week 32,658,000, last year 30,765,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 24-Apr-10 is estimated to be 163,571,000 head up 1.25 percent from a week ago, and up 3.06 percent from a year ago. (Last week 161,552,000, last year 158,718,000)
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	DRY PACK	128
	ICE PACK	
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK	117
	ICE PACK	
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	118
	ICE PACK	129
DUCKS		268-265

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED

W/E 17-Apr-10 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	37,469	76,654	24,171	23,258	161,552
Avg Live Wgt	3.92	5.44	6.63	8.36	5.60
% of total /1	23%	48%	15%	14%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	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%
Year Ago 2/	41,588	73,717	22,779	16,924	155,008
Avg Live Wgt	3.93	5.42	6.83	8.28	5.54
% of total /1	27%	47%	15%	11%	100%
To date/2010*	604,187	1,169,533	307,297	300,583	2,381,600
To date/2009*	602,400	1,167,421	332,781	215,097	2,317,699

/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 17-Apr-2010	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	----------Thousands----------				
Head	161,552	1,598	1,314	2,912	396
Avg Wt	5.60	3.10	7.83	5.23	6.88
Last week	160,053	1,449	1,135	2,584	404
Same wk yr ago	155,008	1,188	1,511	2,699	420
Avg Wt	5.54	3.18	7.89	5.82	6.67
To-date/2010*	2,381,600	22,023	19,723	41,746	6,113
To-date/2009*	2,317,699	18,312	22,568	40,880	6,143
% Change YTD	3%	20%	-13%	2%	0%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	673,995	2,601	6,842	9,443	1,962
Last week	654,625	2,564	5,917	8,481	1,972
Same wk yr ago	639,765	1,908	7,928	9,836	2,003
To-date/2010*	9,850,981	37,682	101,966	139,648	29,971
To-date/2009*	9,479,602	30,249	117,166	147,415	29,511
% Change YTD	4%	25%	-13%	-5%	2%
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 158.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 163.5 million head, or 4.8 million more than estimated available. (B) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.
*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

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

Week Ending		Million Head Slaughtered	Million Head Available*	Pct	Avg Wt
Mar	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
	17	163.5	158.7	103%	5.60
Year to date		2410.4	2341.4	103%	
Apr	24		159.6		
May	1		160.0		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection (in Thousands)

W/E	04/24/10	04/17/10	%CHG	04/25/09	%CHG
Broilers	163,571	161,552	+1.25	158,718 [1]	+3.06
Cattle	641	636	+01	650 [2]	-01
Hogs	2,073	2,032	+02	2,137 [2]	-03

[1] Actual data incorporated when available.
[2] Totals adjusted to reflect USDA, NASS revisions.

EASTERN REGION MISC POULTRY Delivery Week of 19-Apr-10

DUCKLINGS: Prices Negotiated by First Receivers, US Grade A, 4-5 lbs. Delivered in Trucklot And Pool Trucklot Quantities, Cents/lb..

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	196-200	201-207
MIDWEST	179-195	185-199

ROASTERS: Prices Negotiated By First Receivers, US Grade A & Plant Grade, 5 Lbs & Up, Delivered, Cents/lb.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	77.00-87.25	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/Dozen, 1 To 10 Boxes

11 OZ.	69.84-87.59
13 OZ.	77.76-101.25
15 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 were unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady. Demand was moderate to instances good. Supplies were mostly adequate to occasionally short for current needs. Processing schedules remained 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 & Pool Trucklot Quantities, 4-5 Lbs, Cents/lb., Week Of 19-Apr-10

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

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - 20-Apr-10

Ai Papers Required To Sell All Out Of State Poultry

Prices Paid Per Lb, Except As Noted	RANGE			
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.20	-	1.40	lbs.
Ducklings	1.70	-	2.20	ea.
Pekin Ducks	6.00	-	8.00	ea.
Pullets 4-6 LBS		-	.95	lbs.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.95	-	1.15	lbs.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.90	-	1.10	lbs.
Leghorn Roosters		-	3.00	ea.
Leghorn Hens		-	2.00	ea.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.90	-	.70	lbs.
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.90	-	1.00	lbs.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	1.00	-	1.15	lbs.
Banty Roosters	4.00	-	4.25	ea.
Banty Hens	2.00	-	3.00	ea.
Guinea Pigs	4.75	-	8.00	ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.20	-	1.90	lbs.
Kid Goats	35.00	-	45.00	ea.
Pigeons	4.50	-	4.90	ea.
White Pigeons	5.50	-	6.00	ea.
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	1.50	-	1.90	lbs.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.90	-	2.10	lbs.
Bunnies	3.00	-	8.00	ea.
Silkies	2.50	-	3.00	ea.
Doves		-	5.00	ea..
Goats	45.00	-	50.00	ea.
Chicks	.50	-	1.20	ea.
Parakeets	8.00	-	10.00	ea.
Quail	2.00	-	3.00	ea.
Fancy Pigeons	8.00	-	15.00	ea
Ringneck Pheasants	10.00	-	12.00	ea.
Hen with chicks		-	28.00	ea.
Goslings	.50	-	1.20	ea.
Canarys	28.00	-	30.00	ea.
Peacocks		-	27.00	ea.
Peacocks Hens		-	47.00	ea.
Laying Pullets	5.00	-	6.00	ea.
Turkeys	28.00	-	38.00	ea.
Turkey Polts2.00		-	2.50	ea.
Guinea Keets	2.00	-	2.50	ea.

Total Coops Sold 3,845

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Sales were too few to report prices. Offerings were sufficient for current trade needs. Demand was generally fair to moderate 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 SALES TO REPORT	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

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

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 mostly moderate for the at least 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 was slow for fully adequate offerings from producers. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was steady at best.

	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

LIVE HEAVY TYPE HENS
(7 POUNDS AND UP) *
PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB.,
GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER
THE WEEK OF 26-Apr-10

SOUTH CENTRAL Trading was TFEWR. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings from primary users. Schedules were as desired. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was steady at best.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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

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

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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