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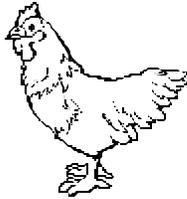
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices were mostly trending higher for next week's trading. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Demand was fair to good supported by many factors, such as retail ads, fast food promotions, first of the month, seasonal business, and upcoming holidays such as Mothers Day and this weekend's Cinco de Mayo. Supplies were usually in balance to close. In the parts structure, bone-in breasts were tight, boneless/skinless breasts were closely cleared. Wings and tenders were at least adequate, and leg items were available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy, mostly desirable weights.

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 05/06/02-05/11/02 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
(Including branded product)				
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	45.00-48.00	45.00-65.25	47.68	25
Los Angeles	68.00			
New York	47.00-49.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	61.50-63.00	46.00-65.00	62.36	85

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 62.75 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
842	57.25-64.75	62.57
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:		
ITEM	WTD. AVG.	VOLUME
(CENTS PER POUND)	(000 POUNDS)	
LINE RUN TENDERS	180.00	1,145
BREASTS - B/S	150.00	4,543
BREASTS - WHOLE	79.50	1,107
THIGH MEAT - B/S	84.50	740
LEG QUARTERS	20.50	8,466
WINGS	62.00	3,314

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MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary prices for next week's deliveries into the Chicago area increased from Monday's final. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was fully steady to firm. Offerings were limited for the fair to moderate trade interest. Retail and food service movement noted as increasing for weekend, mostly fair to fairly good. Food service demand was moderate to good. Increased activity was best for first of month retail features, and foodservice coupons and promotions. Floor stocks were in a full range with weights desirable. Trading on parts was light to fair with buyers becoming more selective and cautious. Supplies of whole breasts were tight, wings and tenders fully sufficient to ample, boneless/skinless breasts sufficient and leg quarters adequate to fully adequate. The market tone was steady to firm on whole breasts, steady on boneless/skinless breasts, barely steady to weak on wings and tenderloins, and about steady on leg quarters.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Demand entering the weekend was fair to moderate, better where retail ads and fast food specials were effective. Supplies were in balance to close of full trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was improved, aided by feature activities. Breast items were in the strongest position with bone-in breasts and fronts often tight and sought. Dark meat was available with leg quarters mixed and unsettled as the export ban continued to effect movement. Wings were at least adequate with little interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices were up 1 cent from Monday's final majorities. Trading for next week's deliveries reported at unchanged to mainly higher prices. Offerings were adequate overall for current needs. Buyers who haven't already committed to product for the up coming Mothers' day were now assessing their needs. Retail demand was good to cover this weekend Cinco de Mayo celebrations; elsewhere demand by stores and restaurants moderate to fairly good best to cover features. Dealers anticipated fairly good weekend clearances. Trade sentiment firm on breast with balance of parts about steady. Ads noted: Southern California - whole body 59-119, whole cut-up 119, whole split 119, best of the fryer 117-119, boneless breast 167-299, boneless breast tenders 299, boneless breast strips 299, marinated boneless breast 299, boneless leg meat 99, whole leg 99, leg quarter 10# bag 390-490, wings 129, thigh 87-129, drumstick 87-129, chicken bologna or franks buy one get one free; Northern California - boneless breast 199-399, drumstick 79-99, thigh 79-99, leg quarter 99, picnic pack 99, Cornish hens 100 (twin pack only); Colorado - roaster 75, boneless breast 300, split breast 79, leg quarter 59; Arizona - Cornish hens 18 ounce 2 for 400, Cornish hens 22 ounce 2 for 500, boneless breast 159-419, drumstick 89, thigh 89, leg quarter 79, 10# bag leg quarter 290-390; Oregon - whole cut-up 99, boneless breast 200; Washington - whole 99, whole cut-up 119, boneless breast 199.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was moderate to instances fairly good as dealers assumed product for weekend needs. Offerings of the 3 pound and lighter birds were in good balance and the heavier weights were well cleared. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate, with the beginning seasonal business providing the best draw. The market tone was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts remained tight. Boneless skinless breasts were balanced. Leg quarters were sufficient. Tenderloins and wings were ample.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was at least moderate. Seller offerings varied but were generally sufficient for immediate needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher 50 to 64 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breasts were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Supplies of bone-in breast were closely cleared to short. Leg quarters were adequate. Wings and tenders were 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	44-64
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	51.45
NO. OF BOXES	8,824
CUMULATIVE	50.30
	04/29/02-05/03/02
	04/30/01-05/04/01
NO. OF BOXES	56.27
	04/29/02-05/03/02
	04/30/01-05/04/01
	46,199
	57,983

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

MAY 02

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

MAY 03

ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS				WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	850	137.00-202.00	140-145	145.82	812	137.00-202.00	137-142	141.11	4,165	141.56
TENDERLOINS	128	125.00-195.00	125	138.38	134	120.00-195.00	120-125	136.63	686	137.25
BREAST - LINE RUN	113	76.00-80.00	77-79	77.42	120	76.00-82.00	77-79	79.10	577	76.00
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				322	61.51
LEGS	88	27.00-36.00	27-29	27.82	89	27.00-37.00	28-29	28.01	441	27.31
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	429	16.00-19.00	16-17	16.58	481	15.00-19.00	16-17	16.67	2,219	16.54
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,155	18.00-25.50	19-20	20.09	1,390	18.00-25.50	19-21	20.37	5,795	20.06
WINGS (WHOLE)	281	50.00-67.00	-	64.06	281	50.00-67.00	61-63	63.74	1,405	64.28
WINGS (CUT)	331	68.00-78.00	-	70.34	335	68.00-78.00	69-70	70.21	1,812	71.03
DRUMSTICKS	68	36.00-41.00	-	36.59	69	37.00-41.00	-	37.52	341	36.78
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				141	38.99
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				115	79.96

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
 TRADING FOR MAY 02, 2002 F.O.B. DOCK. **TODAY'S**

RANGE	AVERAGE
38.63 - 41.50	39.61

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
 TRADING FOR MAY 03, 2002 F.O.B. DOCK. **TODAY'S** **5-DAY**

RANGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE
38.50 - 42.50	40.34	39.21

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 ranged fair to fairly good as dealers assumed product for the weekend. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts were clearing well. Bone-in breasts remained tight. Leg quarters were sufficient. Tenderloins and wings were ample. Movement through retail and distributive channels was moderate to fairly good with continued feature activity stimulating the best draw. The market tone was fully steady to firm on bone-in breasts, fully steady on boneless-skinless breasts, barely steady to weak on wings and tenderloins, and about steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED B/F PARTS, DLIVRD TO 1ST RCVRS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER LB.

MAY 02

MAY 03

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD	CURRENT NEG			WTD	WEEKLY	
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	145-150	144.49	311,920	144.74	491,430	141.27	2,360,900			
TENDERLOINS	115-120	125.86	54,720	122.15	137,720	125.83	483,540			
BREAST - WITH RIBS	76-77	81.19	116,880	78-79	83.23	193,840	79.43	815,080		
BREAST - LINE RUN	76	80.83	114,440	78	81.58	124,440	77.75	630,480		
LEGS	32-33	35.83	99,160	32-33	35.35	163,520	35.51	680,240		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	18-19	19.67	463,187	18-19	20.47	556,217	19.67	2,515,881		
DRUMSTICKS	32-33	33.47	79,140	32-33	33.22	148,740	33.45	580,860		
THIGHS	25-26	28.37	57,850	25-26	28.12	133,860	29.43	453,490		
B/S THIGHS	76-77	82.40	38,000	76-77	79.50	47,320	77.55	384,200		
WINGS (WHOLE)	56-57	60.08	210,000	55-56	57.44	312,470	59.43	1,464,510		
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.07	17,880	10-12	12.21	34,320	12.04	162,760		
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	20-25	20.58	9,280	20-25	22.31	14,480	21.03	61,500		
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	42.22	13,680	40-45	43.05	33,080	42.71	132,570		

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 WTS		AVG WTS	
	05/03	05/02	05/01	04/30	05/01	04/30	04/26	04/24
ALA	4,193	4,008	3,892	3,983	5.09	5.10	4,127	5.04
ARK	4,898	5,337	5,416	5,301	5.03	4.96	5,571	4.89
DELMARVA	2,568	2,426	2,335	2,320	5.15	5.21	2,233	5.16
KY-LA-TN	1,985	2,000	1,971	2,045	4.55	4.59	2,163	4.47
MISS	2,783	2,802	2,741	2,839	5.31	5.27	2,612	5.43
NC	2,812	2,696	2,642	2,609	6.07	6.08	2,750	5.97
TEXAS	2,092	2,467	2,468	2,468	4.92	4.99	2,367	4.83
TOTAL	21,331	21,736	21,465	21,565	5.16	5.16	21,823	5.10
MON-FRI107,382(A)	106,417(A)							

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 03-May 02 and 4-May-02 is estimated to be 31,914,000 down 2.55 percent from a week ago and down 5.5 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,748,000; last year 33,755,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 04-May-02 is estimated to be 156,617,000 head down 0.7 percent from a week ago, and unchanged from a year ago

(Last week 157,688,000 Last year 157,022,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY,

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

(L.A. AREA)	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

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

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending April 20, 2002 (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	36,40324,662	45,954	
Avg Weight	3.754.80	5.98	
% of total /1	34%23%	43%	
COMPARISONS			
Last week	28,32121,086	45,807	
Avg Weight	3.804.84	6.07	
% of total /1	30%22%	48%	
Same week, yr ago /2	33,24226,081	46,381	
Avg Weight	3.834.73	5.99	
% of total /1	31%25%	44%	
To date/2002	489,685373,530	747,461	
To date/2001	515,707418,904	703,631	

/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 27-Apr-2002 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	157,688	1,948	1,368	3,316	513
AVG WT	5.01	3.36	7.85	5.21	6.81
LAST WEEK	158,640	1,910	1,417	3,327	449
SAME WK YR AGO	156,893	1,791	1,396	3,187	492
AVG WT	5.00	3.74	8.01	5.61	6.53
TO-DATE/2002	2,603,211	31,087	22,133	53,220	7,513
TO-DATE/2001	2,550,764	31,505	22,411	53,916	8,510

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 160.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 159.6 million head or -0.9 million head less than or 99% of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: APR 30, 2002

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL POULTRY

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.90 - 2.08	Silkie	2.25 - 3.00ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.90 - 2.10	Pigeons	3.00 - 4.50ea.
Red Fowl 4-4.5 LBS	.40 - .72	White Pigeons	4.50 - 6.00ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.60 - 1.04	Rabbits	
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.60 - .96	4-6 LBS	1.30 - 2.07
Crossbred Roosters		Rabbits	
4-6 LBS	.80 - 1.24	7-11 LBS	1.30 - 1.54
Crossbred Roosters		Bunnies	1.50 - 4.00ea.
7-11 LBS	.80 - 1.10	Guinea Pigs	2.00 - 6.00ea.
Banty Roosters	3.50 - 8.00ea.	Goats	40.00 - 62.00ea.
Banty Hens	2.50 - 4.00ea.	Kid Goats	25.00 - 38.00ea.
Leghorn Roosters	.40 - .62	Doves	6.00 - 8.00ea.

Total Coops Sold 510

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 29-APR-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	123-127
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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)	52-62	58-62
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	62-85	65-73

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 unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Demand was mostly moderate to at times fairly good. Weights were in the desirable range. Schedules full-time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.25-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.35-1.45, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$0.35-.50, livers at \$.75-1.70, and feet at \$.80-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 29-APR-2001

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS MOSTLY	116-124	125

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO

ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	AVG WT
MARCH	23	153.5	99%
	30	147.9	95%
APRIL	6	154.4	98%
	13	159.4	100%
	20	160.6	100%
	27	159.6	99%
YEAR TO DATE	2635.0	2653.5	99%
MAY	4	159.6	
	11	160.0	

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

W/E	-----THOUSANDS-----		% CHG	05/05/01	% CHG
Broilers	156,617	157,688*	-01	157,022*	0
Cattle	726	701	+04	692*	+05
Hogs	1,885	1,923	-02	1,772*	+06

Under Federal Inspection

* ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Majority prices were unchanged to slightly lower on both lights and heavies when compared to a week earlier. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate. Demand ranged light to moderate The undertone was about steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
21.5-25.5 MAJORITY 22.25-23.25	31-38 MAJORITY 31-31.5

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
23-27.5 MAJORITY 23.5-24.25	31.5-38 MAJORITY 33-33.5

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Demand was mostly light to fair for the at least adequate to fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were mostly normal. Sales of finished product was clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were too few to report. Demand for leghorn hens was only moderate with offerings fully adequate for needs. Schedules were as desired for a fair finished supply demand. Trade sentiment was about steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices unchanged. Demand was mostly moderate with offerings fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT Plants schedules full. Offerings ample.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sale prices were too few to report sales. Demand was generally fair for the fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal to heavy. Finished product supplies were adequate to fully adequate for needs. The undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Spent heavy hen demand was moderate for fully adequate supplies. Schedules were full and easily provided sufficient product to cover needs. Trade sentiment was steady at best.

LIVE HENS

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

<u>HEAVY</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(2)
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
<u>LIGHT</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
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

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