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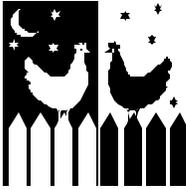
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were mostly unchanged. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand covered the entire range and although improvements were reported in some areas, demand was mostly moderate at best. Supplies of smaller sized product were in good balance to well cleared, heavier weights were at least adequate. In the parts structure, interest for breast increased, particularly boneless skinless, with supplies more balanced but sufficient for needs. Wings were mixed, but available, and dark meat items continued to have best movement with availability adequate to at times tight. 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 06/18-06/23/01 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Including branded product)		COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	50.00-55.00	50.00-66.00	53.70	23
Los Angeles	69.00			
New York	54.00-56.00			
	Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent			
Mississippi	63.50-64.00	45.50-66.00	63.59	79

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 63.50 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.
645	57.50-65.75	62.90

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	208.00	1,191
BREASTS - B/S	137.50	3,718
BREASTS - WHOLE	74.00	1,076
THIGH MEAT - B/S	97.50	688
LEG QUARTERS	29.50	7,819
WINGS	98.50	2,740

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WESTERN The market tone was generally steady. Trading for next week's deliveries on regular commitments at mainly unchanged prices, new negotiations were at unchanged to lower prices. Offerings were fully adequate overall with heavy weights in the longest position. Buying interest was moderate. Retail demand fairly good, best to cover features. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances. Ads noted: Southern California - whole body 79, whole cut up 99-129, boneless breasts 179-299, boneless thigh meat 127-129, split breasts 99-129, leg quarters 88 (10# bag 390), thighs 87-88 (5# bag 295), Cornish twin pack 599 per pack 149-199 per pound. Denver - boneless breasts 199, split breast 99, drums 59, thighs 59, leg quarters 39. Arizona - whole body 78-139, split breasts 99-149, split breasts with out skin 149-269, boneless breast 199-299 (IQF 4# 796), boneless thigh meat 299-349, leg quarters 69-99, thigh 69-99, drums 69-99, (IQF 4# wings 599).

MIDWEST Preliminary majority prices for next week's trading into the Chicago area were unchanged from Monday's majority. Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment was mostly steady. Additional offerings of whole birds and Wogs were fully available on 3 pound and up birds and balanced for lighter product. Movement into retail channels was in a full range, mostly light to moderate. Food service demand was slightly improved overall, mostly fair to fairly good, but some receivers noted less than expected demand. Floor stocks were balanced to long. Weights were in a desirable range. In the parts complex, dark meat items were clearing well, breast items slow to moderate and wings were mixed. Supplies of leg quarters were adequate to occasionally tight, wings were in a full range, boneless/skinless breasts were more balanced and whole breasts were fully adequate to ample. The market tone was steady to fully steady on dark meat items, wings unsettled, boneless/skinless breasts mostly steady and whole breasts barely steady to instances weak

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was moderate. Offerings of 3 pound and lighter birds remain in a well balanced position, with heavier sizes usually adequate or available. Movement through retail and distributive channels was improving but still only moderate. The market tone was mostly steady to occasionally fully steady. In the parts complex, breast items improved with offering adequate or available. Wings were irregular ranging from barely adequate to ample. Dark meat items improved but were still sufficient for current needs.

SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was steady. Demand entering the weekend was light to moderate and slightly improved. Supplies were usually sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, availability was more balanced with increased interest for breast items and wings and retail features planned. Dark meat continued to show strength aided by export business. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to moderate entering the weekend. Offerings of the 3 pound and smaller sizes were in close balance and well cleared. Heavier sizes were adequate. Live supplies were moderate; weights ranged desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher at 57 to 71 cents. Trade sentiment was at least steady. Breast items were adequate to fully adequate. Dark meat items were in good balance and clearing. Wings were 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	55-77
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	59.41
NO. OF BOXES	12,667
CUMULATIVE	
	06/11/01-06/15/01 59.28
	06/12/00-06/16/00 58.61
NO. OF BOXES	
	06/11/01-06/15/01 64,328
	06/12/00-06/16/00 46,408

*7 of 8 plants reporting.

JUNE 14		SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS								JUN 15	
ITEM	POUNDS		WTD		POUNDS		WTD		WEEKLY		
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG	
BREAST - B/S	973	104.00-199.00	120-125	129.41	948	104.00-199.00	120-125	135.00	4,800	130.45	
TENDERLOINS	170	145.00-235.00	-	159.29	360	140.00-235.00	-	166.11	1,285	159.96	
BREAST - LINE RUN	73	79.00-85.00	79-81	79.41	72	79.00-81.00	79	79.33	364	79.45	
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				360	61.52	
LEGS	129	40.00-49.00	40-42	41.56	210	40.50-49.00	40-43	44.62	806	42.64	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	402	25.00-28.00	25-27	25.81	442	25.00-28.00	25-27	25.74	2,170	25.82	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,735	27.00-31.00	29-30	29.51	1,695	27.00-31.00	29-30	29.53	8,475	29.53	
WINGS (WHOLE)	351	91.00-100.00	98-100	98.55	316	81.00-100.00	98-99	97.51	1,615	97.74	
WINGS (CUT)	459	105.00-110.00	106-108	108.89	574	98.00-110.00	106-108	107.21	2,948	107.49	
DRUMSTICKS	111	45.00-52.00	-	49.63	76	49.00-52.00	-	51.76	415	51.19	
THIGHS	71	42.00-49.00	-	45.55	TOO FEW TO REPORT				285	45.93	
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				386	93.00-99.00	-	96.56	1,667	97.74	

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
 TRADING FOR JUNE 14, 2001 F.O.B. DOCK. **TODAY'S**

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
 TRADING FOR JUN 15, 2001 F.O.B. DOCK. **TODAY'S** **5-DAY**

RANGE	AVERAGE
41.50 - 45.50	43.16

RANGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE
41.00 - 45.50	42.97	43.66

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 improved going into the weekend. However, offerings were sufficient for needs on all items. Interest for b/s thighs was light and disappointing, irregular on wings, and moderately good on breast items. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to good, best where features were in progress. Trade sentiment improved and was steady on most items.

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

JUNE 14	CURRENT NEG	WTD	JUN 15		
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	WTD	WTD AVG	WEEKLY
			TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	115	131.23	115125.89	593,175	127.08 2,788,905
TENDERLOINS	135-140	144.67	135-140145.15	188,320	144.57 718,756
BREAST - WITH RIBS	56-57	65.64	56-5766.07	302,360	68.77 1,468,680
BREAST - LINE RUN	56	57.23	5654.61	197,400	56.86 984,160
LEGS	41-42	47.03	44.23	299,920	45.75 1,099,900
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	29-30	29.87	30.09	528,375	30.21 2,938,355
DRUMSTICKS	36-37	46.33	45.90	175,630	46.02 823,450
THIGHS	36-37	42.03	44.04	179,180	43.22 878,410
B/S THIGHS	88-89	92.74	93.49	70,360	92.72 351,110
WINGS (WHOLE)	94-95	99.41	101.85	361,320	99.48 2,057,800
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.15	12.05	114,640	12.07 481,920
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	39.89	39.86	107,680	39.60 457,113
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.73	44.90	153,760	44.79 648,380

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		AVG	
	06/15	06/14	06/13	06/12	06/13	06/12	06/08	06/06
ALA	4,026	3,946	3,942	3,935	5.16	5.10	4,534	5.12
ARK	6,200	5,182	4,814	5,143	4.90	4.96	5,525	4.98
DELMARVA	2,360	2,315	2,400	2,387	5.06	5.18	2,324	5.08
KY-LA-TN	2,365	2,000	2,030	2,020	4.49	4.56	2,267	4.65
MISS	2,864	2,864	2,619	2,619	5.22	5.22	2,939	5.08
NC	2,832	2,615	2,586	2,581	5.86	6.06	2,816	5.93
TEXAS	2,073	2,336	2,309	2,287	4.69	4.80	2,613	4.86
TOTAL	22,720	21,258	20,700	20,972	5.06	5.12	23,018	5.11
MON-FRI	108,089(A)				107,342(A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 15 & 16-Jun-01 is estimated to be 33,992,000 up 9.04 percent from a week ago and up 0.4 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,173,000; last year 33,850,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 16-Jun-01 is estimated to be 155,797,000 head down 2.4 percent from a week ago, and down 2.5 percent from a year ago (Last week 159,629,000 Last year 159,718,000)

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

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	85-87
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

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK 96-104
	ICE PACK 94-96
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 104-113
	DRY PACK 113-123
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 98
	DRY PACK 91
DUCKS	152-166

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live weight, week ending June 02, 2001 (Preliminary),

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

Head	27,117	27,191	41,457
Avg Weight	3.46	4.72	6.18
% of total /1	28%	28%	43%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	31,705	26,611	46,431
Avg Weight	3.81	4.79	6.07
% of total /1	30%	25%	44%
Same week, yr ago /2	33,294	32,003	38,968
Avg Weight	3.79	4.86	6.00
% of total /1	32%	31%	37%
To date/2001	709,854	575,570	997,611
To date/2000	737,216	707,014	903,477

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 09-Jun-2001 (PRELIMINARY)

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

HEAD	159,629(A)	1,740	1,295	3,035	493
AVG WT	5.04	3.47	7.94	5.38	6.78
LAST WEEK	142,428	1,461	1,184	2,645	420
SAME WEEK YR AGO	159,292	1,970	1,554	3,524	457
AVG WT	4.86	3.39	7.68	5.28	6.69
TO-DATE/2001	3,489,070	41,232	30,783	72,015	11,522
TO-DATE/2000	3,539,299	46,087	31,915	78,002	10,378

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 156.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 161.6 million head or 4.7 million head more than or 103 percent of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: JUNE 12, 2001

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.20 - 1.34	Silkies	3.50 - 5.00ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.20 - 1.28	Geese 9-14 LBS	.30 - .44
Pekin Ducks	.50 - .74	Pigeons	2.25 - 4.00ea.
Red Fowl 4-4.5 LBS	.50 - .64	White Pigeons	4.00 - 4.75ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.60 - .84	Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.00 - 1.20
Crossbred Fowl		Rabbits 7-11 LBS	.90 - 1.10
5-9 LBS	.50 - .82	Bunnies	.10 - 2.00ea.
Crossbred Roosters		Guinea Pigs	.10 - 1.00ea.
4-6 LBS	.60 - 1.28	Goats	40.00 - 70.00ea.
Crossbred Roosters		Kid Goats	17.00 - 43.00ea.
7-11 LBS	.40 - 1.22	Doves	5.00 - 6.00ea.
Banty Roosters	4.00 - 9.25ea.	Chukars	3.25 - 3.60ea.
Banty Hens	3.00 - 4.50ea.	Pullets 4-6 LBS	.60 - .74
Leghorn Hens	.12 - .22		
		Total Coops Sold	682

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 11-JUNE-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 MOSTLY	137	143

MIDWEST MOSTLY	122-126 122-124	123-127 123-125
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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)	62-85 64-71

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. The trade sentiment was steady. Demand was fair to at times good.

Sizes were in the desirable range. Slaughter schedules were full-time to slightly reduced due to some severe weather in the Midwest this week. 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 11-JUNE-2001

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS MOSTLY	120-123	124

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

	WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
MAY	5	158.9	158.5	100	5.02
	12	159.9	159.1	101	5.20
	19	162.3	157.9	103	5.16
	26	162.8	157.4	103	5.02
JUNE	2	144.2	156.7	92	5.16
	9	161.6	156.9	103	5.04
YEAR TO DATE		3531.5	3509.7	101	
JUNE	16		158.1		
	23		158.3		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	06/16/01	06/09/01	% CHG	06/17/00	% CHG
Broilers	155,797	159,629	-02	159,718	-03
Cattle	700	698	0	722	-03
Hogs	1,755	1,737	+01	1,758	0

Under Federal Inspection

* ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL. Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Offerings were in a full range of barely adequate to ample for trade needs. Demand was in a full range of light to good. The undertone was cautious and usually about steady to steady on heavies and steady on light cannerys.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
24-25 MAJORITY	31.5-38 MAJORITY 32-33

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
24.25-28.5 MAJORITY 24.25-25.5	32-40 MAJORITY 32-34

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN. Prices were unchanged. Demand was slow for fully adequate to ample offerings. Processing schedules for next week were reported as normal. Cannerys movement was moderate with offerings adequate for needs. The market tone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN. Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings were fully adequate for slaughter needs. Schedules were normal. Finished product sales were moderate. Trade sentiment was no better than steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN. Prices unchanged. Offerings were at least ample for the mostly light to instances moderate demand. Trade sentiment about steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN. Plants worked full slaughter schedules. Demand moderate. Offering adequate overall.

LIVE HENS

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

HEAVY	RANGE	MAJORITY
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
Southeast Heavy f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	(2)
South Central Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
LIGHT	RANGE	MAJORITY
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 only fair for fully adequate to ample offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal for next week. Finished product supplies were in a full range of about adequate to fully adequate for trade needs. The undertone was about steady to steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN. Trading was too few to report prices. Demand was moderate. Offerings were adequate for trade needs. Schedules were normal. Finished product sales were moderate. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

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