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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was steady to about steady in the west, steady to fully steady elsewhere. Retail demand covered the full range, mostly fair to moderate, best where features were active. Food service demand was slow to moderate, best into fast food, catering and sports bars. Supplies of all sizes were close balanced to ample to satisfy current trade needs. Floor stocks were adequate to tight. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate for mid week trading. Breast items and wings were sufficient, but boneless skinless was adequate to fully adequate. Dark meat items were balanced to short with legs and leg quarters in the best position. 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 .25 cents to 86.00 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 82.50 cents last year on April 30, 2008.

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

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	180.00
BREASTS - B/S	151.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	82.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	124.00
THIGHS	60.50
DRUMSTICKS	59.50
LEG QUARTERS	41.50
WINGS	137.50

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

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was fair to instances moderate with increased interest noted for upcoming first of the month business. Supplies of all sizes were sufficient to handle current trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate for mid week trading. Breast items, tenders and wings were mostly sufficient. Dark meat items remained well cleared to tight with leg quarters and thigh meat in the best position. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair to mostly moderate during mid week trading. Offerings of all sizes were in good balance to well cleared. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair. The market tone was at least steady. In the parts complex, breast items and wings were mostly adequate for current needs; legs and leg quarters were well cleared with good movement.

MIDWEST REGION The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was mostly steady, occasionally fully steady. Producer offerings were light on small birds, light to moderate on heavier weights. Trade interest varied from light to fairly good. Retail demand was slow to moderate at best. Food service trade activity centered on fast food, catering and at times sports bars with restaurant orders slow to moderate. Floor stocks were adequate to short; weights desirable. Parts interest was light overall. Supplies of dark meat cuts were in close position, wings and breast cuts varied, adequate to ample. Trade sentiment was steady to firm on dark meat cuts, and steady to barely steady on the balance of parts.

WESTERN REGION The market tone was about steady to fully steady. Offerings were adequate on small sized product and ample on heavy weights. Retail demand was moderate to good, with best interest where features active. Floor stocks were generally adequate.

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 April 25, 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 5 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 25, 2009. Placements were down 5 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2008 through April 25, 2009 were 2.85 billion, down 6 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED

WEEK ENDING 04/25/09	TOTAL 19 SELECTED STATES		PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
	2009	2008	
	<i>Thousand</i>		
EGGS SET	200,881	213,675	-6
CHICKS PLACED	168,910	178,240	-5

Source: NASS, USDA

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 06-Jun-09 is estimated at 154.5 million head. This compares to 153.4 million head the previous week and to 167.3 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 169.8 million head and the composite weighted average price was 82.82 cents per pound.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

APR 29

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.

ITEM	POUNDS			WTD	ITEM	POUNDS			WTD
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG		(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG
BREAST - B/S	376	127.00-195.00	-	137.51	BREAST - B/S	404	120.00-192.00	-	133.31
TENDERLOINS	238	134.00-158.00	-	141.29	TENDERLOINS	255	136.00-197.00	-	148.49
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT				BREAST - LINE RUN	156	72.00-84.00	-	77.51
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	420	36.00-42.00	40	39.86	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	426	35.00-42.00	40-41	40.06
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	674	38.00-44.00	41-42	40.88	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	757	37.00-45.00	42-43	41.22
WINGS (WHOLE)	125	134.00-141.00	-	136.52	WINGS (WHOLE)	190	132.00-139.00	-	136.16
WINGS (CUT)	TOO FEW TO REPORT				WINGS (CUT)	121	148.00-159.00	-	152.01
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

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
52.00 - 57.00	53.27	51.00 - 57.00	54.38	53.89

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 was fair to moderate during mid week trading. Offerings of legs and leg quarters were in good balanced to tight. Breast items, wings and other dark meat cuts were generally sufficient for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was fair. The market tone was firm for legs and leg quarters. The balance of items were mostly steady.

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

APR 28	CURRENT NEG	WTD	VOL/LBS	APR 29	CURRENT NEG	WTD	VOL/LBS
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG		ITEM	TRADING*	AVG	
BREAST - B/S	145-150	144.65	347,320	BREAST - B/S	145-150	145.01	524,215
TENDERLOINS	150-155	151.80	78,118	TENDERLOINS	150-155	154.74	62,568
BREAST - WITH RIBS	77-78	81.19	109,800	BREAST - WITH RIBS	77-78	81.06	84,160
BREAST - LINE RUN	77	78.42	68,400	BREAST - LINE RUN	77	79.08	68,400
LEGS	62-63	66.75	60,160	LEGS	63-64	64.10	173,880
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	41-42	41.19	226,600	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	42-43	42.52	223,440
DRUMSTICKS	54-55	61.48	77,785	DRUMSTICKS	54-55	61.45	100,040
THIGHS	58-59	62.92	54,450	THIGHS	58-59	64.11	59,560
B/S THIGHS	120-121	119.38	69,240	B/S THIGHS	120-121	122.05	52,560
WINGS (WHOLE)	134-135	141.33	102,120	WINGS (WHOLE)	134-135	142.94	148,080
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	13-15	14.05	11,551	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	13-15	14.43	18,924
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	46.00	4,440	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	48.04	7,620
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	65-70	69.72	6,720	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	65-70	70.82	14,440

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

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL		AVG
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	WTS
Alabama	3,692	4,085	3,953	3,858	5.54	5.26	3,660	5.45	
Arkansas	5,009	5,011	4,774	3,967	5.40	4.95	4,969	5.51	
Delmarva	2,225	2,221	2,187	2,427	6.05	6.16	1,988	6.18	
KY-LA-TN	2,313	2,180	2,303	2,027	5.12	4.92	2,290	5.20	
Mississippi	2,664	2,863	2,694	3,196	5.81	5.57	2,894	5.92	
North Carolina	2,689	2,702	2,608	2,652	7.17	7.07	2,588	7.24	
Texas	2,713	2,742	2,683	2,125	5.61	5.21	2,709	5.55	
Total	21,305	21,804	21,202	20,252	5.76	5.55	21,098	5.80	
Mon-Wed	64,822	(A)					64,052	(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 29-Apr-09 is estimated to be 31,875,000 head up 0.68 percent from a week ago and down -4.76 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,660,000, last year 33,468,000)

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

	RANGE
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**

	ICE PACK	DRY PACK	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS			159
ROASTERS 4# & UP			116
HENS OVER 5#			175
DUCKS			117
			125
			116
			252-262

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 02-MAY-09

Class	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	05/02/09 (1)	04/25/09	05/02/09 (1)	04/25/09
Broiler/fryer	162,186(2)	159,334	162,186(2)	159,334
Light hens	1,707	1,277	1,707	1,277
Heavy hens	1,476	1,654	1,476	1,654
Total	165,369	162,265	165,369	162,265

(1)ESTIMATED

2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 02-May-09 is 160.1 million head compared to 170.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 162.5 million head or 2.4 million more than estimated available. For the week of 09-May-09 the estimated available is 158.9 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS	LBS	LBS	LBS
AM 04/27/09	135,419	68,907	135,419	68,907
AM 04/01/09	130,812	73,006	130,812	73,006
CHG	4,607	-4,099	4,607	-4,099
PCT CHG	4	-6	4	-6

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	04/27/09	04/20/09	04/28/08	04/27/09	04/20/09	04/28/08
PACIFIC COAST	570	592	2,456	7,906	7,965	6,660
LOS ANGELES	190	206	280	1,340	1,374	1,194

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 APRIL 27, 2009

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

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW HIGH AVG			LOW HIGH AVG		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	.55	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	6.25
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.	1.50	3.50
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	7.00	7.50
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	6.50	8.00
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	11.00	12.50
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	1.05	1.55	1.22	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	2.20	3.90	2.75	RABBITS ea.	-	7.25
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	-	4.75
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	7.50	9.00
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	3.25
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	1.50	4.25	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-	PEACOCKS ea.	-	-
PARTRIDGES ea.	-	12.00	-	COCKATEALS ea.	-	40.00
QUAIL ea.	-	3.75	-			
TOTAL COOPS	32					

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending April 24, 2009

	Whole Chickens		Legs	Necks,Backs	Livers	Hens
	Breasts	W/Thighs	& Wings	Gizzards		
RAYON						
Low	74.36	137.06	61.68	17.13	10.28	75.38
High	80.18	147.34	71.96	20.56	13.71	75.38
Mostly	78.81	140.49	68.53	20.56	13.71	75.38
SAN JUAN						
Low	73.67	137.06	61.68	17.13	10.28	75.38
High	78.81	143.92	68.53	20.56	13.71	75.38
Mostly	78.81	137.06	65.10	17.13	11.99	75.38
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	75.38	137.06	65.10	17.13	13.71	78.81
High	81.55	147.34	75.38	23.99	17.13	78.81
Mostly	79.84	143.92	71.96	23.99	17.13	78.81
BECERRA						
Low	76.07	140.49	68.53	20.56	13.71	78.81
High	82.24	150.77	82.24	27.41	17.13	78.81
Mostly	80.52	147.34	78.81	23.99	17.13	78.81

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally fair to moderate. Seller offerings were adequate to closely cleared on the 3 pound and smaller sizes; heavier weights were generally sufficient for present 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 unchanged at 71 to 82 cents. Trade sentiment was at least steady. In the parts complex, dark meat cuts were adequate to tight with legs and leg quarters continuing in the best position. The balance of parts were noted as generally sufficient.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	63-89
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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