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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was steady, although caution was noted. Trading in the major terminal markets was somewhat mixed but usually at unchanged majority prices in the West, unchanged to slightly higher in the Midwest, and unchanged to slightly lower in the East when compared to last Friday's markets. Retail demand improved for the weekend and was moderate to occasionally good, but overall still disappointing for the holiday and first of month business. Food service also improved with increase movement noted going into fast food accounts and resort areas. Floor stocks were balanced to tight on smaller sizes, and at least sufficient on larger weights. Trucks continue to be tight and short of full needs. In the parts structure, trading was light to moderately good. Supplies continue to be sufficient for current needs, although leg quarters were well cleared due in part to wide spread feature activity. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range of desirable to heavy.

Preliminary report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob to first receivers at major market areas week of 07/05-07/10/99 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
(Including branded product)				
Bos/New Eng	TFEWR	—		
Chicago	52.00-55.00	43.50-64.00	54.94	26.00
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—		
Cleveland	TFEWR	—		
Denver	65.50	—		
Detroit	TFEWR	—		
Los Angeles	66.00	—		
New York	53.00-56.00	—		
Philadelphia	TFEWR	—		
Pittsburgh	TFEWR	—		
St. Louis	TFEWR	—		
San Francisco	66.50	—		
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	59.00-61.00	44.00-61.50	60.05	92.00

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 61.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
645	53.00-63.25	61.11

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

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	164.00	3,480
BREASTS - WHOLE	81.50	1,654
THIGH MEAT - B/S	65.00	506
LEG QUARTERS	23.50	8,288
WINGS	48.50	2,536

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SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand was fair to moderate, with best movement noted where specials were in progress. Supplies were occasionally available, but most locations were clearing. Trucks were short of full needs. In the parts structure, leg quarters were in good balance and clearing, breast items and wings were adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable but heavier trending weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was generally steady. Preliminary majority prices were unchanged from last Friday. Offerings were fully adequate overall with heavier weights in the longest position. Demand was fairly good overall on wholebody and parts, best to cover extended Forth of July holiday weekend needs. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers. Trade sentiment was generally steady on parts.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices were unchanged to 1 cent higher into Chicago, and TFEWR elsewhere from last Monday's final. The trade sentiment was steady. Additional whole bird offerings were sufficient for the light buyer interest. Movement into all channels was fair to fairly good as dealer prepare for the upcoming holiday weekend. Movement was best into fast food accounts and tourist areas. Floor stocks were adequate to ample with sizes desirable to instances heavy. Parts trading was active on all items and supplies of all items adequate. Trade sentiment was unsettled on breast items, all other parts steady.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was irregular. Offerings were usually sufficient to handle the current cautious dealer interest. Retail and distributive demand improved for the Fourth of July weekend with no particular food item predominant. The market tone remained cautiously steady. In the parts market, supplies were usually in good balance to cover the relatively unaggressive buyer activity.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was generally fair entering the weekend. Seller offerings were adequate to closely cleared on 2.5 to 3 pound sizes; fully adequate on the heavier sizes. Live supplies were at least moderate with weights ranging desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were heavy when combined with some plant operations scheduled for Saturday. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 56 to 68 cents. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady. In the parts complex, all items were at least adequate. Leg quarters were adequate and clearing satisfactorily.

*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		55-73
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		60.57
NO. OF BOXES		7,530
CUMULATIVE	06/28/99-07/02/99	60.70
	06/29/98-07/03/98	66.44
NO. OF BOXES	06/28/99-07/02/99	35,049
	06/29/98-07/03/98	33,432

*6 of 8 plants reporting.

JUL 01, 1999

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

JUL 02, 1999

ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS				WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,090	140.00-202.00	145-150	153.76	646	146.00-202.00	148-155	155.30	4,532	155.85
TENDERLOINS	242	140.00-205.00	-	169.46	80	145.00-205.00	145-150	163.25	976	163.52
BREAST - LINE RUN	99	72.00-84.00	72-75	72.60	191	72.00-79.00	74-76	77.11	573	75.17
FRONT HALVES	105	61.00-73.00	-	65.00	75	62.00-73.00	-	67.13	530	66.85
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				877	30.55
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	656	19.00-23.00	20-22	21.17	372	20.00-23.00	21-22	21.88	2,681	21.31
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,797	21.00-26.00	23-24	23.99	1,900	22.00-25.00	23-24	23.56	8,597	24.01
WINGS (WHOLE)	222	41.00-49.00	43-45	46.12	164	40.00-48.00	41-43	44.26	1,015	45.69
WINGS (CUT)	415	54.00-64.00	55-58	56.32	580	55.50-64.00	56-57	57.75	2,244	57.14
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				229	36.19
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				109	38.12
B/S THIGHS	65	55.00-69.00	-	58.91	59	56.00-69.00	-	58.97	314	58.98

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
 TRADING FOR JUL 01, 1999 — F.O.B. DOCK.

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RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
40.00 - 48.00	43.09	41.00 - 48.00	44.51	44.08

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

*****Effective July 1, breast tenderloins and boneless skinless thigh meat will be included in the daily Northeast Broiler/Fryer Parts reports and on the Friday weekly weighted average price report. Expansion of these reports is in response to changes in marketing of ready-to-cook young chicken parts and meat items.*****

PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES.

ITEM	JUL 01, 1999			JUL 02, 1999			WEEKLY	
	CURRENT NEG	WTD	VOL/LBS	CURRENT NEG	WTD	VOL/LBS	AVG	VOL/LB*
BREAST - B/S	150-155	162.26	307,560	150-155	158.87	482,440	159.37	2,073,438
TENDERLOINS	-	147.27	35,800	-	146.65	60,960	146.88	*96,760
BREAST - WITH RIBS	67-68	77.13	149,080	67-68	75.91	202,920	77.78	928,760
BREAST - LINE RUN	67	68.66	149,400	67	67.81	64,640	69.00	723,320
LEGS	30-31	35.09	234,240	30-31	35.40	200,760	35.03	1,097,440
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	23-24	24.06	330,184	23-24	25.08	382,361	24.40	1,949,320
DRUMSTICKS	30-31	33.48	86,120	30-31	35.25	74,700	33.80	492,900
THIGHS	17-18	25.31	69,760	17-18	26.19	71,280	26.78	339,810
B/S THIGHS	70-71	71.02	29,280	70-71	72.28	23,840	71.58	*53,120
WINGS (WHOLE)	44-45	51.29	115,720	44-45	49.65	239,304	50.74	941,875
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.95	19,800	10-12	12.10	17,280	12.04	99,640
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	15-20	25.36	18,440	15-20	23.48	21,560	24.31	90,510
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35	39.78	30,200	35	37.77	48,880	38.87	169,600

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. 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. ***TWO DAYS VOLUME

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		AVG WTS	
	07/02	07/01	06/30	06/29	06/30	06/29	06/25	06/23
ALA	4,024	3,896	3,634	3,804	5.07	5.06	4,794	5.14
ARK	5,108	5,151	5,052	5,050	4.91	4.91	6,370	5.15
DELMARVA	2,757	2,421	2,422	2,441	5.07	5.10	3,312	5.09
KY-LA-TN	2,188	1,777	1,777	1,728	4.45	4.59	1,877	4.52
MISS	3,508	2,813	2,780	2,759	4.98	4.96	2,727	4.99
NC	3,127	2,623	2,579	2,563	5.56	5.70	3,992	5.81
TEXAS	2,511	2,105	2,090	2,077	4.65	4.73	2,652	4.76
TOTAL	23,223	20,786	20,334	20,422	4.98	5.02	25,724	5.11
MON-FRI105,813(A)	106,544(A)							

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 02-Jul and 3-Jul-99 is estimated to be 34,744,000 down 9.99 percent from a week ago and up 93.4 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 38,601,000; last year 17,961,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 03-Jul-99 is estimated to be 156,995,000 head down 1.5

percent from a week ago, and up 13.4 percent from a year ago

(Last week 159,424,000 Last year 138,469,000)

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

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	82-84
ROASTERS 4# & UP	82-88
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	83-91
DUCKS	135
RABBITS-WHOLE	359
RABBITS-CUT UP	376

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	92-98
	DRY PACK	108
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK	118
	ICE PACK	104-110
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	98
	ICE PACK	92
DUCKS		149-166

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live weight, week ending June 19, 1999 (Preliminary),

	(A) Fast food/ Food service	(B) Retail	(C) Deboning
	4.20 Lbs & down	4.21-5.25 Lbs	5.26 Lbs & Up
-----THOUSANDS-----			

Head	28,629	23,903	43,563
Avg Weight	3.79	4.77	5.99
% of total /1	30%	25%	45%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	24,669	30,576	38,776
Avg Weight	3.81	4.78	6.05
% of total /1	26%	33%	41%
Same week, yr ago /2	35,574	34,365	24,064
Avg Weight	3.69	4.90	6.07
% of total /1	38%	37%	26%
To date/1999	780,826	664,987	1,054,286
To date/1998	819,877	817,552	756,993

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 26-Jun-99 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					

HEAD	159,424(A)	2,157	1,461	3,618	418
AVGWT	5.05	3.35	7.84	5.17	7.12
LAST WEEK	156,460	2,095	1,564	3,659	405
YR AGO	151,850	2,043	1,363	3,406	477
AVGWT	4.72	3.47	8.21	5.37	6.56
TO-DATE/1999	3,780,077	54,610	33,902	88,512	11,064
TO-DATE/1998	3,641,985	52,852	31,856	84,708	11,246

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 154.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 161.4 million head or 6.8 million head more than or 104 percent of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY-- DATE OF AUCTION JUNE 29, 1999

PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

	RANGE	RANGE
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Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.00 - 1.22	
Banty Hens	2.25 - 3.50ea.	Guinea Pigs 3.00 - 7.00ea.
Banty Roosters	2.50 - 5.75ea.	Kid Goats 15.00 - 42.00ea.
Bunnies	.50 - 2.00ea.	Leghorn Hens .20 - .42
Crossbred Fowl 5-9	.50 - .92	Pigeons 1.85 - 2.75ea.
Crossbred Roosters 4-6	.40 - .94	Pullets 4-6 .60 - .82
Crossbred Roosters 7-11	.26 - .84	Rabbits 4-6 .50 - .94
Doves	3.00 - 4.50ea.	Rabbits 7-11 .60 - .86
Geese 9-14	.14 - .24	Red Fowl 4-4.5 .40 - .64
Goats	35.00 - 72.00ea.	Red Fowl 5-6 .50 - .98
Guinea Fowl	2.50 - 3.20	Silkie 2.50 - 3.00ea.
		White Pigeons 2.00 - 2.75ea.

Total Coops Sold 692

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FED-STATE FOR WEEK OF 28-JUN-99

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	134	139-140
MIDWEST	117-119	118-120

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	65-66	
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	68-83	68-73

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

12 OZ.	60.48-69.66
14 OZ.	66.96-76.14
16 OZ.	73.44-83.43

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. Market tone was steady. Demand was fair to fairly good. Weights were desirable to slightly heavy. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18 oz boneless breast at \$4.65-5.25, legs at \$2.80-2.95, bone in legs at \$1.15-1.70, leg quarters at \$1.08-1.15, gizzards \$1.30-1.40, and wings at \$0.40-.60.

PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 28-JUN-99

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	117-119	118
MOSTLY		

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT	
MAY	22	157.2	152.8	103	5.10
	29	158.9	152.5	104	5.07
JUNE	5	143.5	153.5	93	5.06
	12	153.7	154.2	100	5.04
	19	158.4	154.6	102	5.11
	26	161.4	154.6	104	5.05
YEAR TO DATE	3825.9	3783.5	101		
JULY	3	154.9	154.6		
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CALIFORNIA PLTRY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP W/E 26-Jun-99

IN THOUSANDS

Broilers 4,076 HD, 21,481 lbs., Light Hens 200 HD, 688 lbs., Heavy Hens 0 HD, 0 lbs.

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	7/03/99	6/26/99	%CHG	7/04/98	%CHG
Broilers	156,995	*159,424	-02	*138,469	+13
Cattle	717	713	+01	*626	+15
Hogs	1,842	1,801	+02	*1,626	+13

Under Federal Inspection

* ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL Prices were irregular. Demand continues to be light to fair, mostly light for the fully adequate offerings. The undertone was mixed, but steadier.

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
24.5-26.25 MAJORITY 25.5-26	33-40 MAJORITY 34-36.5

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
26.5-29 MAJORITY 26.5-27	33.75-40 MAJORITY 36-38

EASTERN LIGHT Prices were unchanged to lower as some producers are loading the hen on the truck just to get them out of the house. Demand was very light and unaggressive as offerings continue to be more than the plants requirements. However, most plants are on reduced holiday schedules for next week. Undertone unsettled to weak.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY HENS Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was light for the fully adequate to ample offerings. Most plants are on reduced holiday schedules for next week. The undertone was cautiously steady to weak.

NORTH CENTRAL LIVE LIGHT HEN Prices were unchanged. Offerings were at least adequate to ample for the light to moderate trading and demand. Schedules were reduced for next week due to the Independence Day holiday. Trade sentiment steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT Offerings fully adequate. Plants worked desired schedules.

LIVE HENS

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

<u>HEAVY</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR (1)	
Southeast Heavy f.o.b. plant	TFEWR (2) TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR (1)	
<u>LIGHT</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Eastern Light	0-0 (1)	
Eastern Light	TFEWR (2)	
So. Central Light	TFEWR (2)	
No. Central Light	TFEWR (1)	
No. Central Light	0-1 (2)	
(1) Buyer Loading	(2) Producer Loading	

(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

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