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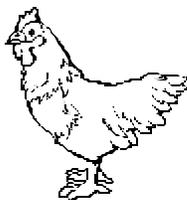
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices for next week's trading was mostly trending unchanged to higher. Trade sentiment was at least steady. Demand covered the full range with trading lighter in some areas since holiday needs were met. However, restaurant and fast food business is expected to increase over the weekend for Mother's Day. Supplies were balanced with heavier weights often more available. In the parts structure, availability of breast items had increased since early week. Dark meat was at least adequate, and wings were ample with both having light movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but 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 05/13/02-05/18/02 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
(Including branded product)				
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	45.00-48.00	45.00-65.75	47.92	25
Los Angeles	68.00			
New York	49.00-51.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	62.00-63.50	46.00-66.00	62.77	82

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 63.25 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.
702	57.65-65.25	63.12

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:

ITEM	(CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	182.00	898
BREASTS - B/S	151.00	3,178
BREASTS - WHOLE	82.50	1,043
THIGH MEAT - B/S	82.00	520
LEG QUARTERS	20.50	5,766
WINGS	59.00	1,939

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MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary prices for next week's deliveries into the Chicago area were unchanged from Monday's final. The trade sentiment for whole broiler/fryers was mostly steady. Offerings of whole fryers and WOG's were sufficient with lighter weight birds in close balance to tight. Retail and food service demand was improved over prior trading period: mostly fair too fairly good into retail channels, although Chicago noted movement somewhat flat and mostly fairly good into food service outlets. Floor stocks were in a full range with some delays noted on deliveries. Weights were desirable. Offerings of whole and small sized boneless/skinless breasts were barely adequate to instances short of trade needs; remaining items adequate with wings ample and leg quarters varied. The market tone was barely steady to weak on wings, steady on leg quarters, mixed on bone-in breasts and steady to instances barely steady on heavy weight boneless skinless breasts.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was at least steady. Demand entering the holiday weekend was fair to fairly good with high levels of optimism due to expected Mother's Day and first of the month business. Supplies were in balance to close for trade needs. In the parts structure, trading slowed some, but was still fairly active. Breast items were more available to well cleared, and not as tight as early week. The remaining items were at least adequate or obtainable with mixed interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trading reported for next week's deliveries or regular commitments at mainly unchanged prices with new negotiations at unchanged to higher prices. Offerings were in close balance on small sized product and often held with confidence, however heavy weights were overall adequate. Demand by restaurants fairly good best where last minute orders were placed for Mothers' Day weekend needs, stores fair to fairly good best for parts. Dealers anticipated good weekend clearances. Ads noted: Southern California - whole body 78-119, whole cut-up 77-89, roaster 129, seasoned roaster 97, Cornish hens 149 (twin pack only), boneless breast 169-399, 3# bag IQF boneless breast 507-567, 4# bag IQF boneless breast 899, 3# bag IQF breast tenderloins 899, boneless leg meat 99-129, boneless thigh meat 168, split breast 97-149, leg quarter 68-89, seasoned leg quarter 77, 10# bag leg quarter 280-290, wings 158, thigh 79-99, 4# bag thigh 356, drumstick 79-99, 4# bag drumstick 356; Northern California - whole body 99, roaster 129, boneless breast 199; Colorado - whole body 79-99, whole cut-up 99, Cornish hen 159, boneless breast 249, 4# bag IQF 899; Arizona - whole body 89, boneless breast 299-399, boneless thigh 199, split breast 88-100, leg quarter 79, thigh 88, 4# bag IQF thigh 399-499, drumstick 88, 4# bag IQF drumstick 399-499.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair to moderate entering the weekend. Offerings of the 3.5 to 4 pound birds were at least adequate, and the 3 pound and lighter birds were in good balance. Movement through retail and distributive channels was about fair to moderate as seasonal business continued to provide the best draw. The market tone was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, breast items were increasingly available. Dark meat cuts were at least sufficient. Wings and tenderloins were ample.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to moderate and was sufficient in keeping the bulk of offerings in balance to well cleared. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderately heavy when combined with spot operations planned for Saturday. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 51 to 65 cents. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, Breast items were fully adequate to ample. Wings were at least adequate and continued to attract buyer interest. Leg cuts varied in availability from plant to plant but were fully sufficient.

*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	49-67
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	53.82
NO. OF BOXES	9,049
CUMULATIVE	
	05/06/02-05/10/02 53.44
	05/07/01-05/11/01 56.38
NO. OF BOXES	
	05/06/02-05/10/02 49,377
	05/07/01-05/11/01 64,394

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

MAY 10

ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS				WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	841	137.00-221.00	142-148	151.10	843	137.00-221.00	140-148	146.42	4,116	149.65
TENDERLOINS	147	115.00-195.00	-	136.17	147	115.00-195.00	-	135.49	882	138.72
BREAST - LINE RUN	85	78.00-82.00	78-80	78.40	131	79.00-85.00	80-82	81.71	573	79.39
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				332	65.53
LEGS	89	26.00-37.00	27-28	27.11	88	26.00-37.00	27-28	27.00	444	27.09
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	329	15.50-19.00	16-17	16.48	351	15.50-19.00	16-17	16.15	1,928	16.34
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,280	18.00-26.00	19-21	20.22	1,300	17.50-26.00	19-20	20.48	6,268	20.39
WINGS (WHOLE)	281	47.00-66.00	60-62	62.65	281	47.00-66.00	60-63	62.65	1,405	63.11
WINGS (CUT)	443	65.00-77.00	66-68	68.64	379	65.00-77.00	68-69	69.30	2,034	69.54
DRUMSTICKS	69	37.00-42.00	-	37.65	68	37.00-42.00	-	37.59	364	37.65
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				115	39.74
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				117	80.84

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
 TRADING FOR MAY 09, 2002 F.O.B. DOCK.

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TODAY'S
RANGE 40.25 - 44.00
AVERAGE 41.74

TODAY'S
RANGE 40.50 - 44.50
AVERAGE 41.89
5-DAY
AVERAGE 41.03

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 mostly fair to moderate ending the week as dealers viewed the holiday weekend as an opportunity to clear inventories and enter next week with ample floor space. Offerings of breast items were increasing in availability. Dark meat cuts were at least sufficient. Wings and tenderloins remained ample. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate with scattered feature activity providing best draw. The market tone was barely steady on breast items, no better than steady on the balance.

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

MAY 09

MAY 10

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	145.81	354,650	145-150	143.93	535,370	144.59	2,172,070		
TENDERLOINS	110-115	114.60	89,440	110-115	103.30	146,160	114.00	549,720		
BREAST - WITH RIBS	81-82	86.48	214,720	81-82	85.60	190,080	86.05	954,600		
BREAST - LINE RUN	81	84.04	122,680	81	83.19	155,960	84.20	675,560		
LEGS	32-33	35.50	143,600	32-33	36.31	122,480	35.92	683,920		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	19-20	20.65	408,985	19-20	20.04	439,714	20.18	2,352,042		
DRUMSTICKS	32-33	35.07	81,840	32-33	34.38	119,940	33.94	561,980		
THIGHS	25-26	28.42	96,100	25-26	30.09	112,530	29.87	470,760		
B/S THIGHS	76-77	78.27	60,120	76-77	76.21	73,960	76.47	370,870		
WINGS (WHOLE)	54-55	56.46	303,920	54-55	58.05	296,400	56.99	1,770,360		
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.22	24,120	10-12	12.19	35,960	12.28	155,320		
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	20-25	19.48	10,440	20-25	21.76	11,160	20.87	61,125		
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.45	16,480	40-45	43.35	26,240	43.86	123,642		

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	
	05/10	05/09	05/08	05/07	WTS	ACTUAL	WTS	
ALA	3,922	3,988	3,963	3,985	5.08	5.20	4,741	5.09
ARK	5,208	5,126	5,098	5,258	4.93	4.89	4,343	5.03
DELMARVA	2,561	2,321	2,326	2,311	5.26	5.23	2,534	5.15
KY-LA-TN	2,003	2,034	2,058	2,046	4.57	4.57	2,143	4.55
MISS	2,904	2,876	2,852	2,806	5.34	5.36	2,800	5.31
NC	2,633	2,688	2,663	2,806	6.13	5.36	2,793	6.07
TEXAS	2,438	2,453	2,424	2,467	4.97	5.02	2,088	4.92
TOTAL	21,669	21,486	21,384	21,679	5.17	5.09	21,442	5.16
MON-FRI108,142(A)								108,339(A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 10-May 02 and 11-May-02 is estimated to be 32,419,000 up 0.76 percent from a week ago and down 3.3 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,176,000; last year 33,535,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 11-May-02 is estimated to be 157,193,000 head unchanged from a week ago, and unchanged from a year ago

(Last week 157,800,000 Last year 157,969,000)

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

(L.A. AREA)	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	90-92
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	95-102
DRY PACK	93-94
ICE PACK	104-113
ROASTERS 4# & UP	113
ICE PACK	94-98
HENS OVER 5#	-
DRY PACK	152-166
DUCKS	

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending April 27, 2002 (Preliminary),

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

Head	29,394	27,747	48,249
Avg Weight	3.81	4.79	6.10
% of total /1	28%	26%	46%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	36,403	24,662	45,954
Avg Weight	3.75	4.80	5.98
% of total /1	34%	23%	43%
Same week, yr ago /2	35,934	21,465	49,248
Avg Weight	3.81	4.71	6.01
% of total /1	34%	20%	46%
To date/2002	519,079	401,277	795,710
To date/2001	551,641	440,369	752,879

/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 04-May-2002 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	157,800	1,946	1,543	3,489	432
AVG WT	5.05	3.54	7.94	5.49	6.61
LAST WEEK	157,688	1,948	1,368	3,316	513
SAME WK YR AGO	157,022	1,754	1,400	3,154	504
AVG WT	5.02	3.38	7.73	5.31	6.68
TO-DATE/2002	2,761,011	33,033	23,676	56,709	7,945
TO-DATE/2001	2,707,786	33,259	23,811	57,070	9,014

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 159.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 159.7 million head or 0.1 million head more than or 100% of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: MAY 07, 2002

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL POULTRY

	RANGE	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	2.10 - 2.34	Silkies 1.50 - 2.25ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.90 - 2.24	Pigeons 3.00 - 3.50ea.
Red Fowl 4-4.5 LBS	.50 - .64	White Pigeons 5.00 - 6.25ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.60 - 1.04	Rabbits
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.80 - 1.10	4-6 LBS 1.40 - 1.98
Crossbred Roosters		Rabbits
4-6 LBS	.70 - 1.24	7-11 LBS 1.30 - 1.62
Crossbred Roosters		Bunnies 1.00 - 5.50ea.
7-11 LBS	.70 - 1.10	Guinea Pigs 2.00 - 4.00ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.10 - 1.25	Kid Goats 25.00 - 40.00 ea.
Banty Roosters	4.00 - 8.50ea.	Doves 6.00 - 8.50ea.
Banty Hens	3.00 - 4.75ea.	
Leghorn Roosters	.24 - .38	Total Coops Sold 548

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 06-MAY-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

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 remained unchanged. Trade sentiment mostly steady. Demand was moderate to fairly good.

Weights were desirable. 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 \$.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 06-MAY-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	30 147.9	155.9	95% 5.31
	6 154.4	157.9	98% 5.07
APRIL	13 159.4	159.3	100% 5.10
	20 160.6	160.5	100% 5.16
	27 159.6	160.5	99% 5.01
MAY	4 159.7	159.6	100% 5.05
YEAR TO DATE	2635.0	2653.5	99%
MAY	11	160.0	
	18	160.0	

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

W/E	-----THOUSANDS-----				
	05/11/02	05/04/02	% CHG	05/12/01	% CHG
Broilers	157,193	157,800*	0	157,969*	0
Cattle	695	726	-04	720*	-03
Hogs	1,859	1,880	-01	1,783*	+04

Under Federal Inspection

* ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Majority prices were unchanged on the heavy canner; unchanged to slightly lower on the lights when compared to a week earlier. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate with demand fair but unaggressive. The undertone was generally steady with some caution noted.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
21.5-25.5 MAJORITY 22-22.5	31-38 MAJORITY 31-31.5

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
22-27.5 MAJORITY 23.5-24	32-40 MAJORITY 33-33.5

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Demand was slow to fair for the mostly fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were normal. Sales of finished product continued to clear the availability of product. The undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was light and too few to report. Offerings easily satisfied a slow demand for raw materials. Schedules were reduced but at least adequate for a fair demand for finished product. Trade sentiment was only steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Offerings fully adequate to instances ample for the moderate demand. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT Plants worked full schedules. Offerings ample.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was generally fair for the mostly fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were normal to instances heavy. Finished product supplies were usually more than sufficient for trade needs. The undertone was mostly steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Negotiations were too few to report. Spent hen demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings. Sales of finished product were slow to fair with scheduling providing fully adequate supplies for needs. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

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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