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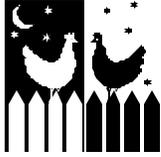
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady in the East, steady elsewhere. Demand was mixed, covering the full range, best for seasonal interest, retail ads, and fast food promotions; however, pre-holiday movement was not up to expectations, but optimistic prior to the weekend. Supplies were adequate to fully sufficient with heavier sizes often ample, but workable. In the parts structure, trading was moderate at best, and availability for all items was at least adequate. 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 63.25 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 58.25 cents last year on the 24th of May, 2000.

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

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	210.00
BREASTS - B/S	149.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	82.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	98.50
LEG QUARTERS	29.50
WINGS	101.00

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SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was limited and not up to expectations as Memorial Day approaches, but some optimism still existed for latter week. Food service was fair to moderate, best where seasonal interest was active and for fast food. Supplies were in balance for trade needs. Processing schedules for next week are mostly part-time due to Monday's holiday. In the parts structure, trading was mixed with availability at least sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy, mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST Midweek trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly fair to moderate. Offerings of the 3 pound and lighter birds remained in the best balanced position, however, the heavier sizes were at least adequate to available. Movement through retail and distributive channels was about moderate, but better where seasonal interest was a factor. The market tone was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, boneless-skinless breasts were available, and bone-in breasts were at least adequate. Dark meat cuts were generally sufficient, although drums were often noted in the best balance. Wings ranged adequate to ample.

MIDWEST Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment was steady. Additional product offerings of whole fryers and Wogs were moderate with buyer interest selective and limited. Retail demand was mostly moderate, instances fairly good and best for features. Food service movement was fair to fairly good. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate with sizes desirable to occasionally heavy. Parts trading was light to moderate at best. Supplies of all items were fully sufficient for trade needs. The market tone was barely steady to weak on wings and boneless/skinless breasts and steady on the balance.

WESTERN The market tone was generally steady. Offerings adequate. Buying interest cautious and focused on current needs. Retail demand was fairly good overall best for parts. Floor stocks adequate.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES WEEK ENDING 05/19/01	2001	2000	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	186,562	186,522	0
CHICKS PLACED	149,697	149,857	0
*19 STATES			
EGGS SET	207,467	-	-
CHICKS PLACED	167,170	-	-

BROILER EGGS SET IN 15 SELECTED STATES UP SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set 187 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 19, 2001. This was up slightly 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 DOWN SLIGHTLY

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 150 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 19, 2001. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through May 19, 2001 were 2.93 billion, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

*FOUR ADDITIONAL STATES IN WEEKLY PROGRAM

Beginning May 16, 2001 four additional States are being published for the first time in the weekly program for broiler eggs set in incubators and broiler chicks placed for meat production. The four additional States are Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, and Oklahoma. Data collection and weekly estimates began with the week ending April 7, 2001.

Commercial hatcheries for the 19-States set a total of 207 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 19, 2001. Broiler growers in the 19-States placed 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 19, 2001.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 30-Jun-01 IS ESTIMATED AT 155.0 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 154.6 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 158.8 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 161.6 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 56.08 CENTS PER POUND.

MAY 22, 2001

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

MAY 23, 2001

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 (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	841	130.00-220.00	145-150	147.03
TENDERLOINS	167	145.00-235.00	150	159.43
BREAST - LINE RUN	87	74.00-81.00	77-79	79.79
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	123	40.50-48.00	41-43	41.70
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	357	25.00-28.00	26-27	26.43
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,710	27.00-30.00	29-30	29.11
WINGS (WHOLE)	103	88.00-102.00	95-97	96.85
WINGS (CUT)	638	100.00-115.00	110-113	112.76
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	40	93.00-97.00	-	96.00

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	825	130.00-220.00	145-150	149.48
TENDERLOINS	160	145.00-235.00	150	159.69
BREAST - LINE RUN	90	74.00-81.00	77-79	79.83
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	127	40.50-48.00	41-43	41.70
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	478	24.50-28.00	25-26	25.78
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,190	27.00-30.00	29-30	28.89
WINGS (WHOLE)	101	88.00-102.00	95-97	96.75
WINGS (CUT)	674	100.00-115.00	110-113	112.76
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	40	93.00-96.50	-	95.63

 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
48.50 - 56.50	55.13	48.50 - 56.00	52.21	53.35

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 continued fair to moderate during midweek trading with most purchasing centering around normally committed product. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts were at least adequate to available, and bone-in breasts were about adequate.

Dark meat items were at least adequate, with legs and thighs noted as slightly more available at some locations. Wings were fully adequate. Movement through retail and distributive channels was mostly fair. The market tone continued steady on bone-in breasts and dark meat items, no better than steady on boneless-skinless breasts and barely steady to weak on wings.

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

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	145-150	147.93	667,590
TENDERLOINS	135-140	143.42	177,929
BREAST - WITH RIBS	74-75	81.22	384,920
BREAST - LINE RUN	74	78.83	216,000
LEGS	40-41	44.60	234,980
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	29-30	30.49	747,782
DRUMSTICKS	36-37	43.42	176,750
THIGHS	37-38	38.41	200,250
B/S THIGHS	88-89	90.67	91,670
WINGS (WHOLE)	96-97	96.86	429,200
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.43	132,120
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	39.32	77,030
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.71	110,200

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	145-150	150.39	515,200
TENDERLOINS	135-140	142.76	100,120
BREAST - WITH RIBS	74-75	83.13	290,880
BREAST - LINE RUN	74	77.93	167,600
LEGS	40-41	44.92	246,460
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	29-30	29.85	624,712
DRUMSTICKS	36-37	43.87	166,520
THIGHS	37-38	43.06	135,250
B/S THIGHS	88-89	91.59	61,200
WINGS (WHOLE)	96-97	102.23	393,200
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.00	94,560
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	39.46	72,000
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.88	108,000

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	
	05/23	05/22	05/21	05/18	05/21	05/18	05/16	05/14
ALA	3,969	4,005	3,985	4,494	5.12	4.95	3,663	5.11
ARK	5,128	5,388	5,106	5,977	4.89	5.07	4,913	5.01
DELMARVA	2,340	2,389	2,344	2,568	5.15	5.17	2,336	5.13
KY-LA-TN	2,011	1,958	1,983	1,951	4.72	4.55	2,038	4.55
MISS	2,892	2,877	2,817	2,875	5.24	5.00	2,688	5.17
NC	2,670	2,638	2,602	3,134	6.02	5.83	2,638	6.11
TEXAS	2,368	2,339	2,362	2,788	4.88	4.78	2,340	4.94
TOTAL	21,378	21,594	21,199	23,787	5.13	5.07	20,616	5.15
MON-WED	64,487 (A)						62,893 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 23-May 01 and is estimated to be 31,984,000 up 2.60 percent from a week ago and up 2.9 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,173,000; last year 31,088,000)

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

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	84-86
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-90
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	-
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	ICE PACK	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS		94-96
	DRY PACK	102
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-121
	DRY PACK	123
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	96
	DRY PACK	123
DUCKS		152-166

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 26-01

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	05/26/01 (1)	05/19/01
	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	163,250 (2)	157,484
LT HENS	1,660	1,655
HVY HENS	1,606	1,471
CHECK TOTAL	166,516	160,610

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 26-May-01 is 157.4 million head compared to 160.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 163.6 million head or 6.2 million more than estimated available. For week of 02-Jun-01 the estimated available is 156.7 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - SELECTED STGE CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 21-May-01	145,456	62,467
AM 1-May-01	143,310	63,064
CHG	2,146	-597
PCT CHG	1	-1

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	05/21/01	05/14/01	05/22/00	05/21/01	05/14/01	05/22/00
PACIFIC COAST LOS ANGELES	23,382	22,173	17,800	5,109	6,472	14,505
ANGELES	1,443	1208	293	2,610	2,627	5,065

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 MAY 21, 2001

<u>HENS</u>	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	RANGE
		53-58
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	59-69

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

	FOR 05/22/01				FOR 05/22/01		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	1.15	1.25	1.20	HEAVY FOWL ea.	2.70	4.75	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	.85	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	1.25	-	BANTAMS ea.	3.75	6.00	-
BROILERS lb.	-	.70	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.25	.70	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	2.00	6.50	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.90	1.50	1.28	ROOSTERS ea.	5.00	5.50	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	5.50	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	1.05	1.70	1.49	DUCKS ea.	-	2.75	-
RABBITS lb.	.90	1.85	1.47	RABBITS ea.	3.00	7.00	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	3.25	5.50	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	10.50	11.50	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	1.50	2.00	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	2.50	6.00	-
SILKIES ea.	3.50	4.25	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	2.25	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-				

TOTAL COOPS 110

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending May 18, 2001

	Whole	Legs w/	Necks,Backs	Livers/	
	Chickens	Breasts	Thighs	& Wings	
RAYON					
Low	80.42	171.97	131.51	35.41	4.55 55.64
High	81.94	187.15	141.62	45.52	6.07 55.64
Mostly	80.93	177.03	136.57	40.46	5.06 55.64
SAN JUAN					
Low	78.91	161.86	131.51	35.41	4.55 50.58
High	80.93	182.09	136.57	45.52	6.07 50.58
Mostly	79.92	171.97	131.51	40.46	5.06 50.58
NEW SAN JUAN					
Low	79.92	187.15	131.51	40.46	7.59 54.63
High	83.46	192.21	141.62	45.52	9.10 54.63
Mostly	81.94	187.15	136.57	42.99	7.59 54.63
BECERRA					
Low	79.92	171.97	136.57	35.41	6.07 55.64
High	82.95	182.09	141.62	50.58	7.59 55.64
Mostly	81.94	177.03	139.10	45.52	7.59 55.64

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to moderate and below pre holiday projections, but was expected to improve prior to weekend. Offerings were adequate and clearing well on the 3 pound and smaller sizes; fully adequate to ample but at manageable levels on the larger sizes. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processings schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 54 to 68 cents. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, all items were at least adequate for the light to fair and generally cautious buyer.

*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	52-73
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	57.52
NO. OF BOXES	12,751
*7 of 8 plants reporting.	

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