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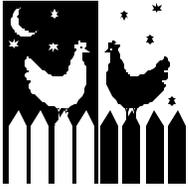
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were generally trending unchanged for next week's trading. Trade sentiment was mixed, mostly steady. Demand was irregular entering the weekend with improvements reported and increased interest noted for retail ads and fast food promotions. Supplies were adequate to close balanced with heavier sizes at times more readily available. In the parts structure, wings were not as scarce and began to surface, but continued to move well but with fewer premiums. Breast items were not as abundant, instead became better balanced with retail ads a factor. Dark meat was balanced and clearing well aided by export business. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range, but mostly desirable to slightly heavier.

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 04/30-05/05/01 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Including branded product)		COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	50.00-54.00	50.00-64.75	52.68	25
Los Angeles	67.00			
New York	51.00-53.00			

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi 61.00-63.00 49.00-65.00 62.29 83

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 62.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
621	58.50-64.00	62.12

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	137.50	4,513
BREASTS - WHOLE	72.00	1,058
THIGH MEAT - B/S	97.00	725
LEG QUARTERS	28.00	8,433
WINGS	102.00	2,951

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MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS The preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into Chicago were unchanged. The market tone on whole fryers was steady, occasionally fully steady. Additional product offerings balanced for trade needs. Retail movement was typical for end of the week with increased demand noted in the Ohio and Michigan areas. Floor stocks were well cleared to fully adequate. Weights were desirable to heavy. Parts trading was light overall with spot shortages of wings and whole breasts noted. Offerings were sufficient for trade needs with the exception of wings. The market tone was unsettled on wings and mostly steady on all other items.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand entering the weekend was moderate at best, but expected to improve with first of the month and upcoming holidays approaching next month. Supplies were usually sufficient to cover trade needs. In the parts structure, breast items were better balanced and not as plentiful as before, but still available if needed. Wings and dark meat were close balanced to limited and moving well. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was generally steady. Limited trading reported for next week's deliveries with regular commitments at mainly unchanged prices and new negotiations traded at mixed levels. Offerings adequate on small sizes and held with confidence, heavy weights ample. Buying activity was moderate as buyers watched further market developments. Retailer demand was moderate for whole body and good for parts, best where featured. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances. Ads noted: Southern California - whole body 59, boneless breasts 179-459, boneless thigh meat 149-159, boneless leg meat 109-118, split breasts 199, whole legs 99, leg quarters 10# bags 370, wings 99-108, thighs 79-99, drumsticks 79-99; Northern California - roasters 99, cornish 149-169, leg quarters 10# bag 490, drumsticks 69, split breasts 159, boneless breasts 299, boneless thighs meat IQF 4# bag 699; Denver - whole cut-up 99, cornish 98, boneless breasts 189-399, split/breasts 299, thighs 99 IQF 4# bag 299, drumsticks 99 IQF 4# bag 299; Arizona - cornish 22 oz 279 or 2/500, leg quarters 99 and 10# bag 390, drumsticks 99-119, thighs 99-119, wings 109, split breasts 159-269, boneless breasts 299-389, boneless thigh meat 249-299.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was slightly better moving into the weekend, however, most purchasing generally centered around normal type commitments. Offerings of the 3.5 pound and heavier birds were fully sufficient, although, the lighter weights ranged balanced to adequate. Movement through retail and distributive channels was slow. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, boneless-skinless breasts were more closely balanced today, and bone-in breasts were no more than adequate to instances tight. Wings continued to clear well, however, buyers were offering resistance to the sharper premiums. Export draw continued to keep dark meat cuts in a balanced position.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds increased on the 2.5 and 3.0 sizes entering the weekend and offerings were well balanced to closely cleared. However, 3.5 and 4.0 pound sizes were available and were generally slow in clearing. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were in a full range of light to heavy, but were often heavier than desired. Processing schedules were heavy with several plants planning to operate on Saturday. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 53 to 67 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. In the parts complex, supplies were generally noted as in manageable balance to closely cleared.

*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		51-68
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		56.54
NO. OF BOXES		12,179
CUMULATIVE	04/23/01-04/27/01	56.48
	04/24/00-04/28/00	59.51
NO. OF BOXES	04/23/01-04/27/01	60,240
	04/24/00-04/28/00	28,718

*7 of 8 plants reporting.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

APR 27

ITEM	POUNDS			WTD AVG	POUNDS			WTD AVG	WEEKLY		
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY		(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY		(000)	WTD AVG	
BREAST - B/S	787	120.00-205.00	135-140	138.57	832	120.00-205.00	137-142	138.61	4,870	137.57	
TENDERLOINS	156	145.00-230.00	145-150	155.90	183	145.00-230.00	145-150	154.29	784	155.84	
BREAST - LINE RUN	153	70.00-75.00	70-72	71.41	153	70.00-75.00	70-72	71.42	566	71.56	
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				360	76.28	
LEGS	127	39.00-46.00	39-42	40.33	127	39.00-46.00	39-42	40.33	627	39.95	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	359	25.00-27.50	26-27	26.16	289	24.50-27.50	26	25.87	1,539	25.79	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,576	27.00-30.00	28-29	28.01	1,656	27.00-30.00	28-29	28.38	7,902	27.98	
WINGS (WHOLE)	300	100.00-102.00	100-101	101.07	261	97.00-102.00	101-102	101.22	1,380	100.78	
WINGS (CUT)	525	112.00-126.00	115-118	117.38	567	114.00-126.00	115-118	118.28	2,810	117.99	
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				29	45.48	
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				66	40.76	
B/S THIGHS	46	92.00-94.00	-	93.57	46	92.00-94.00	-	93.57	229	93.56	

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS					WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS						
TRADING FOR APR 26, 2001 F.O.B. DOCK.					TRADING FOR APR 27, 2001 F.O.B. DOCK.					TODAY'S	5-DAY
RANGE					RANGE					AVERAGE	AVERAGE
49.00 - 52.75					47.25-52.75					50.07	51.03

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 increased today as dealers secured product for weekend needs, in addition, attractive prices encouraged many buyers to book out front in anticipation of a stronger market. Supplies of boneless skinless breasts had moved into a much better balance today with prevalent feature activity noted throughout the region. Bone-in breasts were no more than adequate to closely cleared. The active interest centering around wings began to taper as sellers started finding resistance to the premium price levels. Dark meat cuts continued to clear well. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate, best where promotional activity was a factor. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm on breast items, fully steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, APR 27

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			APR 26	CURRENT NEG			WEEKLY	
	TRADING*	WTD	AVG**		TRADING*	WTD	AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	125-130	132.04	825,880	130-135	131.46	789,600	131.53	3,468,267	
TENDERLOINS	135-140	145.12	110,620	135-140	144.56	118,320	144.06	552,080	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	65-66	71.34	283,800	66-67	71.53	302,760	71.37	1,434,560	
BREAST - LINE RUN	65	70.25	163,800	66	69.22	162,000	68.28	962,600	
LEGS	38-39	41.85	242,360	38-39	40.52	269,680	41.55	1,236,420	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	28-29	29.51	539,398	28-29	29.17	488,224	28.95	2,556,473	
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	41.06	159,870	34-35	40.96	153,260	40.75	758,600	
THIGHS	35-36	40.86	157,510	35-36	40.20	126,600	40.31	671,320	
B/S THIGHS	88-89	92.68	47,360	88-89	92.21	74,640	91.96	278,076	
WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101	109.05	398,000	100-101	108.88	398,520	108.09	1,830,680	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.35	76,440	10-12	12.05	87,960	12.11	392,720	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	35.12	62,600	30-35	35.06	83,000	35.10	342,200	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.80	92,320	40-45	44.90	115,920	46.82	502,290	

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		AVG WTS	
	04/27	04/26	04/25	04/24	04/25	04/24	04/20	04/18
ALA	3,930	4,046	3,886	3,931	5.12	5.11	3,903	5.14
ARK	5,185	5,153	4,783	4,879	5.01	5.06	5,260	4.89
DELMARVA	2,699	2,328	2,320	2,344	5.10	5.09	2,104	5.18
KY-LA-TN	2,127	2,024	1,821	2,016	4.51	4.53	1,830	4.45
MISS	3,206	2,733	2,730	2,705	5.14	5.17	3,035	5.08
NC	2,660	2,585	2,494	2,596	5.97	5.96	2,456	5.84
TEXAS	2,351	2,345	2,290	2,289	4.87	4.88	2,299	4.92
TOTAL	22,158	21,214	20,324	20,760	5.12	5.13	20,887	5.07

MON-FRI 105,761 (A) 101,289 (A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 27-Apr 01 and 28-Apr-01 is estimated to be 33,151,000 up 6.35 percent from a week ago and up 4.1 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,173,000; last year 31,849,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 28-Apr-01 is estimated to be 153,619,000 head up 1.6 percent from a week ago, and up 1.0 percent from a year ago

(Last week 151,270,000 Last year 152,156,000)

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

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	83-85
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	81
DUCKS	139

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
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

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live weight, week ending Apr 14, 2001 (Preliminary),

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

	4.20 Lbs & down	4.21-5.25 Lbs	5.26 Lbs & Up
Head	34,379	26,401	48,281
Avg Weight	3.80	4.71	5.90
% of total /1	32%	24%	44%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	32,311	21,707	43,360
Avg Weight	3.80	4.68	5.89
% of total /1	33%	22%	45%
Same week, yr ago /2	30,201	26,507	43,818
Avg Weight	3.80	4.73	5.98
% of total /1	30%	26%	44%
To date/2001	482,465	392,823	657,250
To date/2000	502,123	475,020	600,819

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 21-Apr-2001 (PRELIMINARY)

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

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
HEAD	151,270(A)	1,706	1,410	3,116	583
AVG WT	5.11	3.54	7.90	5.51	6.78
LAST WEEK	144,057	1,651	1,473	3,124	580
SAME WK YR AGO	146,562	2,030	1,433	3,463	391
AVG WT	5.05	3.39	7.81	5.22	6.74
TO-DATE/2001	2,393,871	29,714	21,015	50,729	8,018
TO-DATE/2000	2,453,333	32,590	21,882	54,472	7,223

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 153.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 153.1 million head or 0.4 million head less than or 100 percent of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: APR 24, 2001

	RANGE	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.00 - 1.18	Silkie 4.00 - 5.75ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.00 - 1.20	Geese
Pekin Ducks	.60 - .74	9-14 LBS .20 - .44
Red Fowl 4-4.5 LBS	.40 - .52	Pigeons 3.00 - 3.50ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.50 - .92	White Pigeons 3.00 - 3.50ea.
Crossbred Fowl		Rabbits
5-9 LBS	.60 - 1.04	4-6 LBS 1.30 - 1.98
Crossbred Roosters		Rabbits
4-6 LBS	.50 - 1.02	7-11 LBS 1.30 - 1.84
Crossbred Roosters		Bunnies 1.00 - 5.50ea.
7-11 LBS	.40 - .96	Guinea Pigs .25 - 5.00ea.
Guinea Fowl	2.20 - 2.75	Kid Goats 15.00 - 30.00ea.
Banty Roosters	3.00 - 6.50ea.	Doves 6.00 - 11.00ea.
Banty Hens	2.50 - 4.00ea.	Chukars 3.25 - 3.75ea.
Leghorn Hens	.30 - .48	Pullets 4-6 LBS .60 - .82
Leghorn Roosters	.30 - .54	Total Coops Sold 720

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 23-APR-2001

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	122-126	123-127
MOSTLY	122-124	123-125

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

RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	68-69
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	65-83 65-75

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. Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was moderate to at times good. Sizes were mostly desirable to instances light. Slaughter schedules usually full-time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$5.00-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.35-1.38, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$.50-.75, livers at \$.50-1.50, and feet at \$.90-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 23-APR-2001

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	121-123	124
MOSTLY		

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
MARCH	17 154.8	152.7	101	5.09
	24 152.0	152.3	100	5.06
	31 152.1	150.5	101	5.02
APRIL	7 155.7	150.1	104	4.92
	14 145.8	151.5	96	4.96
	21 153.1	153.5	100	5.11
YEAR TO DATE	2423.0	2407.0	101	
APRIL	28	156.2		
MAY	5	158.5		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

W/E	-----THOUSANDS-----				
	04/28/01	04/21/01	% CHG	04/29/00	% CHG
Broilers	153,619	151,270	+02	152,156	+01
Cattle	662,000	633,000	+05	694,000	-05
Hogs	1,828,000	1,796,000	+02	1,718,000	+06
Under Federal Inspection					
* ACTUAL					

