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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were generally unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was improved from last week and ranged fair to good, best into fast food channels. Supplies were adequate to ample with smaller sizes in the longest position in the Northeast. In the parts structure, interest increased for breast items, and supplies were better balanced and becoming less available. In production areas, live supplies were usually moderate. Weights were mixed, but were mostly desirable.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 4/24-04/29/00 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)			COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
	Bos/New Eng	55.00-56.00	55.19	18	61.14
Chicago	42.00-46.00	46.25	49	49.63	93
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	52.98	32
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	57.63	15
Denver	61.50	61.43	17	60.06	37
Detroit	43.00	45.30	20	50.55	55
Los Angeles	62.00	61.00	67	59.52	114
New York	53.00-56.00	51.78	23	56.00	66
Philadelphia	45.00-53.00	51.71	7	52.60	26
Pittsburgh	44.50-53.00	48.20	10	55.50	72
St. Louis	46.00-46.25	45.45	21	49.27	46
San Francisco	62.50	62.08	32	64.79	62

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	05/08/00	Change/Last Wk	05/01/00	05/10/99
656	55.76	0.57	55.19	60.83

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads
East	48.50-60.00	54.50	47
Central	48.00-53.00	51.77	66
West	47.00-66.75	55.30	47

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	57.00-59.00	57.00	86
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 57.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,179	42.00-59.25	56.12

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice pack parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	135.00	4,134
BREASTS - WHOLE	69.50	2,110
THIGH MEAT - B/S	97.50	621
LEG QUARTERS	18.50	8,860
WINGS	50.00	3,033

THIS INFORMATION IS SUPPLIED BY THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S POULTRY MARKET NEWS SERVICE.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly fair to good coming into the week. Offerings ranged adequate to ample with smaller birds in the longest position. Retail and distributive movement was moderate to good. The market tone was steady. In the parts market, breast items were much less available than last week, but remained more than adequate. All other items were at least adequate.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was light to moderate and slightly improved. Supplies were usually sufficient yet building in areas where transportation problems occurred. In the parts structure, interest for breast items increased and supplies were in a better balance. All other items were at least adequate with fair movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was generally steady. Trading on regular commitments unchanged with additional loads unchanged to lower. Offerings fully adequate with heavy weights in the longest position. Demand by stores reduced but was moderate overall, moderate to good by restaurants best to cover anticipated increased Mother's Day needs. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. The market tone was about steady on parts. Reported trading on parts for delivery into California: leg quarters bulk 19.25-19.50 and 4/10s mainly 22.25, bone-in breasts 62-68 and boneless breasts 125-137. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was down .92 to 46.78 from last Monday's reported level, with the volume reported up 20 percent to 24 loads.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices for this week's deliveries were unchanged to slightly higher into St. Louis, TFEWR in Ohio and unchanged elsewhere from last Monday's final. Whole fryer trade sentiment steady. Offerings adequate for the mostly nonaggressive buyer. Distributors noted satisfactory weekend clearances overall. Movement into all channels fair to good with food service demand and especially fast food best. Floor stocks adequate, sizes desirable to heavy. Parts trading was light to fair with increased interest noted on breast items. Supplies of all items adequate to fully adequate. Trade sentiment was generally steady on all items.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER MARKET Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds increased compared to same period last week, but still lacked aggressiveness, and was about moderate to fairly good. Seller offerings were generally adequate. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were light to heavy, mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 56 to 68 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. In the parts complex, volumes varied from plant to plant, but most reported an adequate supply.

*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 51-70
WEIGHTED AVERAGE 59.00
NO. OF BOXES 10,146
*6 of 8 plants reporting

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was fair to good for the weekend and most dealers expected further improvement for this week. Offerings were at least adequate. Breast items continued to become less available compared to last week and no discounting was noted. Retail and distributive movement was moderate to good. The market tone was steady. PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES.

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	130	133.24	365,880
TENDERLOINS	135	149.76	78,760
BREAST - WITH RIBS	53-54	60.89	197,200
BREAST - LINE RUN	53	56.69	120,400
LEGS	29-30	32.60	128,920
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	18-19	19.09	316,641
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	33.03	114,550
THIGHS	28-29	31.79	90,640
B/S THIGHS	86-87	93.04	51,320
WINGS (WHOLE)	50-51	58.89	159,840
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.91	67,560
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	34.34	60,800
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.31	84,560

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED 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.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,206	110.00-139.00	120-130	124.34
TENDERLOINS	162	136.00-207.00	-	168.70
BREAST - WITH RIBS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
FRONT HALVES	640	44.00-62.00	-	54.75
LEGS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	252	16.00-18.00	16	16.21
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	3,213	16.00-19.00	18.25	17.56
WINGS (WHOLE)	120	38.00-43.00	39-43	40.00
DRUMSTICKS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
THIGHS	858	20.00-39.00	26-27	26.51

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	05/08	05/04	05/04	05/01	04/27
ALA	4,009	3,876	4.97	3,929	5.00
ARK	5,008	5,053	4.76	4,973	4.79
DELMARVA	2,301	2,344	5.06	2,442	5.12
KY-LA-TN	1,980	2,051	4.43	2,056	4.41
MISS	2,829	2,850	5.01	2,759	5.03
NC	2,571	2,586	5.72	2,574	5.84
TEXAS	2,297	2,289	4.83	2,290	4.84
TOTAL	20,995	21,049	4.96	21,023	4.99
MON	20,995(A)			21,023(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 08-May 2000 is estimated to be 31,411,000 down 0.43 percent from a week ago and up 5.23 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,547,000, last year 29,849,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	533	125.00-175.00	126-135	131.83
TENDERLOINS	77	140.00-205.00	140-145	158.83
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES	75	49.50-51.00	-	50.30
LEGS	88	27.00-34.00	27-28	27.64
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	748	15.00-18.00	15-17	16.07
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	876	17.00-20.00	19-20	19.00
WINGS (WHOLE)	122	41.00-46.00	-	43.70
WINGS (CUT)	497	49.00-72.00	51-53	56.14
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR MAY 08, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
32.25 - 34.50	33.19	33.16

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.

MIDWEST REGION PARTS PRICES PER LB., ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 05/08-05/12/00

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	120.00 - 160.00	125.00 - 135.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	55.00 - 70.00	55.00 - 63.00
LEGS	29.00 - 40.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	16.00 - 21.00	17.00
DRUMSTICKS	23.00 - 38.00	-
THIGHS	28.00 - 36.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	37.00 - 53.00	41.00 - 43.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	15.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25.00 - 39.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 48.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	75-89
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	78-95
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	84-93
FROZEN DUCKS	135
FROZEN SQUABS	589
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)	
FRESH FRYERS	76-80
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	79
DUCKS	125
RABBITS-WHOLE	299
RABBITS-CUT UP	309

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	102-104
ROASTERS 4# & UP	107-111
HENS OVER 5#	98
DUCKS	152-166

EASTERN REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 05-MAY-00

CHICKEN PRICES

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	15.00-15.50	-	16.00	-
WTD AVERAGE	15.14		16.00	

598,000 pounds, this includes 80,000 pounds for export shipment.

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	13.00-14.00	14.00	-	15.00
WTD AVERAGE	13.40	14.00		15.00

540,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15-20%				
RANGE	13.25-15.00	13.00	11.25-12.00	12.00-14.00
WTD AVERAGE	14.00	13.00	11.39	13.47

1,716,000 pounds, this includes 480,000 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	12.50
WTD AVERAGE				12.50

120,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT Trading levels were slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was light to moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were slow with prices generally unchanged from the past period. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was no better than steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 08-MAY-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.75-17 CENTS/LB	10-12	11.00

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

CENTRAL REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 05-MAY-00

CHICKEN PRICES

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	13.00-16.00	16.00-26.00	12.25-13.00	14.00-14.50
WTD AVERAGE	14.50	21.00	12.56	14.14

510,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15-20%				
RANGE	12.00	14.00	10.00-12.50	12.50-14.00
WTD AVERAGE	12.00	14.00	11.31	13.12

2,366,400 pounds, this includes 204,000 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	13.50
WTD AVERAGE				13.50

122,400 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT Majority trading was unchanged to lower when compared to a week earlier. Buyers were cautious and unaggressive. Offerings were fully adequate to ample for processing needs. Processing schedules were normal to heavy. Canners were usually adequate or available. Market conditions were barely steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 01-MAY-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-16.5	7.5-10	10.23
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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