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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



The market was steady to instances barely steady in the Midwest. Retail and food service demand was slow to moderate at best. Supplies of all sizes were at least sufficient for trade needs. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. In the parts structure, movement was fair. Breast items and dark meat cuts were adequate to available, and wings were fully sufficient to ample. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to light 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 85.25 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 85.50 cents last year on April 8, 2009.

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	188.50
BREASTS - B/S	175.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	94.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	91.00
THIGHS	47.00
DRUMSTICKS	59.00
LEG QUARTERS	38.00
WINGS	152.50

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

**SOUTHERN REGION** The market tone was steady to about steady. Demand into retail and food service outlets was moderate at best. Supplies of all sizes were sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair for mid-week trading. Dark meat cuts and breast items were adequate to available, but wings were fully sufficient and in the longest position. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**MIDWEST REGION** The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was barely steady to steady. Producer offerings were adequate to ample on very quiet buyer inquiry. Retail and food service movement was slow to moderate at best. Floor stocks were fully adequate to in balance; weights desirable to light. Part items supplies remained fully sufficient for current very light trade needs. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak on wings and steady on the balance of parts.

**WESTERN REGION** The market tone on whole broiler fryers was mostly steady and WOGs were barely steady to instances weak. Offerings adequate to fully adequate for fill-in needs. Retail and food service demand slow to sometimes moderate with some indicating interest not up to expectations. Weights mostly desirable. Floor stocks adequate. Offerings of wings and boneless skinless breasts adequate to fully adequate, balance of items mostly adequate. Parts demand light to fair. The market tone on wings and boneless skinless breasts steady to barely steady, balance about steady.

**NORTHEAST REGION** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was no better than fair for midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes were at least sufficient for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was mostly steady. In the parts complex, supplies of boneless skinless breasts and wings were at least adequate to available. Dark meat cuts were sufficient and wings were moderate to heavy. Tenders were clearing satisfactorily.

### BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 204 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 3, 2010. This was up slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

### BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN SLIGHTLY

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 3, 2010. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 3, 2010 through April 3, 2010 were 2.17 billion, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

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

WEEK ENDING 04/03/10	2010	2009	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
	<i>Thousand</i>		
EGGS SET	204,322	203,634	0
CHICKS PLACED	168,751	168,980	0

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 15-May-10 is estimated at 155.6 million head. This compares to 156.2 million head the previous week and to 158.1 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 161.2 million head and the composite weighted average price was 81.90 cents per pound.

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## SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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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	512	142.00-207.00	-	151.02	BREAST - B/S	615	142.00-208.00	-	153.07
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TENDERLOINS	192	143.00-212.00	-	148.55
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT			BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
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)	479	32.00-37.00	-	34.26	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	347	32.00-40.00	-	34.58
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	871	33.00-39.00	-	36.56	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	589	35.00-39.00	-	36.89
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			WINGS (WHOLE)	210	100.00-142.00	-	124.43
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
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	114	70.00-95.00	-	79.08

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
60.50 - 65.00	62.97	60.50 - 66.00	62.63	62.59

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 mostly fair during midweek trading. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts ranged adequate to available for current needs. Dark meat cuts were sufficient and tenders were clearing satisfactorily. Wings were moderate to mostly heavy. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was barely steady for wings and boneless skinless breast; mostly steady for the balance of items.

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

APR 06	CURRENT NEG	WTD		APR 07	CURRENT NEG	WTD	
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG	VOL/LBS	ITEM	TRADING*	AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	165-170	157.75	727,920	BREAST - B/S	165	155.78	681,360
TENDERLOINS	155	152.80	205,040	TENDERLOINS	155	154.28	88,400
BREAST - WITH RIBS	90-91	92.73	91,792	BREAST - WITH RIBS	90-91	93.11	106,025
BREAST - LINE RUN	90	92.60	67,265	BREAST - LINE RUN	90	92.46	69,528
LEGS	52-53	45.93	360,440	LEGS	52-53	47.85	196,240
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	36-37	35.51	341,520	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	36-37	35.16	343,160
DRUMSTICKS	44-45	50.98	108,880	DRUMSTICKS	44-45	51.57	88,240
THIGHS	40-41	47.79	76,000	THIGHS	40-41	47.41	60,640
B/S THIGHS	92-93	95.83	97,880	B/S THIGHS	92-93	92.60	54,480
WINGS (WHOLE)	147-148	143.53	187,160	WINGS (WHOLE)	147-148	142.76	200,960
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	13-15	15.00	22,840	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	13-15	15.00	13,200
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	40-45	44.26	10,720	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	40-45	43.37	10,040
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	51.06	27,160	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	53.32	18,000

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)	WTS	
	04/07	04/06	04/05	04/02	04/05	04/02	03/31	03/29	
Alabama	3,884	4,038	4,015	3,227	5.61	4.71	3,499	5.62	
Arkansas	4,864	5,235	5,203	3,728	5.49	4.69	5,261	5.63	
Delmarva	1,998	2,258	1,231	1,736	6.57	5.97	2,255	6.14	
KY-LA-TN	2,409	2,401	2,167	2,485	5.33	4.97	2,416	5.16	
Mississippi	2,872	2,963	2,937	2,821	6.02	5.83	2,756	6.03	
North Carolina	2,730	2,772	2,147	2,113	7.38	6.72	2,658	7.25	
Texas	2,647	2,627	2,645	2,628	5.51	5.33	1,928	5.63	
Total	21,404	22,294	20,345	18,738	5.84	5.34	20,773	5.88	
Mon-Wed	64,268	(A)					64,615	(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 07-Apr-10 is estimated to be 32,023,000 head up 2.73 percent from a week ago and up 5.92 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,172,000, last year 30,233,000)

**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 159
	DRY PACK 170
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK
	DRY PACK 117
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 129
	DRY PACK 116
DUCKS	262-265

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

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 10-Apr-10

Class	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	04/10/10 (1)	04/03/10
	----- Thousand head -----	
Broiler/fryer	159,896(2)	158,527
Light hens	1,552	1,821
Heavy hens	1,139	1,275
Total	162,587	161,623

(1)ESTIMATED

2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 10-Apr-10 is 157.2 million head compared to 150.3 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 160.2 million head or 3.0 million more than estimated available. For the week of 17-Apr-10 the estimated available is 158.7 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 04/05/10	115,061	47,229
AM 03/01/10	117,910	63,848
CHG	-2,849	-16,619
PCT CHG	-2	-26

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)**

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	04/05/10	03/29/10	04/06/09	04/05/10	03/29/10	04/06/09
<b>PACIFIC COAST LOS ANGELES</b>	3,054	3,014	607	4,314	6,138	8,284
	272	272	132	892	2,894	1,415

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

**FOR 04/06/10**

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW HIGH AVG			LOW HIGH AVG		
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	.95	-	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.	5.50	5.75
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	1.75
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	1.50	2.10	2.03	RABBITS ea.	2.00	6.50
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	3.75	7.00
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	1.25	2.00
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-	PEACOCKS ea.	-	-
PARTRIDGES ea.	-	-	-	COCKATIELS ea.	-	-
DOVES ea.	-	-	-	PHEASANTS ea.	-	-
TOTAL COOPS 21						

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY**

Cents per pound for the week ending March 26, 2010

	Whole	Legs	Necks,Backs	Livers
	Chickens	Breasts	W/Thighs & Wings	Gizzards Hens
<b>RAYON</b>				
Low	80.27	140.57	70.29	18.50
High	82.12	151.67	81.38	22.20
Mostly	81.38	151.67	77.68	20.35
<b>SAN JUAN</b>				
Low	79.53	140.57	66.59	18.50
High	82.12	147.97	77.68	22.20
Mostly	81.38	147.97	73.98	18.50
<b>NEW SAN JUAN</b>				
Low	80.64	144.27	73.98	18.50
High	83.23	155.37	85.08	22.20
Mostly	81.38	155.37	81.38	22.20

**BECERRA**

Low	81.38	147.97	77.68	18.50	7.40	48.09
High	85.08	159.07	88.78	25.89	11.10	48.09
Mostly	81.38	155.37	85.08	24.04	11.10	48.09

**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 5, 2010

HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	RANGE
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	79-86
		79-90

**DELMARVA** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds remained seasonally light to fair for midweek business. Seller offerings were fully adequate for current trade requirements. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but noted as desirable. Processing 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, supplies were moderate to heavy with wings continuing in the longest position.

**BRANDED U.S. GRADE A**

RANGE	73-95
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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