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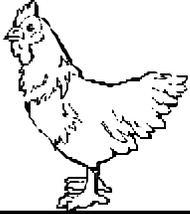
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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were higher in the major terminal markets when compared to a week earlier. Movement was seasonally good. However, rainfall continues to disrupt deliveries in the Midwest. Supplies were balanced to closely cleared on whole product. In the parts structure, trading was limited with inquiry usually met from regular suppliers. Breast were sufficient but noted in better balance, dark meat was generally adequate. Wings were irregular, although readily available in the Northeast. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to trending heavier, but 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 05/20/02 -05/25/02 (cents per lb)

### US GRADE A

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
(Including branded product)				
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	46.00-49.00	46.00-65.75	49.16	25
Los Angeles	69.00			
New York	51.00-53.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	63.00-64.75	47.00-66.00	63.36	81

**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	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
735	58.35-65.25	63.26

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	178.00	993
BREASTS - B/S	151.50	4,073
BREASTS - WHOLE	82.00	1,022
THIGH MEAT - B/S	82.50	680
LEG QUARTERS	20.50	7,164
WINGS	60.00	3,009

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**MIDWEST REGION** Preliminary majority prices for next week deliveries increased from Monday's final. The whole fryer market tone was steady to fully steady. Offerings were sufficient for immediate trade needs. Weather patterns and rainfall continue to disrupt deliveries in some locations. Retail demand was mixed, mostly light to moderate, best for features and slightly improved from prior trading period. Food service demand was irregular, slow to fairly good, mostly moderate with some improvement noted into fast food outlets. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. Weights were desirable to occasionally heavy. Trading on parts continued light to fair, as buyers were selective and hesitant. Offerings were fully sufficient on all items. The market tone was steady to instances weak on wings, whole and boneless/skinless breasts, weak on tenderloins, and about steady on leg quarters.

**SOUTHERN REGION** Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Demand was moderate to seasonally good. Supplies ranged from in close balance to sufficient, but still clearing. In the parts structure, supplies of bone-in breast were irregular although slightly more available than other breast items. Wings were steady, but still obtainable. Leg quarters were reported as balanced. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights but slightly heavier.

**WESTERN REGION** The market tone was firm with trading reported on product for next week's deliveries at mainly higher prices. Offerings were adequate with whole body product less than 3 pounds in the closest position and confidently held. Buying interest was moderate. Demand was fairly good overall. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers. Ads noted: Southern California - whole body 67-89, whole cut-up 119, Cornish hen 99-139, roaster 97, boneless breast 198-399, 3# IQF boneless breast 597, 2# IQF boneless breast 699, 4# IQF boneless breast 869, breast tenderloins 349-399, breast cutlets 298, boneless thigh meat 199, boneless leg meat 99, split breast 99-179, whole leg 79-169, leg quarter 10# bag 290, wings 127, thigh 67-169, drumstick 67-169; Northern California - whole body 99-119, whole cut-up 99-139, Cornish hen 199, roaster 109, boneless breast 298-369, split breast 199, drumstick 87-159, thigh 87-159, whole leg 109, 4# IQF wing buy one get one free; Colorado - whole cut-up 99, breast tenderloins 299; Arizona - boneless breast 259, seasoned boneless breast 199-399, 2.5# IQF boneless breast 699, 3# IQF breast tenderloins 588-899, boneless thigh meat 199, drumstick 99-119, thigh 99-159; Oregon - whole body 57, whole leg 99; Washington - split breast 159, best of the fryers 149.

**NORTHEAST REGION** Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers remained moderate to fairly good entering the weekend. Offerings of the 3 pound and lighter birds were no more than adequate to short at times. The 3.5 pound and larger sizes were in good balance. Movement through retail and distributive channels was seasonally good. The market tone was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were adequate, but better balanced. Boneless-skinless breasts were sufficient. Dark meat cuts were generally adequate. Wings were available.

**DELMARVA** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fairly good entering the weekend. Seller offerings were in close balance to well cleared on 3 pound and lighter sizes. Heavier sizes were at least adequate and clearing. Live supplies were moderate; weights ranged light to heavy, mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderately heavy when combined with spot operations for Saturday. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 53 to 67 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breasts were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Bone-in breast were fully adequate. The balance of items ranged adequate to ample.

\*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	45-68
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	55.54
NO. OF BOXES	8,612
CUMULATIVE	
05/13/02-05/17/02	54.30
05/14/01-05/18/01	56.84
NO. OF BOXES	
05/13/02-05/17/02	47,641
05/14/01-05/18/01	67,612

\*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

MAY 17

ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS				WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	847	135.00-223.00	138-142	141.80	787	135.00-223.00	138-143	142.19	4,112	143.43
TENDERLOINS	142	110.00-195.00	110-115	130.11	138	110.00-195.00	110-115	130.91	652	132.38
BREAST - LINE RUN	96	83.00-85.00	-	83.21	78	82.00-85.00	-	82.38	491	82.59
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				75	65.50-69.00	-	67.37	328	66.44
LEGS	88	26.00-37.00	26-27	27.00	86	26.00-37.00	26-27	26.77	473	26.96
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	391	15.00-19.00	15-17	15.52	441	14.50-19.00	15-18	15.65	2,017	16.08
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,320	17.00-26.00	19-21	20.20	1,348	17.00-26.00	19-21	20.20	6,468	20.11
WINGS (WHOLE)	281	47.00-63.00	60-61	60.52	272	47.00-63.00	59-61	59.85	1,396	61.25
WINGS (CUT)	375	64.00-75.00	64-66	66.13	346	64.00-72.00	64-66	65.60	1,997	66.52
DRUMSTICKS	68	37.00-42.00	-	37.59	68	37.00-42.00	-	37.59	340	37.58
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT				138	39.56
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT				100	84.70

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 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS  
 TRADING FOR MAY 16, 2002 F.O.B. DOCK.

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RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
40.25 - 44.00	41.39

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
40.00 - 44.00	41.51	41.58

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 increased entering the weekend and was moderate to fairly good overall. Offerings of bone-in breasts were at least adequate but noted in a better balance today. Boneless skinless breasts were sufficient. Dark meat cuts were generally adequate and wings were readily available. Movement through retail and distributive channels was moderate to fairly good with scattered features stimulating the best draw. The market tone was about steady.

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

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MAY 17

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	CURRENT NEG			WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	WEEKLY	
	TRADING*	WTD	AVG**			TRADING*	WTD	AVG**			WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	140-145	145.92	318,480	140-145	144.73	422,760	143.21	2,131,024				
TENDERLOINS	105-110	111.55	53,920	105-110	106.05	231,400	106.93	671,600				
BREAST - WITH RIBS	73-74	75.61	280,560	73-74	80.74	189,520	81.13	1,217,920				
BREAST - LINE RUN	73	71.77	160,080	73	72.42	193,600	72.55	868,722				
LEGS	32-33	35.77	170,340	32-33	34.68	156,120	35.47	765,660				
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	19-20	20.70	432,110	19-20	20.60	429,386	20.43	2,502,601				
DRUMSTICKS	32-33	35.25	92,300	32-33	34.42	117,260	34.20	561,840				
THIGHS	25-26	33.91	59,130	25-26	32.36	75,200	30.45	453,140				
B/S THIGHS	76-77	79.34	37,040	76-77	75.98	52,800	75.73	350,820				
WINGS (WHOLE)	54-55	57.47	265,960	54-55	59.79	281,240	57.78	1,617,488				
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.33	25,520	10-12	12.22	33,840	12.27	152,560				
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	20-25	20.76	8,120	20-25	21.45	14,160	20.95	71,270				
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.35	18,520	40-45	43.38	32,160	43.53	164,280				

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		ACTUAL WTS	
	05/17	05/16	05/15	05/14	05/15	05/14	05/10	05/08
ALA	4,001	3,988	3,948	3,983	5.17	5.16	3,981	5.08
ARK	5,385	5,327	5,109	5,289	4.92	4.96	5,320	4.93
DELMARVA	2,536	2,388	2,279	2,216	5.31	5.36	2,559	5.26
KY-LA-TN	1,993	2,013	2,013	1,976	4.58	4.58	1,961	4.57
MISS	2,843	2,849	2,825	2,760	5.28	5.33	2,844	5.34
NC	2,993	2,708	2,669	2,545	6.03	6.04	2,618	6.13
TEXAS	2,438	2,457	2,423	2,445	5.05	4.98	2,290	4.97
TOTAL	22,189	21,730	21,266	21,214	5.18	5.18	21,573	5.17
MON-FRI	108,428(A)				107,310(A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 17-May 02 and 18-May-02 is estimated to be 33,197,000 up 2.55 percent from a week ago and down 5.9 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,372,000; last year 35,269,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 18-May-02 is estimated to be 157,147,000 head down 1 percent from a week ago, and down 2 percent from a year ago

(Last week 158,061,000 Last year 160,375,000)

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

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED** Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending May 04, 2002 (Preliminary),

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

Head	29,458	25,525	57,829
Avg Weight	3.75	4.69	6.07
% of total /1	26%	23%	51%
<b>COMPARISONS</b>			
Last week	29,394	27,747	48,249
Avg Weight	3.81	4.79	6.10
% of total /1	28%	26%	46%
Same week, yr ago /2	32,091	25,699	58,496
Avg Weight	3.76	4.76	6.03
% of total /1	28%	22%	50%
To date/2002	548,537	426,802	853,539
To date/2001	583,732	466,068	811,375

/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 11-May-2002 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	158,061	2,008	1,280	3,288	480
AVG WT	5.24	3.37	7.91	5.14	6.70
LAST WEEK	157,800	1,946	1,543	3,489	432
SAME WK YR AGO	157,969	1,575	1,465	3,040	538
AVG WT	5.20	3.44	8.00	5.64	6.55
TO-DATE/2002	2,919,072	35,041	24,956	59,997	8,425
TO-DATE/2001	2,865,755	34,834	25,276	60,110	9,552

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 160.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 160 million head or 0 million head more than or 100% of estimated fryers available.

**EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: MAY 14, 2002**

\*\*\*AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL POULTRY\*\*\*

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.60 - 1.82	Silkie	1.75 - 2.00ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.60 - 1.84	Pigeons	3.00 - 3.50ea.
Red Fowl 4-4.5 LBS	.40 - .64	White Pigeons	3.85 - 4.25ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.42 - .76	Rabbits	
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.60 - .92	4-6 LBS	1.10 - 1.64
Crossbred Roosters		Rabbits	
4-6 LBS	.70 - 1.10	7-11 LBS	1.10 - 1.38
Crossbred Roosters		Bunnies	1.50 - 5.00ea.
7-11 LBS	.60 - 1.04	Guinea Pigs	2.00 - 4.50ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.10 - 1.55	Goats	30.00 - 48.00ea.
Banty Roosters	3.00 - 7.50ea.	Kid Goats	25.00 - 35.00ea.
Banty Hens	3.00 - 4.50ea.	Doves	6.00 - 7.50ea.

Total Coops Sold 510

**EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 13-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	137	143
MOSTLY		
MIDWEST	122-126	123-127
MOSTLY		

**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	56-62
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	62-85	65-75

**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 moderate to instances fairly good. Weights were in the desirable range. Schedules were mostly 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 13-MAY-2001

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	116-124	125
MOSTLY		

**ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO**

**ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	AVG WT	
APRIL	6	154.4	157.9 98%	5.07
	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
	11	160.0	160.0 100%	5.24
YEAR TO DATE	2954.7	2973.1	99%	
MAY	18	160.0		
	25	159.4		

**BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**

W/E	-----THOUSANDS-----				
	05/18/02	05/11/02	% CHG	05/19/01	% CHG
Broilers	157,147	158,061*	-01	160,375*	-02
Cattle	692	695	0	722*	-04
Hogs	1,860	1,859	0	1,743*	+07

Under Federal Inspection

\* ACTUAL

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Majority prices were generally unchanged on both heavy and light canners when compared to a week earlier. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate. Demand ranged light to moderate. The undertone was generally steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

**LIGHT CANNER HENS**                      **HEAVY CANNER HENS**

**(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)**            **(WITHOUT NECKS)**

21-25 MAJORITY 22-22.5                  31-38 MAJORITY

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                32.5-40 MAJORITY 33-33.5

**EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices were unchanged.

Demand was light for the fully adequate to ample offerings. Processing schedules were at least normal. Movement of finished product was fair with offerings generally adequate. The undertone was steady.

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Sales were too few to report.

Offerings were at least adequate for the mostly light to fair demand. Processing schedules were normal. Sales of finished products were clearing. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices unchanged. Demand continued moderate with offerings burdensome. Excess hens were being sourced into alternative forms of disposal. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

**WEST COAST LIGHT** Plant schedules heavy. Offerings ample.

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was fair to moderate but generally unaggressive for at least adequate to fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were normal to heavy. Finished product supplies were at least sufficient for trade needs. The undertone was about steady to steady.

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Sales were too few to report.

Offerings were at least adequate for the mostly fair to moderate demand. Processing schedules were normal. Sales of finished products were clearing satisfactory. Trade sentiment was steady.

**LIVE HENS**

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

**HEAVY**                                      **RANGE**                                      **MAJORITY**

Southeast Heavy                          TFEWR                          (1)

Southeast Heavy                          TFEWR                          (2)

f.o.b. plant                                  TFEWR

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

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