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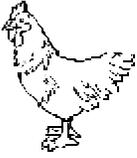
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was mostly steady to fully steady. Retail demand was light to moderate with increased interest where ads were present. Food service covered the full range but strongest where fast food promotions and restaurant business was active. Supplies were mostly in balance with heavier weights more available in the Northeast. In the parts structure, boneless skinless and bone-in breasts were close to tight of full trade needs, and continued to clear well. Tenders were readily available, as well as dark meat and wings. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy, mostly desirable weights.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .25 to 62.75 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 62.50 cents last year on May 02, 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	182.50
BREASTS - B/S	148.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	76.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	84.00
LEG QUARTERS	21.00
WINGS	64.00

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SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady, instances firm. Retail demand was light to fair with features best. Food service was fair to moderate with fast food promotions having best interest. Supplies were in good balance to close and clearing well. In the parts structure, trading was fair to fairly good. Breast items were close to tight and often sought, dark meat was usually adequate, wings remained readily available with mixed demand. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers remained fair to moderate during midweek trading. Offerings of the 2.5 to 3 pound birds ranged balanced to adequate and the larger sizes were at least sufficient. Movement through retail and distributive channels was about fair. The market tone was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, boneless-skinless breasts were in close balance and bone-in breasts were short. Leg quarters were generally adequate. Tenderloins and wings were readily available.

MIDWEST A steady to fully steady market tone continued on whole broiler/fryers. Offerings of whole fryers and WOG's were in balance for the moderate trade needs. Movement into retail outlets was light to fair at best with better demand expected by week's end. Food service demand was slow to occasionally good, best into fast food and restaurants when promoted. Floor stocks were manageable with weights desirable. Trading on parts was light to moderate. Bone-in breasts and boneless/skinless breasts were well cleared, wings and tenderloins fully available and leg quarters were building. The market tone was steady to firm on breasts, barely steady to instances weak on wings and tenders with leg quarters mostly steady.

WESTERN The market tone was steady to fully steady. Offerings were generally adequate. Demand was moderate overall. Floor stocks easily adequate to cover current needs. Trade sentiment was fully steady on breast with balance of parts about steady.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE		
WEEK ENDING 04/27/02	2002	2001	
	PREVIOUS YEAR		
EGGS SET	186,419	185,626	0
CHICKS PLACED	152,714	150,873	+01
19 STATES			
EGGS SET	208,336	-	-
CHICKS PLACED	172,526	-	-

BROILER EGGS SET IN 15 SELECTED STATES UP SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set 186 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 27, 2002. 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 UP 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 153 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 27, 2002. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through April 27, 2002 were 2.55 billion, up 2 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 208 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 27, 2002. Broiler growers in the 19 States placed 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 27, 2002. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through April 27, 2002 in the 19 States totaled 2.88 billion.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 8-Jun-02 IS ESTIMATED AT 157.0 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 155.8 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 156.7 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 144.2 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 59.66 CENTS PER POUND.

APRIL 30, 2002

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

MAY 01, 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	826	127.00-202.00	130-137	135.43	BREAST - B/S	831	133.00-202.00	139-145	146.90
TENDERLOINS	158	125.00-195.00	125-130	135.84	TENDERLOINS	118	125.00-195.00	125	139.51
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT				BREAST - LINE RUN	153	76.00-79.00	76-78	77.14
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	88	26.00-36.00	26-27	26.91	LEGS	88	26.00-36.00	26-27	26.91
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	429	16.00-18.50	16-17	16.45	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	491	14.00-20.00	16-17	16.65
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,155	18.00-25.50	19-20	19.76	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	993	18.00-25.50	19-21	19.80
WINGS (WHOLE)	281	50.00-68.00	63-65	64.78	WINGS (WHOLE)	281	50.00-67.00	62-64	64.06
WINGS (CUT)	391	68.00-76.00	70-71	71.05	WINGS (CUT)	300	68.00-76.00	70-71	71.07
DRUMSTICKS	68	36.00-41.00	-	36.59	DRUMSTICKS	68	36.00-41.00	-	36.59
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				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
36.00 - 39.75	37.56	37.00 - 42.00	40.15	38.10

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

Midweek trucklot buying activity was mostly fair to moderate on normal trading. However, interest was active on breast items as deboners and distributors attempted to acquire product where normal commitments were short of full needs. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts were closely cleared and bone-in breasts remained tight. Leg quarters were at least adequate but not as burdensome. Tenderloins and wings were readily available. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fairly good as widespread feature activity maintained a steady draw, particularly on breast items. The market tone was fully steady to firm on breasts, at least steady on dark meat cuts, and no better than steady on tenderloins and wings.

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

ITEM	APRIL 30, 2002			MAY 01, 2002		
	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	140-145	137.69	662,300	145-150	143.35	494,130
TENDERLOINS	115-120	131.71	87,440	115-120	125.00	96,220
BREAST - WITH RIBS	72-73	77.42	167,120	74-75	79.28	164,480
BREAST - LINE RUN	72	75.56	162,960	74	77.73	82,760
LEGS	32-33	35.63	139,800	32-33	35.43	126,320
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	19.04	675,864	17-18	19.86	383,974
DRUMSTICKS	32-33	33.55	138,370	32-33	33.72	97,150
THIGHS	25-26	31.05	102,440	25-26	28.43	89,220
B/S THIGHS	77-78	76.08	104,840	77-78	73.42	112,520
WINGS (WHOLE)	56-57	58.73	355,840	56-57	60.94	298,360
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.12	31,400	10-12	11.61	49,840
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	20-25	20.84	14,020	20-25	20.99	11,200
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	42.43	34,250	40-45	42.75	31,560

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	
	05/01	04/30	04/29	04/26	04/29	04/26	04/24	04/22
ALA	4,003	4,005	4,004	4,127	5.16	4.84	3,934	4.99
ARK	5,149	5,180	5,223	5,571	4.91	4.81	5,228	4.98
DELMARVA	2,363	2,354	2,304	2,233	5.21	5.09	2,344	5.20
KY-LA-TN	2,033	2,039	2,020	2,163	4.60	4.46	1,994	4.51
MISS	2,830	2,783	2,678	2,612	5.42	5.14	2,604	5.45
NC	2,695	2,662	2,565	2,750	6.02	6.01	2,659	6.07
TEXAS	2,465	2,426	2,456	2,367	5.01	4.86	2,468	4.66
TOTAL	21,538	21,449	21,250	21,823	5.17	5.01	21,231	5.12
MON-WED 64,315 (A)							63,325(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 01-May 02 and is estimated to be 32,223,000 up 1.14 percent from a week ago and up 6.3 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,859,000; last year 30,321,000)

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

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 01-MAY-02

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	05/04/02 (1)	04/27/02
	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	163,741 (2)	163,366
LT HENS	2,123	2,083
HVY HENS	1,422	1,416
CHECK TOTAL	167,286	166,865

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 04-May-02 is 159.6 million head compared to 158.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 164.1 million head or 4.5 million more than estimated available. For week of 11-May-02 the estimated available is 160.0 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 29-Apr-02	123,692	70,543
AM 1-Apr-02	164,226	77,627
CHG	-40,534	-7,084
PCT CHG	-25	-9

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	04/29/02	04/22/02	04/30/01	04/29/02	04/22/02	04/30/01
PACIFIC COAST	12,978	13,099	20,280	3,906	3,535	5,281
LOS ANGELES	103	108	827	2,230	1,858	2,636

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 29, 2002

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

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

	FOR 4/30/02		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.65	1.60	.86
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-
BROILERS lb.	.40	.55	.48
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.80	1.50	1.01
GEESE lb.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	1.05	1.85	1.39
RABBITS lb.	1.00	2.10	1.70
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES lb.	-	-	-
TURKEY POULTS ea.	2.75	-	-

TOTAL COOPS 161

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending April 26, 2002

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/Gizzards
	Hens				
RAYON					
Low	61.01	136.66	78.09	24.40	19.52
High	64.91	146.42	87.85	29.28	29.28
Mostly	53.69	63.45	146.42	87.85	29.28
24.40	53.69	63.45	146.42	87.85	29.28
24.40	24.40	53.69			
SAN JUAN					
Low	59.55	136.66	82.97	29.28	17.08
High	63.45	146.42	87.85	36.61	36.61
Mostly	19.52	55.64	61.01	141.54	87.85
34.17	17.08	55.64			
NEW SAN JUAN					
Low	60.52	136.66	78.09	19.52	19.52
High	51.25	64.43	146.42	87.85	29.28
Mostly	24.40	51.25	63.45	136.66	82.97
24.40	24.40	51.25			
BECERRA					
Low	61.01	141.54	92.74	29.28	14.64
High	51.25	65.40	146.42	102.50	39.05
Mostly	19.52	51.25	63.45	146.42	97.62
31.73	14.64	51.25			

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to moderate and was sufficient in keeping offering in good balance. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 48 to 62 cents. Trade sentiment was at least steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breasts were no more than adequate. Supplies of bone-in breast were tight. Leg quarters were at least adequate. 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	45-61
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	50.32
NO. OF BOXES	8,320

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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