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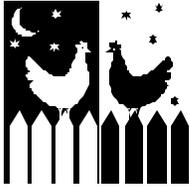
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was firm in the West, steady to fully steady in the East, steady elsewhere. Demand into all areas covered the full range, best for limited retail features and seasonal interest items. Supplies were at least sufficient for present needs; however, in the East, smaller sized product was balanced to tight. In the parts structure, breast items and wings were at least adequate and often discounted to help clear. Dark meat was balanced and moving. Trading was slow to fair with current inventories and regular commitments sufficient. In production areas, live 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 advanced .25 cent to 63.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 58.75 cents last year on the 31th 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	210.50
BREASTS - B/S	147.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	82.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	98.50
LEG QUARTERS	29.50
WINGS	100.50

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SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was light with mixed trading. Supplies were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, availability was at least adequate, longest for wings but more manageable. Movement was slow to fair. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy, mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly moderate. Offerings of 3-pound and smaller birds were in close balance to tight, 3.5 pound and heavier sizes were about adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Movement into retail and distributive channels were generally fair to moderate. The market tone was at least steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, breast items were at least adequate. Leg items were in good balance and clearing. Wings were fully adequate to ample.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment was steady. Additional whole bird and Wog offerings were generally balanced for trade needs. Demand into retail and food service accounts was irregular and covered a full range, mostly moderate. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate with buyers' cautious and ordering hand to mouth. Weights were in a desirable range. Trading on parts items was slow to inactive overall with discounts noted on wings and boneless/skinless breasts. Supplies were fully adequate on white meat items and balanced on dark meat items with drumsticks occasionally short of buyer needs. The trade sentiment was barely steady to weak on wings and boneless/skinless breasts, and steady on the balance.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was firm. Offerings adequate overall. Sellers held product with renewed confidence. Buying interest was moderate and centered on regular commitments. Retail demand good where featured elsewhere moderate. Floor stocks adequate.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES	WEEK ENDING 05/26/01		PERCENT CHANGE
	2001	2000	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	186,962	185,414	+01%
CHICKS PLACED	149,570	148,402	+01%
*19 STATES			
EGGS SET	207,725	-	-
CHICKS PLACED	166,838	-	-

Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Up 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set 187 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 26, 2001. This was up 1 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 Down 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 150 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 26, 2001. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through May 26, 2001 were 3.08 billion, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

*Four Additional States in Weekly Program

Beginning May 16, 2001 four additional States were 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 208 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 26, 2001. Broiler growers in the 19-States placed 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 26, 2001.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 07-Jul-01 IS ESTIMATED AT 154.4 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 155.0 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 158.7 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 167.0 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 57.33 CENTS PER POUND.

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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. AS OF MAY 30, 2001

POUNDS

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	790	120.00-215.00	140-145	170.31
TENDERLOINS	53	145.00-235.00	145-150	192.14
BREAST - LINE RUN	107	74.00-84.00	-	82.60
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	126	40.00-49.00	40-42	41.38
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	776	24.50-28.00	27-28	27.15
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,270	27.00-30.00	29-30	28.98
WINGS (WHOLE)	260	85.00-98.00	92-95	95.31
WINGS (CUT)	700	98.00-115.00	108-110	109.24
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS	46	93.00-96.50	-	95.74

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR MAY 30, 2001 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
48.75-55.50	52.58	53.04

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 was generally fair and about as expected for mid-week trading. Supplies of boneless skinless breast were available. Bone-in breast were at least adequate to fully adequate. Leg quarters were clearing satisfactorily. Wings were fully adequate. Movement into retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate, and was best for retail feature activity. The market tone was about steady to barely steady for breast items, steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	145	147.90	610,200
TENDERLOINS	135-140	145.01	162,505
BREAST - WITH RIBS	74-75	83.88	315,602
BREAST - LINE RUN	74	76.00	135,000
LEGS	41-42	46.16	254,280
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	29-30	30.26	813,401
DRUMSTICKS	36-37	44.71	165,630
THIGHS	36-37	42.36	120,530
B/S THIGHS	88-89	92.32	64,670
WINGS (WHOLE)	96-97	103.58	436,840
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.04	90,520
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	39.22	77,340
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.79	121,850

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	
	05/30	05/29	05/28	05/25	05/28	05/25	05/23	05/21
ALA	3,973	4,004	1,868	3,963	4.80	4.86	3,928	5.12
ARK	5,297	5,333	(A)	5,490	(A)	4.79	5,060	4.89
DELMARVA	2,346	2,365	(A)	2,601	(A)	5.05	2,347	5.15
KY-LA-TN	2,028	2,021	(A)	2,603	(A)	4.47	1,687	4.72
MISS	2,782	2,837	2,169	2,979	5.10	4.94	2,956	5.24
NC	2,655	2,638	765	3,049	5.36	5.84	2,609	6.02
TEXAS	2,399	2,365	2,383	2,496	5.12	4.83	2,362	4.88
TOTAL	21,480	21,563	8,836	23,181	5.00	4.96	20,949	5.13
MON-WED	52,444 (B)						63,380 (B)	

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 30-May 01 and is estimated to be 32,136,000 up 3.09 percent from a week ago and up 2.3 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,173,000; last year 31,414,000)

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

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 02-01

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	06/02/01 (1)	05/26/01
	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	149,773 (2)	163,250
LT HENS	1,423	1,660
HVY HENS	1,256	1,606
CHECK TOTAL	152,452	166,516

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 02-Jun-01 is 156.7 million head compared to 145.3 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 150.1 million head or 6.6 million less than estimated available. For week of 09-Jun-01 the estimated available is 156.9 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS	LBS	LBS	LBS
AM 28-May-01	153,888	61,981		
AM 1-May-01	143,310	63,064		
CHG	10,578	-1,083		
PCT CHG	7	-2		

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	05/28/01	05/21/01	05/29/00	05/28/01	05/21/01	05/29/00
PACIFIC COAST LOS ANGELES	22,992	23,382	18,480	5,156	5,109	14,214
ANGELES	1,640	1,443	439	2,547	2,610	4,573

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 28, 2001

HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	RANGE
			54-58
			59-65

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

	LOWHIGH AVG		LOW	HIGH AVG	
HEAVY FOWL lb..	.501.00	.77	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-2.00	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb..	.90.95	.93	MIXED FOWL ea.	-1.75	-
BANTAMS lb.	-.80	-.80	BANTAMS ea.	-3.00	-
BROILERS lb.	.50 .55	.53	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.602.10	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	1.754.00	-
ROOSTERS lb..	.751.25	1.02	ROOSTERS ea.	3.006.00	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-.80	-.80	TURKEYS ea.	-3.75	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-5.25	-
RABBITS lb.	.801.30	1.03	RABBITS ea.	-2.00	-
PIGEONS lb.	2.603.70	3.16	PIGEONS ea.	2.505.25	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	8.00	13.50
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	1.507.00	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-4.00	-
SILKIES ea.	-2.00	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-3.25	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-1.40	-			

TOTAL COOPS 85

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending May 25, 2001

	Whole		Legs w/ Thighs	Necks,Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
	Chickens	Breasts				
RAYON						
Low	78.48	169.96	114.98	34.995.00	48.99	
High	79.98	177.46	124.97	44.996.00	48.99	
Mostly	79.48	169.96	119.97	39.995.00	48.99	
SAN JUAN						
Low	78.98	169.96	124.97	34.994.50	48.99	
High	80.98	177.46	134.97	44.995.00	48.99	
Mostly	79.48	169.96	129.97	39.995.00	48.99	
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	79.48	174.96	124.97	39.994.00	49.99	
High	80.98	184.96	132.47	47.496.00	49.99	
Mostly	79.98	179.96	124.97	42.495.00	49.99	
BECERRA						
Low	78.98	174.96	119.97	42.495.00	47.49	
High	79.98	182.46	134.97	44.997.50	49.99	
Mostly	78.98	179.96	127.47	44.995.00	47.49	

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was about moderate and was generally noted as best on the under 3 pound sizes. Heavier weights were fully sufficient in handling current inquiry. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 55 to 69 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Tray packed parts were noted as more readily available than ice pack. Inquiry was both light to fair and cautious. Leg quarters continued to clear well. Other cuts were at least adequate.

*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	51-74
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	58.38
NO. OF BOXES	12,077

*7 of 8 plants reporting.

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