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Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries were one cent higher in the West, unchanged elsewhere. Trade sentiment on whole broiler/fryers was mostly steady to instances firm. Demand was fair to good, best where featured and where holiday anticipation increased interest. Shipping problems continued to delay distribution of product in the Northeast. Supplies were generally adequate to closely cleared. In the parts structure, breast items were barely adequate to short and clearing satisfactorily. All other items were about adequate. In production areas, live supplies were at least moderate. Weights varied, but were mostly desirable.

Preliminary report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 05/22-05/27/00 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Including branded product)		COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Chicago	42.00-46.00	38.00-60.25	46.32	24
Los Angeles	63.00	—		
New York	53.00-56.00	—		
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	57.00-59.00	43.00-62.00	57.73	81

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 57.75 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT	
	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
605	54.60-59.75	57.62
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	143.00	3,925
BREASTS - WHOLE	73.00	1,745
THIGH MEAT - B/S	94.50	606
LEG QUARTERS	19.00	7,750
WINGS	50.00	2,673

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SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment ranged steady to fully steady. Demand remained moderate to good. Supplies were usually adequate for trade requirements. In the parts structure, breast items were in the best position and other parts were at least sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Market tone was firm with trading reported at higher prices. Preliminary majority prices 1 cent higher than last week. Offerings easily adequate but held with renewed confidence in some areas in anticipation of increased holiday needs. Retail demand moderate for whole body and fairly good for parts. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances. Breasts firm and balance of parts generally steady.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices for next weeks deliveries into Chicago were unchanged from last Monday's final. Trade sentiment on whole broiler/fryers generally steady. Offerings adequate or available for the limited trade needs. Lighter weight whole fryers and wogs were in close balance. Demand into all outlets was reported as moderate to fairly good entering the weekend, best into fast food. Floor stocks balanced, sizes desirable to instances heavy. Parts trading was active on breast items with features a factor, trading on all other items light to moderate. In Michigan, retail feature noted on boneless/skinless breasts at \$1.69. Supplies barely adequate to short on breast items, adequate on all other items. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm on breast items, steady on the remainder.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was moderate to good entering the weekend. Offerings varied in size and volume but were generally adequate for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was moderate to good. The market tone was fully steady. In the parts market, breast items were well cleared. The balance of items was about adequate to adequate.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was moderate to good entering the weekend. Offerings varied in both size and volume and were noted as well balanced to closely cleared at most plants. Shipping problems continued to disrupt some distribution within the area. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were irregular in a range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were very heavy with several plants operating on Saturday mainly in preparation for the rapidly approaching Memorial Day Holiday weekend. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 56 to 68 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm.

*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	55-66
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	59.09
NO. OF BOXES	7,890
CUMULATIVE	05/15/00-05/19/00 59.12
	05/17/99-05/21/99 60.83
NO. OF BOXES	05/15/00-05/19/00 49,057
	05/17/99-05/21/99 36,793

*6 of 8 plants reporting.

MAY 18, 2000

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

MAY 19, 2000

ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS	POUNDS				WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG		(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	516	125.00-180.00	128-137	150.46	575	125.00-180.00	130-140	133.39	4,214	137.80	
TENDERLOINS	93	150.00-205.00	150	158.87	193	145.00-205.00	145-150	152.51	876	158.73	
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT				162	71.00-75.00	-	74.01	700	67.57	
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				70	50.00-52.00	-	51.00	360	50.13	
LEGS	87	26.00-34.00	26-28	26.64	48	26.00-34.00	27-29	27.33	356	27.26	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	608	15.00-18.00	16-17	16.22	599	16.00-19.00	16-17	16.53	3,351	16.22	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	889	18.00-20.00	19-20	19.17	918	18.00-21.00	19-21	19.47	3,804	19.23	
WINGS (WHOLE)	133	41.00-49.00	43-45	44.55	133	41.00-49.00	42-44	44.55	665	44.55	
WINGS (CUT)	441	56.00-73.00	56	59.65	442	52.00-73.00	55-56	55.46	2,216	56.26	
DRUMSTICKS	87	25.00-34.00	-	25.72	87	25.00-34.00	-	25.72	435	25.72	
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				65	31.85	
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				40	65.00-96.00	-	65.08	91	72.73	

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

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TRADING FOR MAY 18, 2000 F.O.B. DOCK. **TODAY'S**

RANGE	AVERAGE
32.25 - 33.75	32.86

TRADING FOR MAY 19, 2000 F.O.B. DOCK. **TODAY'S** **5-DAY**

RANGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE
33.00 - 35.50	33.77	33.14

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 ranged fair to good entering the weekend, with best interest centering on breast items. Offerings of bone-in breast was short. Boneless skinless breast was short to about adequate. All other items were mostly adequate. Movement into retail and distributive outlets was moderate to good and most dealers noted floor stocks as adequate and clearing. The market tone was fully steady to firm on breast items, at least steady on the balance.

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

ITEM	MAY 18, 2000			MAY 19, 2000		
	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	WEEKLY VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	140-145	144.65	371,880	145	145.17	403,080
TENDERLOINS	140	148.71	91,320	140	149.99	108,740
BREAST - WITH RIBS	68-69	73.41	245,160	70-71	74.10	248,040
BREAST - LINE RUN	68	72.33	81,000	70	72.75	144,000
LEGS	31-32	35.33	194,720	31-32	34.96	235,840
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	21-22	21.94	456,649	21-22	21.82	381,077
DRUMSTICKS	35-36	36.21	114,780	35-36	37.75	136,400
THIGHS	28-29	34.20	114,180	28-29	36.51	101,360
B/S THIGHS	86-87	92.67	45,200	86-87	92.38	58,520
WINGS (WHOLE)	50-51	59.01	285,200	50-51	59.62	244,280
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.99	59,760	10-12	11.98	77,160
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	34.62	63,360	30-35	34.33	77,600
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	45.01	96,800	40-45	44.75	108,360

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.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL WTS	
	05/19	05/18	05/17	05/16	05/17	05/16	05/12	05/10
ALA	3,910	3,944	3,819	3,965	5.03	5.00	4,207	4.98
ARK	5,081	5,217	5,154	4,942	4.83	4.82	5,276	4.87
DELMARVA	3,349	2,351	2,296	2,334	5.04	5.11	2,218	5.04
KY-LA-TN	2,219	2,074	2,081	2,075	4.40	4.38	2,068	4.45
MISS	3,180	2,803	2,801	2,812	5.06	5.08	2,850	5.00
NC	2,960	2,622	2,492	2,426	5.77	6.01	2,799	5.74
TEXAS	2,393	2,308	2,329	2,402	4.76	4.85	2,631	4.79
TOTAL	23,092	21,319	20,972	20,956	4.98	5.00	22,049	4.98
MON-FRI107,989(A)					104,939(A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 19-May & 20-May-00 is estimated to be 34,548,000 up 10.83 percent from a week ago and down 1.2 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,173,000; last year 34,969,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 20-May-00 is estimated to be 155,890,000 head down 0.8

percent from a week ago, and unchanged percent from a year ago

(Last week 157,176,000 Last year 155,354,000)

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

	RANGE
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

	DRY PACK	ICE PACK	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS			102-104
			92-96
ROASTERS 4# & UP			107-111
			119
HENS OVER 5#			98
			95
DUCKS			152-166

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live weight, week ending May 06, 2000 (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	33,212	31,626	42,491
Avg Weight	3.76	4.73	6.14
% of total /1	31%	29%	40%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	33,219	33,210	49,028
Avg Weight	3.77	4.81	6.09
% of total /1	29%	29%	42%
Same week, yr ago /2	36,519	27,974	47,249
Avg Weight	3.77	4.73	5.98
% of total /1	33%	25%	42%
To date/2000	594,559	572,145	732,955
To date/1999	599,337	506,029	781,834

/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 13-May-2000 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	157,176(A)	2,024	1,238	3,262	431
AVG WT	5.06	3.37	7.87	5.08	6.47
LAST WEEK	156,250	2,124	1,403	3,527	408
YR AGO	152,430	2,375	1,333	3,708	458
AVG WT	4.82	3.42	7.79	4.99	6.41
TO-DATE/2000	2,918,915	38,774	25,947	64,721	8,548
TO-DATE/1999	2,858,170	41,823	25,497	67,320	8,595

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 157.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 159.1 million head or 1.9 million head more than or 101 percent of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: MAY 16, 2000

	RANGE	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.74 - .86	Silkie 3.00 - 3.50ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.78 - 1.00	Geese 9-14 .30 - .42
Pekin Ducks	.40 - .54	Pigeons 3.50 - 4.10ea.
Red Fowl 4-4.5	.40 - .62	White Pigeons 3.00 - 3.50ea.
Red Fowl 5-6	.60 - .84	Rabbits 4-6 1.00 - 1.34
Crossbred Fowl 5-9	.60 - .92	Rabbits 7-11 .90 - 1.24
Crossbred Roosters 4-6	.70 - 1.10	Bunnies 1.50 - 6.00ea.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11	.60 - 1.04	Guinea Pigs 1.50 - 5.50ea.
Guinea Fowl	.65 - 1.30	Kid Goats 25.00 - 38.00ea.
Banty Roosters	3.50 - 7.00ea.	Doves 4.00 - 6.00ea.
Banty Hens	2.50 - 4.00ea.	Chukars 3.25 - 3.75ea.
Leghorn Hens	.18 - .28	Pullets 4-6 .60 - .84
Leghorn Roosters	.30 - .54	Total Coops Sold 702

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY for THE WEEK OF MAY 15, 2000

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

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	137	143
MOSTLY		
MIDWEST	121-125	122-126
MOSTLY	121-123	122-124
ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED		
	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	54-57	54-55
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	65-83	73-75
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 remained unchanged. The market tone was steady. Demand was mostly fair. Sizes were desirable to at times light. Slaughter schedules were full-time to somewhat reduced due to lighter weight birds. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.65-5.25, legs at \$2.80-2.95, bone in leg at \$1.15-1.70, gizzards at \$1.30-1.40, wings at \$0.40-0.60, and leg quarters at \$1.08-1.15.

PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 15-MAY-2000

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	
APRIL	8	155.5	150.5	103	5.03
	15	156.7	149.4	105	5.05
	22	148.3	149.9	99	5.05
	29	154.0	153.5	100	5.04
MAY	6	158.1	156.1	101	5.10
	13	159.1	157.2	101	5.06
YEAR TO DATE	2954.4	2888.1	102		
MAY	20	157.2			
	27	156.0			

CALIFORNIA PLTRY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP W/E 13-May-00 IN THOUSANDS

Broilers 5,177 HD, 25,523 lbs., Light Hens 205 HD, 683 lbs., Heavy Hens 0 HD, 0 lbs.

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	05/20/00	05/13/00	% CHG	05/22/99	% CHG
Broilers	155,890	*157,176	-01	*155,354	0
Cattle	716	707	+01	*735	-03
Hogs	1,766	1,779	-01	*1,828	-03
Under Federal Inspection					
* ACTUAL					

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL Majority prices were unchanged on lights but from .50 to 1 cent lower on heavy canners when compared to a week earlier. Demand was unaggressive and at best only fair. Offerings were slow to clear and usually reported as either adequate or available. The undertone was barely steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) 22-26 MAJORITY 24-26	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS) 30.75-34 MAJORITY 32.5-34
CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED	
LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) 25-26 MAJORITY	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS) 31-35 MAJORITY 33.5-35

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Demand was light for ample offerings. Processing schedules were normal to heavy. Finished product was fully adequate at about unchanged to slightly lower levels. Undertone was generally steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was light and too few to report. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings of leghorn fowl. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was weak.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices unchanged. Offerings were more than ample for the light to moderate demand. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked full schedules. Offerings continued to exceed available line time.

LIVE HENS

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

HEAVY	RANGE	MAJORITY
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR (1)	
Southeast Heavy f.o.b. plant	TFEWR (2)	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR (1)	
LIGHT	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern Light	0 (1)	
Eastern Light	0 (2)	
So. Central Light	TFEWR (2)	
No. Central Light	TFEWR (1)	
No. Central Light	0-.5 (2)	0
(1) Buyer Loading	(2) Producer Loading	

(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Buying interest was light with traders unaggressive for usually ample offerings. Processing schedules were normal to heavy. Canners were usually adequate or available. Market conditions were barely steady to weak.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was mostly light for fully adequate offerings of heavy hens. Schedules were sufficient for slow finished sales with product available if needed. Trade sentiment was weak.

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