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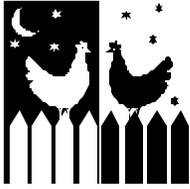
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was light with strongest demand for other holiday meat items. Food service covered the full range, best for fast food. Supplies were usually at least sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, breast items were fully adequate to ample and often discounted to help move. Wings were tight with strong movement, and dark meat items were close balanced to well cleared with good demand, especially into export channels. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 62.00 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 57.25 cents last year on the 12th of April, 2000.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
BREASTS - B/S	141.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	73.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	95.50
LEG QUARTERS	26.50
WINGS	99.00

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CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE		
WEEK ENDING 04/07/01	2001	2000	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	184,900	187,912	-02
CHICKS PLACED	149,023	147,350	+01

BROILER EGGS SET IN 15 SELECTED STATES DOWN 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set 185 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 7, 2001. This was down 2 percent 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 UP 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 149 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 7, 2001. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through April 7, 2001 were 2.03 billion, up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 19-May-01 IS ESTIMATED AT 154.8 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 155.2 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 157.2 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 159.1 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 56.03 CENTS PER POUND.

WESTERN The market tone was steady. Offerings moved into closer balance as buying interest improved. Retailer demand still light and centered on Easter Holiday items. Floor stocks adequate. Dark meat parts and wings in good shape, breasts steady.

SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand continued to be seasonal as Easter approaches and interest was focused more on other holiday items. Supplies of smaller sizes were close balanced to well cleared, at least sufficient for heavy weights. In the parts structure, breast items were irregular, but becoming more balanced. Leg items were barely adequate and held with confidence, aided by export business. Wings were tight of an active call and clearing. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.

MIDWEST Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady. Additional Wogs and whole bird offerings were fully sufficient for the light to instances moderate trade needs. Retail demand was light to fair with seasonal holiday items providing best interest. Movement into food service accounts was fair to fairly good, best into fast food accounts. Floor stocks were in close balance with weights desirable to heavier than desired. Market activity on parts items was generally inactive. Supplies of wings were tight to short of needs, dark meat items barely adequate with breast items moderate to heavy. The undertone was firm on wings, tenderloins and dark meat items with whole and boneless/skinless breasts barely steady.

NORTHEAST Midweek trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers continued of a light and spotty nature as dealers worked to limit purchases to most immediate needs. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate. Movement into retail and distributive channels was slow as interest in seasonal items was in full swing. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, boneless-skinless breasts were fully sufficient and discounted at times for prompt shipment. Bone-in breasts were at least adequate. Dark meat items, particularly legs and leg quarters, were clearing well. Wings were no more than adequate to closely cleared.

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds increased slightly where buyers looked to insure an adequate supply through the Holiday period as most plants planned to close on Friday or Monday. Offerings were fully sufficient. Live supplies were moderate to light; weights varied and were mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to light. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 51 to 65 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. All parts were adequate. Wings generally cleared well. Most leg items were in good balance. Bone-in and particularly boneless skinless breasts were fully adequate to ample.

*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	48-68
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	54.58
NO. OF BOXES	12,231

*7 of 8 plants reporting.

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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	798	120.00-205.00	135-142	139.56	BREAST - B/S	757	120.00-205.00	135-140	140.17
TENDERLOINS	140	130.00-240.00	140-145	147.14	TENDERLOINS	160	145.00-240.00	145-150	156.88
BREAST - LINE RUN	74	73.00-78.00	73-75	74.06	BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	126	35.00-43.00	36-38	36.65	LEGS	127	35.00-43.00	36-39	36.70
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	750	22.50-25.00	24-25	24.39	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	510	23.00-25.00	23-24	23.90
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,450	25.00-27.00	26-27	26.56	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,500	25.00-27.00	26-27	26.57
WINGS (WHOLE)	299	95.00-100.00	97-99	98.72	WINGS (WHOLE)	497	97.00-119.00	97-99	101.16
WINGS (CUT)	585	105.00-118.00	109-110	111.07	WINGS (CUT)	488	108.00-113.00	108-110	109.66
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	47	37.00-43.00	-	38.53	THIGHS	37	36.00-43.00	-	38.27
B/S THIGHS	46	92.00-93.50	-	93.17	B/S THIGHS	370	92.00-96.00	-	95.89

 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
48.75 - 52.00	50.58	47.50 - 50.50	48.83	49.16

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.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying interest remained very light and selective as dealers kept floorstocks as closely balanced as possible. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts were usually available, with spot discounting noted where product was difficult to place. Bone-in breasts were more than sufficient. Active draw through export channels continued to keep legs and leg quarters well cleared. Wings ranged balanced to tight at times. Retail and distributive movement remained limited and feature activity usually centered around the seasonal holiday items. The market tone was about steady on breast items, fully steady on dark meat cuts, fully steady to instances firm on wings.

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

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG	WTD	VOL/LBS	ITEM	CURRENT NEG	WTD	VOL/LBS
	TRADING*	AVG**			TRADING*	AVG**	
BREAST - B/S	125-130	130.75	585,790	BREAST - B/S	125-130	131.27	543,800
TENDERLOINS	135-140	143.89	115,293	TENDERLOINS	135-140	143.08	99,400
BREAST - WITH RIBS	64-65	69.38	318,200	BREAST - WITH RIBS	64-65	71.13	352,760
BREAST - LINE RUN	64	65.03	210,600	BREAST - LINE RUN	64	65.27	228,800
LEGS	34-35	38.55	276,920	LEGS	34-35	37.80	215,200
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	25-26	26.62	631,397	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	25-26	26.88	394,450
DRUMSTICKS	31-32	35.37	219,910	DRUMSTICKS	31-32	37.05	132,720
THIGHS	33-34	36.64	149,930	THIGHS	33-34	36.94	96,440
B/S THIGHS	87-88	90.66	50,210	B/S THIGHS	87-88	90.69	49,320
WINGS (WHOLE)	90-91	99.03	383,510	WINGS (WHOLE)	91-92	100.40	383,960
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.07	72,800	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.93	79,120
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	35.21	62,065	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	35.11	66,520
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	53.64	93,700	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	53.74	103,360

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (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.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		AVG WTS	
	04/11	04/10	04/09	04/06	04/09	04/06	04/04	04/02
ALA	3,151	3,713	3,538	3,960	5.16	4.98	3,453	5.03
ARK	4,885	5,287	4,993	5,990	4.88	4.78	4,995	4.95
DELMARVA	2,326	2,284	1,964	2,089	5.15	5.04	2,322	5.14
KY-LA-TN	1,864	1,957	2,002	1,737	4.60	4.45	1,688	4.60
MISS	2,412	2,261	2,670	2,659	5.08	4.88	2,685	5.10
NC	2,495	2,588	2,441	2,651	5.95	5.92	2,381	5.96
TEXAS	2,215	2,086	2,279	2,325	4.90	4.63	2,309	4.96
TOTAL	19,348	20,176	19,887	21,411	5.09	4.95	19,833	5.08
MON-WED 60,106 (A)	60,572(A)							

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 11-Apr 01 and is estimated to be 28,947,000 down 7.14 percent from a week ago and down 4.4 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,173,000; last year 30,266,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS		82-85
ROASTERS 4# & UP		71-90
HENS UNDER 5#		-
HENS OVER 5#		81
DUCKS		139
RABBITS-WHOLE		-
RABBITS-CUT UP		-
SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY		
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS		
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	89-94
	DRY PACK	102
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-117
	DRY PACK	123
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	91-117
	DRY PACK	123
DUCKS		152-170

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 14-01

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	04/14/01 (1)	04/07/01
	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	151,488 (2)	154,619
LT HENS	1,618	2,056
HVY HENS	1,559	1,543
CHECK TOTAL	154,665	158,218

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 14-Apr-01 is 151.5 million head compared to 156.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 151.8 million head or 0.3 million more than estimated available. For week of 21-Apr-01 the estimated available is 153.5 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS

SELECTED STORAGE CENTERS
(INCLUDES GOVERNMENT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS	LBS	LBS	LBS
AM 9-Apr-01	131,389	65,860		
AM 1-Apr-01	116,507	62,425		
CHG	1,4882	3,435		
PCT CHG	13	6		

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	04/09/01	04/02/01	04/10/00	04/09/01	04/02/01	04/10/00
PACIFIC COAST LOS ANGELES	15,073	15,382	15,337	5,829	6,200	13,734
	140	172	196	2,742	2,849	4,451

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 04/10/01

	LOW HIGH AVG			LOW HIGH AVG		
	HEAVY FOWL lb.	.30	1.85	.90	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	1.55	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	5.50
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	3.50	9.00
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.30	2.40
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	1.50	8.00
ROOSTERS lb.	.90	1.55	1.12	ROOSTERS ea.	-	2.75
GEESE lb.	.60	.90	.78	GEESE ea.	-	8.00
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	.95	1.55	1.18	DUCKS ea.	7.50	9.50
RABBITS lb.	.40	2.50	1.24	RABBITS ea.	2.00	5.00
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	3.00	7.00
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	7.00	9.00
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	1.40	7.00
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	3.75	4.00	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-			

TOTAL COOPS 173

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF APRIL 09, 2001

HENS		RANGE
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)		56-62
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)		59-69

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending April 6, 2001

	Whole Chickens	Legs Breasts w/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens	
RAYON						
Low	64.73	144.92	72.46	24.15	3.38	41.06
High	66.67	154.59	77.29	28.98	3.86	41.06
Mostly	65.22	144.92	77.29	24.15	3.86	41.06
SAN JUAN						
Low	61.35	140.09	96.62	33.82	8.70	47.34
High	62.80	159.42	115.94	43.48	9.66	47.34
Mostly	62.80	149.75	111.11	36.23	8.70	47.34
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	64.73	144.92	72.46	19.32	3.38	38.65
High	66.18	154.59	77.29	24.15	3.86	38.65
Mostly	65.22	144.92	72.46	24.15	3.38	38.65
BECERRA						
Low	62.32	149.75	101.45	33.82	7.25	47.82
High	63.77	164.25	115.94	43.48	9.66	47.82
Mostly	62.80	154.59	106.28	38.65	8.70	47.82

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