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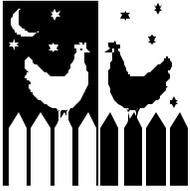
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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were higher in the West, unchanged to higher elsewhere. Trade sentiment was steady to firm, firm in the West. Retail demand was fair to moderate, often better where interest was influenced by retail features and onset of warm weather. Food service was fair to good, best for fast food promotions and into delis. Supplies were close balanced to tight for lighter weight product while larger sizes were adequate to fully sufficient. In the parts structure, trading was moderate to good, strongest for the well cleared to tight supplies of breast items. Dark meat was in good balance with export interest still active, and wings were sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, 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 05/07-05/12/01 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
(Including branded product)				
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	50.00-54.00	49.00-65.00	52.82	28
Los Angeles	68.00			
New York	51.00-53.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	62.50-63.50	49.00-66.00	63.09	84

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 62.50 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.
564	58.45-64.25	62.39
<b>Correction for Friday, April 27</b>		<b>62.12</b>

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

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	211.00	1,353
BREASTS - B/S	140.50	4,503
BREASTS - WHOLE	73.50	1,063
THIGH MEAT - B/S	95.00	725
LEG QUARTERS	28.50	8,493
WINGS	103.00	3,055

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**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Preliminary majority prices into the Chicago area for next week's deliveries were unchanged from last Monday's final. Trade sentiment on whole fryers was steady to firm. Additional offers of whole birds and Wogs were available with buyer interest increasing somewhat. Fill-in trading reported in the St. Louis area on whole birds at 52.50 cents. Retail demand was slightly better for end of the week business, slow to moderate, features were a factor. Food service movement was fair to good, best into delicatessens and fast food accounts. Floor stocks were well cleared to adequate. Weights were desirable. Trading on parts items improved, best for breast items. Offerings were balanced for trade needs instances tight on whole breasts. The market tone was steady to firm on breast items, steady on dark meat items and barely steady on wings.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was at least steady. Demand was fair to fairly good with upcoming Mother's Day, first of the month business, and warmer weather all contributing to increased movement. Supplies were usually sufficient, but closer balanced for smaller sizes. In the parts structure, breast items were close to well cleared with retail features present to stimulate interest. Dark meat was mostly adequate and moving, and wings were more available with mixed demand. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy, mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** The market tone was firm. Reported trading for next week's deliveries mainly 1 cent higher than last week's levels. Offerings fully adequate with heavy weights in the longest position. Retailer demand fairly good best where featured. Dealers anticipated moderate to fairly good weekend clearances. Trade sentiment fully steady on breasts with balance of parts generally steady. Ads noted: Southern California - whole body 55-99, whole cut-up 99-119, boneless breasts 169-499, boneless thigh meat 168, boneless leg meat 138, skinless split breasts 248, split breasts 149, split breasts IQF 4# bag 356, whole leg 108, leg quarters 79, leg quarters 10# bag 390, thighs 69-87, drumsticks 69-87, roasters 119, cornish hens 179; Northern California - whole body 59-79, boneless breasts 249-299, split breasts 139-179, drumsticks 87, thighs 87, party wings IQF 4# bag 549; Arizona - boneless breasts 199-419, split breasts 79-129, boneless thighs 199-320, leg quarters 10# bag 390-690; Denver - whole body 89, boneless breasts 349-399.

**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers increased moving into the weekend, but was mostly moderate overall with most dealers usually limiting purchases to standing commitments. Offerings of the 3.5 pound and larger birds were available, however, the 3 pound and smaller sizes were no more than adequate to closely cleared. Movement into retail and distributive channels remained limited. The market tone continued steady to fully steady on the lighter birds, about steady on the heavier sizes. In the parts complex, breast items were no more than adequate to closely cleared at firming price levels. Dark meat items continued to clear well as export demand remains strong. Wings were generally sufficient for current needs.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was noted as fair to moderate entering the weekend and centered mainly on the well balanced to tight supply of 2.5 and 3.0 pound sizes. 3.5 and heavier sizes were fully adequate. Live supplies were; moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderately heavy and any scheduled cutbacks were offset by spot operations on Saturday. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 53 to 67 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Boneless skinless breasts were adequate to closely cleared while bone-in was short, leg quarters were tight. Wings were readily available.

\*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	50-69
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	56.17
NO. OF BOXES	10,712
CUMULATIVE	
	04/30/01-05/04/01 56.27
	05/01/00-05/05/00 59.26
NO. OF BOXES	
	04/30/01-05/04/01 57,983
	05/01/00-05/05/00 37,507

\*7 of 8 plants reporting.

MAY 03	SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS								MAY 04		
	POUNDS				POUNDS				WEEKLY		
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG	
BREAST - B/S	842	120.00-205.00	140-146	138.64	862	125.00-205.00	135-145	138.87	4,085	139.46	
TENDERLOINS	160	145.00-230.00	145-150	159.38	170	145.00-230.00	145-150	158.53	861	156.93	
BREAST - LINE RUN	132	72.50-75.00	-	73.26	272	72.00-76.00	73-75	73.43	932	72.35	
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				325	74.55	
LEGS	127	40.00-47.00	40-42	41.02	167	40.00-47.00	41-42	42.45	655	41.26	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	397	25.00-28.00	25-26	25.88	457	24.50-28.00	26-27	26.03	1,811	25.83	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,645	27.00-30.00	28-29	28.57	1,565	27.00-30.00	28-29	28.57	8,058	28.39	
WINGS (WHOLE)	256	102.00-105.00	102-103	102.40	259	102.00-104.00	102-103	102.41	1,376	102.12	
WINGS (CUT)	660	112.00-126.00	115-118	118.28	599	112.00-125.00	117-118	118.71	3,040	118.26	
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				TFEWR		
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				TFEWR		
B/S THIGHS	46	93.00-96.50	-	95.74	46	93.00-97.00	-	96.13	232	95.29	

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TRADING FOR MAY 03, 2001 F.O.B. DOCK.	TODAY'S RANGE	AVERAGE	TRADING FOR MAY 04, 2001 F.O.B. DOCK.	TODAY'S RANGE	AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
	48.25 - 53.00	50.32		47.75 - 53.00	50.49	50.02

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 moderate to fairly good at times as dealers secured product for week-end needs. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts were in good balance and clearing well. Bone-in breasts were no more than adequate to instances short of full needs. Leg quarters and the balance of dark meat cuts were well balanced to closely cleared with continued export draw noted. Wings were generally sufficient. Movement into retail and distributive channels was moderate to good with best interest centering around the scattered promotional activity. The market tone was fully steady to firm on breast items, fully steady on dark meat cuts, generally steady on the remainder of items. ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

MAY 03	CURRENT NEG			WTD	CURRENT NEG		WTD	MAY 04		
	ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**		VOL/LBS	TRADING*		AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	135	136.71	561,460	135-140	137.82	706,640	135.79	3,273,010		
TENDERLOINS	135-140	145.22	103,520	135-140	143.96	155,760	143.64	637,710		
BREAST - WITH RIBS	69-70	76.11	222,560	70-71	76.10	290,240	74.68	1,519,120		
BREAST - LINE RUN	69	75.26	295,200	70	74.80	270,000	73.48	1,006,200		
LEGS	38-39	42.04	213,680	38-39	41.58	257,200	41.83	1,260,920		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	28-29	29.45	633,028	28-29	29.23	476,894	29.32	3,200,338		
DRUMSTICKS	35-36	41.63	131,220	35-36	41.31	177,530	41.32	753,490		
THIGHS	36-37	41.27	109,530	36-37	41.40	132,210	40.82	634,220		
B/S THIGHS	88-89	91.68	50,400	88-89	92.08	55,640	90.42	306,810		
WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101	108.75	285,160	100-101	107.63	380,240	109.06	1,833,860		
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.26	75,280	10-12	12.06	93,600	12.10	397,680		
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	34.54	62,960	30-35	34.97	81,240	34.88	341,605		
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.43	90,920	40-45	44.54	118,400	44.41	514,160		

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	
	05/04	05/03	05/02	05/01	05/02	05/01	04/27	04/25
ALA	3,989	3,871	3,746	3,929	5.15	5.08	3,945	5.12
ARK	5,792	5,304	4,867	5,114	4.91	4.95	5,129	5.01
DELMARVA	2,412	2,342	2,278	2,310	5.07	5.12	2,637	5.10
KY-LA-TN	2,170	2,025	1,906	1,996	4.39	4.56	2,138	4.51
MISS	2,886	2,686	2,746	2,711	5.16	5.18	3,099	5.14
NC	2,768	2,630	2,627	2,645	5.95	6.09	2,669	5.97
TEXAS	1,976	2,309	2,319	2,337	4.88	4.94	2,344	4.87
TOTAL	21,993	21,167	20,489	21,042	5.09	5.13	21,961	5.12
MON-FRI	106,415(A)				104,839(A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.  
 Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 04-and 05-May-01 is estimated to be 32,904,000 up 5.55 percent from a week ago and up 3.1 percent from a year ago.  
 (Last week 31,173,000; last year 31,912,000)  
 Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 05-May-01 is estimated to be 153,796,000 head down 2.0 percent from a week ago, and down 1.6 percent from a year ago  
 (Last week 156,893,000 Last year 156,250,000)

**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
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

**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 21, 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-----

Head	33,242	26,081	46,381
Avg Weight	3.83	4.73	5.99
% of total /1	31%	25%	44%
<b>COMPARISONS</b>			
Last week	34,379	26,401	48,281
Avg Weight	3.80	4.71	5.90
% of total /1	32%	24%	44%
Same week, yr ago /2	26,005	32,289	40,617
Avg Weight	3.71	4.72	6.02
% of total /1	26%	33%	41%
To date/2001	515,707	418,904	703,631
To date/2000	528,128	507,309	641,436

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 28-Apr-2001 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	156,893(A)	1,791	1,396	3,187	492
AVG WT	5.00	3.74	8.01	5.61	6.53
LAST WEEK	151,270	1,706	1,410	3,116	583
SAME WK YR AGO	152,156	2,036	1,424	3,460	486
AVG WT	5.04	3.38	7.74	5.18	6.44
TO-DATE/2001	2,550,764	31,505	22,411	53,916	8,510
TO-DATE/2000	2,605,489	34,626	23,306	57,932	7,709

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 156.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 158.8 million head or 2.6 million head more than or 102 percent of estimated fryers available.

**EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: MAY 01, 2001**

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.10 - 1.24	Silkie	4.00 - 5.50ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.30 - 1.42	Geese 9-14	.30 - .42
Pekin Ducks	.60 - .74	Pigeons	2.85 - 3.50ea.
Red Fowl 4-4.5	.40 - .54	White Pigeons	3.00 - 3.50ea.
Red Fowl 5-6	.50 - .88	Rabbits 4-6	1.40 - 2.06
Crossbred Fowl 5-9	.50 - .96	Rabbits 7-11	1.20 - 1.54
Crossbred Roosters 4-6	.60 - 1.24	Bunnies	1.00 - 3.50ea.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11	.50 - 1.10	Guinea Pigs	1.00 - 4.50ea.
Guinea Fowl	3.10 - 3.15	Goats	40.00 - 47.50ea.
Banty Roosters	3.00 - 6.50ea.	Kid Goats	22.00 - 34.00ea.
Banty Hens	3.00 - 4.50ea.	Doves	8.00 - 9.50ea.
Leghorn Hens	.20 - .32	Pullets 4-6	.60 - .74
Leghorn Roosters	.30 - .44		
		Total Coops Sold	676

**EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 30-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)	67-69 68-69
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	64-85 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 were unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Demand was moderate to fairly good. Sizes were in the desirable range. Slaughter schedules were full-time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$5.00-525, 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 30-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	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
	28 158.8	156.2	102	5.00
YEAR TO DATE	2581.8	2563.2	101	
MAY	5 158.5			
	12 159.1			

**BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**

	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	05/05/01	04/28/01	% CHG	05/06/00	% CHG
Broilers	153,796	156,893	-02	156,250	-02
Cattle	693	662	+05	701	-01
Hogs	1,772	1,828	-03	1,796	-01
Under Federal Inspection					
* ACTUAL					

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL.** Prices were unchanged on lights but heavy canners were unchanged to slightly lower when compared to a week earlier. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate with demand slowed in some locations, but still in a range of light to moderate. The undertone was steady on lights and about steady to steady on heavy canners.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
23.5-25 MAJORITY	33.5-39 MAJORITY 34-38

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
24-27.5 MAJORITY 24-25	34-40 MAJORITY 35-38

**EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN.** Prices were unchanged. Demand was light for ample to burdensome offerings. Processing schedules were normal to less than normal. Sales of canner product was clearing but due in part to less than regular processing schedules. The market tone was steady.

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN.** Trading was too few to report. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings of light hens. Slaughter schedules were at desired levels but reduced. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was weak.

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN.** Prices unchanged. Offerings were ample or better for current production needs. A large quantity of available spent hens continue to go into rendering facilities and other methods of disposal. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN.** Plants generally worked full schedules. Offerings ample.

### **LIVE HENS**

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

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

(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN.** Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was fair for fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal to heavy. Finished product supplies were adequate to fully adequate for needs. The undertone was mostly steady.

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN.** Trading levels were too few to report. Demand was moderate for adequate supplies of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

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