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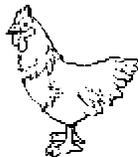
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Midweek opinions on markets were generally steady. Demand continued to be no better than moderate at both retail and distributive outlets. Offerings of whole body product were adequate for additional needs. Parts movement was fair with supplies of boneless breast in better balance, bone-in breast sometimes short of needs, wings adequate, and dark meat supplies viewed as in line with current call. Fast food interest was just fair. Export business was slow as participants remained confused on the rules of engagement. In production areas, live supplies were desirable at adequate weights.

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 62.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 62.00 cents last year on April 18, 2002.

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	179.50
BREASTS - B/S	133.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	67.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	84.00
LEG QUARTERS	20.00
WINGS	66.00

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SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was about steady. Demand was slow to fair, instances stronger where retail ads and fast food promotions were active. Supplies of all sizes were usually at least sufficient for limited trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was light. Leg quarters were in best balance and moving well due in part to retail business, and the remaining items were at least adequate or available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers remained light and unaggressive during midweek trading. Offerings of the 3 pound and lighter birds ranged adequate to balanced, however, the larger sizes were at least adequate to at times available. Movement into retail and distributive channels was light. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items were adequate to closely cleared. Dark meat cuts and wings were available.

MIDWEST Trade sentiment on whole fryers was mostly steady. Offerings of additional whole fryers and WOG's were adequate with heavier sized product readily available. Retail demand continues light to fair with best activity where features are a factor. Retail features in Chicago on whole fryers at 48 cents, split breasts at 99 cents and leg quarters at 29 cents. Food service movement in a full range, light to occasionally good, best where featured in fast food outlets. Floor stocks were adequate with sizes desirable. Supplies of wings and boneless skinless breasts adequate to fully adequate, leg items adequate. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady on wings, generally steady on balance of items.

WESTERN Trade sentiment was about steady. Offerings of product less than 3 pounds generally adequate with heavier weights fully adequate. Demand by stores for whole body fryers fair and parts fairly good, restaurant fairly good overall best by fast food. Floor stocks in fair balance with current needs.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE		
WEEK ENDING 04/13/02	2002	2001	
	PREVIOUS YEAR		
EGGS SET	187,844	185,511	+01
CHICKS PLACED	150,345	149,232	+01
19 STATES			
EGGS SET	210,134	-	-
CHICKS PLACED	169,075	-	-

BROILER EGGS SET IN 15 SELECTED STATES UP 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set 188 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 13, 2002. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 150 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 13, 2002. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through April 13, 2002 were 2.25 billion, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Four Additional States in Weekly Program

Beginning May 16, 2001 four additional States were added to 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 210 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 13, 2002. Broiler growers in the 19 States placed 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 13, 2002. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through April 13, 2002 in the 19 States totaled 2.53 billion.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 25-May-02 IS ESTIMATED AT 155.6 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 156.2 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 157.9 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 162.3 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 59.57 CENTS PER POUND.

APRIL 16, 2002

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

APRIL 17, 2002

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				ITEM	POUNDS			
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG		(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	852	109.00-189.00	119-124	121.87	BREAST - B/S	837	109.00-189.00	118-123	121.79
TENDERLOINS	147	135.00-195.00	-	146.43	TENDERLOINS	141	130.00-195.00	130-135	144.10
BREAST - LINE RUN	113	64.00-69.00	65-67	66.25	BREAST - LINE RUN	114	64.00-69.00	65-67	66.23
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	89	25.00-36.00	25-27	26.11	LEGS	90	26.00-36.00	26-27	27.11
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	389	14.00-18.00	14-15	14.71	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	430	14.50-18.00	15-16	15.44
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,260	16.00-25.50	19-20	19.44	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,180	17.00-25.50	19-20	19.52
WINGS (WHOLE)	281	51.00-69.50	66-67	66.62	WINGS (WHOLE)	281	51.00-68.00	-	65.56
WINGS (CUT)	423	69.00-79.00	70-73	72.74	WINGS (CUT)	361	69.00-79.00	70-73	72.44
DRUMSTICKS	69	36.00-40.50	36-38	36.59	DRUMSTICKS	69	36.00-41.00	-	36.65
THIGHS	29	36.00-45.00	36-37	38.79	THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

 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
33.50 - 37.00	34.36	34.75 - 37.50	35.72	34.89

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 was noted as fair to moderate during midweek trading. Renewed interest centering around breast items kept offerings clearing well. Wings were adequate and dark meat cuts were at least sufficient. Movement through retail and distributive channels was about fair, with best draw centering around the occasional feature. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm on breast items and about steady on the balance.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES APRIL 16, 2002

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD	VOL/LBS	ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD	VOL/LBS
	TRADING*	AVG**	AVG**				TRADING*	AVG**	AVG**		
BREAST - B/S	115-120	120.99	579,270			BREAST - B/S	120	121.71	373,100		
TENDERLOINS	125-130	133.84	85,200			TENDERLOINS	125-130	133.84	59,400		
BREAST - WITH RIBS	59-60	66.10	171,040			BREAST - WITH RIBS	60-61	67.16	189,240		
BREAST - LINE RUN	59	61.97	179,520			BREAST - LINE RUN	60	62.13	179,040		
LEGS	32-33	39.26	181,040			LEGS	32-33	36.73	135,040		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	19.42	645,631			LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	19.49	294,634		
DRUMSTICKS	32-33	32.97	155,260			DRUMSTICKS	32-33	34.26	105,190		
THIGHS	25-26	30.07	104,520			THIGHS	25-26	33.34	66,380		
B/S THIGHS	81-82	81.30	61,010			B/S THIGHS	81-82	81.68	63,240		
WINGS (WHOLE)	58-59	62.61	313,560			WINGS (WHOLE)	58-59	65.78	309,960		
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.53	34,920			BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.92	30,880		
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	20-25	21.26	14,795			LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	20-25	19.33	15,720		
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	43.10	36,250			GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.67	21,360		

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		ACTUAL WTS		AVG WTS	
	04/17	04/16	04/15	04/12	04/15	04/12	04/10	04/08	04/15	04/12
ALA	3,900	3,917	3,972	4,062	5.11	4.95	3,896	5.16		
ARK	5,088	5,350	5,261	5,582	4.90	4.70	5,129	4.99		
DELMARVA	2,323	2,388	2,371	2,317	5.14	5.07	2,327	5.25		
KY-LA-TN	2,007	2,046	1,893	1,940	4.42	4.41	2,016	4.64		
MISS	2,839	2,878	2,695	2,403	5.38	5.24	2,813	5.44		
NC	2,642	2,662	2,539	2,545	6.12	5.99	2,631	6.13		
TEXAS	2,431	2,428	2,427	2,406	5.00	4.81	2,451	4.89		
TOTAL	21,230	21,669	21,158	21,255	5.14	4.99	21,263	5.20		
MON-WED 64,416 (A)							63,892 (A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 17-Apr 02 and is estimated to be 31,762,000 down 0.45 percent from a week ago and up 2.8 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,907,000; last year 30,907,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	83-91
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	-
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	ICE PACK	DRY PACK	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS			92-93
ROASTERS 4# & UP			94-101
HENS OVER 5#			104-113
DUCKS			113
			94-98
			-
			152-166

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 20-APRIL-02

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	04/20/02 (1)	04/13/02
	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	160,308 (2)	161,742
LT HENS	2,078	2,099
HVY HENS	1,466	1,361
CHECK TOTAL	163,852	165,202

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 20-Apr-02 is 160.5 million head compared to 153.1 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 160.6 million head or 0.1 million more than estimated available. For week of 27-Apr-02 the estimated available is 160.5 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 15-Apr-02	179,363	78,412
AM 1-Apr-02	164,226	77,627
CHG	15,137	785
PCT CHG	9	1

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	04/15/02	04/08/02	04/16/01	04/15/02	04/08/02	04/16/01
PACIFIC COAST	13,595	14,226	15,154	3,454	3,634	5,895
LOS ANGELES	94	98	152	1,958	2,006	2,847

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 APRIL 15, 2002

	RANGE
HENS ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	58-60
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	60-69

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

	LOW HIGH AVG			FOR 4/16/02		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	1.00	1.20	1.04	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	4.00
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	3.50	5.75
BROILERS lb.	.70	.95	.81	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.20	.80
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	4.00	6.50
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	1.00	3.75
ROOSTERS lb.	.80	1.50	1.15	ROOSTERS ea.	2.00	8.00
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	4.00	11.00
TURKEYS lb.	1.15	1.45	1.29	TURKEYS ea.	-	11.00
DUCKS lb.	1.60	2.10	1.93	DUCKS ea.	6.50	10.50
RABBITS lb.	1.00	1.65	1.37	RABBITS ea.	4.00	5.50
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	3.00	5.75
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	7.50	12.00
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	.50	2.00
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	10.75
SILKIES lb.	-	-	-	SILKIES ea.	2.25	5.00
GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-	GUINEA PIGS ea.	2.25	3.50

TOTAL COOPS 138

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending April 12, 2002

	Whole		Legs	Necks, Backs	Livers/
	Chickens	Breasts	W/ Thighs	& Wings	Gizzards
RAYON					
Low	63.04	140.10	80.06	20.01	20.01
High	68.55	150.10	90.06	30.02	25.02
Mostly	66.55	150.10	90.06	30.02	25.02

SAN JUAN

Low	61.04	140.10	85.06	27.52	15.01
High	65.05	150.10	95.07	37.53	20.01
Mostly	63.04	145.10	90.06	35.02	17.51

NEW SAN JUAN

Low	62.54	140.10	80.06	20.01	20.01
High	68.05	150.10	90.06	30.02	25.02
Mostly	66.05	150.10	90.06	25.02	25.02

BECERRA

Low	62.04	140.10	95.07	30.02	20.01
High	67.55	155.11	105.07	37.53	25.02
Mostly	65.05	150.10	100.07	35.02	22.52

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was no better than fair. Seller offerings were at least adequate to fully adequate. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were light to heavy, mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 47 to 61 cents. Trade sentiment was no better than steady. In the parts complex, breast items were in good balance and clearing satisfactorily. All other items were adequate to 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	40-64
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	48.65
NO. OF BOXES	11,271

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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