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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



The market tone was steady to at least steady in the East, steady elsewhere. Retail demand was light to fairly good, mostly light to moderate. Food service demand was irregular ranging slow to good, mostly light to moderate for mid week business. Supplies of all sizes were mostly moderate to satisfy current trade needs. Floor stocks were in a full range. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate. Breast items were light to heavy with discounted noted on boneless skinless breast. Wings and dark meat items were light to moderate. 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 86.75 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 87.50 cents last year on May 20, 2009.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	199.00
BREASTS - B/S	184.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	104.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	90.50
THIGHS	48.00
DRUMSTICKS	60.50
LEG QUARTERS	41.00
WINGS	122.00

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

**SOUTHERN REGION** The market tone was steady. Demand was moderate with trading usually limited to regular commitments. Supplies of all sizes were sufficient to satisfy current trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate for mid week trading. Breast items were moderate to instances heavy with boneless skinless in the weakest position. Wings were more available and dark meat items were in good supply and moving well. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable.

**MIDWEST REGION** The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was steady. Whole bird offers were light, but high offering prices and transport costs had buyers trending more cautious and purchasing less. Retail trade activity was light to fairly good, best clearance noted on dark meat cuts and deli wogs. Food service demand was irregular, slow to moderate at best into fast food and light to good into buffets and restaurants. Floor stocks remained in a full range and weights were mixed, but trending light for the most part. Supplies of boneless/skinless breast was ample and discounted to help clear, whole breast and tenders were in close balance and all other parts. The market tone was steady to weak on boneless/skinless breast, and steady on the balance of items.

**WESTERN REGION** The market tone on whole broiler fryers and WOGs was mostly steady. Offerings light. Retail and food service demand light to moderate. Floor stocks and weights adequate. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts adequate to ample, tenderloins and bone-in breasts light, and wings adequate. Demand light to moderate with isolated improvement noted on boneless skinless breasts. Fill-in trading was noted on fresh boneless skinless breasts at 160 cents delivered. Dark offerings are mostly adequate with some spot availability noted. The market tone on wings was steady, boneless skinless breasts steady to sometimes weak, bone-in breasts and tenderloins steady to fully steady. The market tone on dark items was mostly steady with some spot softness noted.

**NORTHEAST REGION** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly moderate for midweek trading as the demand for other seasonal items had most dealers struggling to obtain trucks for transport. Offerings of all sizes were balanced to adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Retail and distributive movement was moderate. The market tone was steady to at least steady. In the parts complex, supplies bone-in breasts were light to moderate and clearing well; boneless skinless breasts were noted as more available and was moderate to heavy overall. Most dark meat cuts and wings were at least sufficient for current needs.

## BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 210 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 15, 2010. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

## BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 15, 2010. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 3, 2010 through May 15, 2010 were 3.20 billion, up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

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

WEEK ENDING 05/15/10	2010	2009	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
	<i>Thousand</i>		
EGGS SET	209,722	205,499	+02
CHICKS PLACED	171,746	168,175	+02

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 26-Jun-10 is estimated at 157.7 million head. This compares to 157.9 million head the previous week and to 158.7 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 163.5 million head and the composite weighted average price was 85.12 cents per pound.

MAY 18

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

MAY 19

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	580	150.00-192.00	-	157.62	BREAST - B/S	553	150.00-191.00	-	158.04
TENDERLOINS	259	157.00-203.00	-	164.83	TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
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)	347	34.00-37.00	-	35.97	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	421	32.00-38.00	-	35.68
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	807	36.00-39.00	-	37.64	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,196	37.00-39.00	-	37.71
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
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		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
63.00 - 67.50	65.15	62.50 - 67.50	65.45	65.44

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 generally fair for midweek trading with most dealers continuing to have difficulty in securing trucks for transport. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts and wings were mostly moderate to instances heavy for current needs. Bone-in breasts, tenders and most dark meat cuts were light to moderate and moving well. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was steady for most items.

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

MAY 18	CURRENT NEG	WTD		MAY 19	CURRENT NEG	WTD	
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG	VOL/LBS	ITEM	TRADING*	AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	175-180	167.64	750,120	BREAST - B/S	175-180	166.77	515,820
TENDERLOINS	165-170	163.05	167,360	TENDERLOINS	165-170	166.82	111,280
BREAST - WITH RIBS	101-102	111.16	48,252	BREAST - WITH RIBS	101-102	110.51	62,102
BREAST - LINE RUN	101	102.14	109,387	BREAST - LINE RUN	101	102.79	59,400
LEGS	53-54	50.72	158,000	LEGS	53-54	51.05	160,960
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	37-38	37.48	444,600	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	37-38	38.81	211,040
DRUMSTICKS	48-49	56.16	71,320	DRUMSTICKS	48-49	56.51	91,520
THIGHS	44-45	50.56	65,280	THIGHS	44-45	53.87	49,240
B/S THIGHS	94-95	94.62	82,680	B/S THIGHS	94-95	93.61	62,720
WINGS (WHOLE)	119-120	121.01	163,840	WINGS (WHOLE)	119-120	123.02	195,120
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	13-15	15.00	34,080	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	13-15	15.00	16,960
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	40-45	42.10	14,600	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	40-45	43.19	6,440
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	52.13	61,720	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	52.09	19,400

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**

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL		AVG
	(1,000)	05/18	(1,000)	05/14	05/17	05/14	(1,000)	05/10	WTS
Alabama	3,953	4,046	4,114	4,289	5.80	5.28	3,923	5.58	
Arkansas	5,299	5,260	5,032	3,946	5.64	5.32	5,226	5.54	
Delmarva	2,214	2,249	2,281	2,087	6.10	6.08	2,277	6.07	
KY-LA-TN	2,406	2,359	2,363	2,577	5.30	5.27	2,133	5.08	
Mississippi	2,895	3,048	3,011	3,000	5.98	5.77	2,759	6.05	
North Carolina	2,786	2,729	2,486	3,150	7.19	7.10	2,674	7.27	
Texas	2,599	2,622	2,610	2,494	6.25	5.66	2,393	5.85	
Total	22,152	22,313	21,897	21,543	5.98	5.74	21,385	5.88	
Mon-Wed	66,845 (A)						65,143 (A)		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.  
 Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 19-May-10 is estimated to be 33,142,000 head up 3.28 percent from a week ago and up 5.48 percent from a year ago.  
 (Last week 32,090,000, last year 31,421,000)

**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
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK 128-184
	ICE PACK
	DRY PACK 117
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 129
	DRY PACK 118
DUCKS	265-268

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

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 22-May-10

Class	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	05/15/10 (1)	05/08/10		05/08/10
	----- Thousand head -----			
Broiler/fryer	167,419 (2)			165,289
Light hens	1,513			1,552
Heavy hens	1,510			1,495
Total	170,442			168,336

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 22-May-10 is 160.5 million head compared to 163.1 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 167.8 million head or 7.3 million more than estimated available. For the week of 29-May-10 the estimated available is 160.8 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS**

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
LBS		LBS	
AM 05/17/10	138,375		51,494
AM 05/01/10	127,146		49,456
CHG	11,229		2,038
PCT CHG	9%		4%

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)**

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	05/17/10	05/10/10	05/18/09	05/10/10	05/03/10	05/11/09
<b>PACIFIC</b>						
<b>COAST</b>	3,168	2,753	1,446	5,479	5,147	7,815
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>	442	139	245	803	850	1,328

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW HIGH AVG			FOR 05/18/10		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.75	.90	.82	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	2.00	8.50 3.78
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	2.50	4.00 3.39
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	2.00	10.50 4.86
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	2.05	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	2.00	2.30	2.14	DUCKS ea.	4.75	7.00 5.39
RABBITS lb.	1.00	2.25	1.74	RABBITS ea.	3.00	6.50 4.64
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	-	5.00 -
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	15.50 -
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	3.25 -
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	6.50	-	PEACOCKS ea.	-	-
PARTRIDGES ea.	-	-	-	COCKATEALS ea.	-	-
DOVES ea.	-	-	-	PHEASANTS ea.	-	-
TOTAL COOPS	46					

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY**

Cents per pound for the week ending May 14, 2010

	Whole		Legs W/Thighs	Necks,Backs & Wings	Livers Gizzards	Hens
	Chickens	Breasts				
<b>RAYON</b>						
Low	82.99	144.33	72.17	21.65	7.22	72.17
High	84.80	155.16	82.99	25.26	10.82	72.17
Mostly	82.99	151.55	79.38	21.65	7.22	72.17
<b>SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	82.99	140.72	68.56	18.04	3.61	72.17
High	85.88	151.55	79.38	25.26	7.22	72.17
Mostly	82.99	147.94	75.77	21.65	7.22	72.17
<b>NEW SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	82.99	144.33	75.77	21.65	7.22	72.17
High	85.52	158.77	86.60	25.26	10.82	72.17
Mostly	82.99	155.16	82.99	23.45	9.02	72.17

**BECERRA**

Low	82.99	147.94	79.38	25.26	7.22	75.77
High	86.60	162.37	90.21	28.87	10.82	75.77
Mostly	82.99	158.77	86.60	25.26	10.82	75.77

**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 17, 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 was moderate for mid-week business. Seller offerings were balanced and moving satisfactorily to handle trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but noted as desirable. Processing schedules were mostly moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices remained unchanged at 91 to 99 cents. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, most dark meat cuts and breast items were light to moderate. B/S breasts were noted as more available. Wings were moderate.

\*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		84-105	
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		(A)	
NO. OF BOXES		(A)	

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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