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Majority prices were mostly higher when compared to previous week. Demand was seasonally fair to good, best for retail ads, fast food, and into restaurants. Supplies were balanced to closely cleared on smaller sizes, adequate for heavier weights. In the parts structure, supplies of all items were sufficient to ample with breast cuts reported as better balanced in some areas. Demand was fair to moderate following the weekend with more interest expected as Memorial Day nears. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to trending heavier, but mostly desirable.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 05/20/02-05/25/02 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG
Bos/New Eng	54.00-56.00	54.25	20	55.48
Chicago	46.00-49.00	49.62	42	51.44
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	53.88
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	58.33
Denver	68.50	68.44	17	66.71
Detroit	47.00-49.00	48.58	12	52.81
Los Angeles	69.00	66.67	71	64.00
New York	51.00-53.00	52.38	24	53.08
Philadelphia	50.00-52.00	50.27	11	50.28
Pittsburgh	50.00-53.00	50.82	11	55.94
St. Louis	49.00-49.25	49.53	21	50.46
San Francisco	69.50	68.80	28	67.30

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	05/20/02	Change/Last Wk	05/13/02	05/21/01
646	56.77	0.82	55.95	59.57

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	53.00-55.00	53.73	34
Central	50.00-58.00	54.45	72
West	53.00-61.00	59.14	47

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	63.00-64.75	63.36	81
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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.

MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG

LOADS	RANGE	FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,162	46.00-65.25	62.32

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	178.00	1,383
BREASTS - B/S	151.00	4,883
BREASTS - WHOLE	82.00	1,142
THIGH MEAT - B/S	83.00	770
LEG QUARTERS	20.50	9,654
WINGS	59.50	3,459

THIS INFORMATION IS SUPPLIED BY THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S POULTRY MARKET NEWS SERVICE.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity was fairly good following the weekend. Offerings were in close balance and well cleared. Movement through retail and distributive channels was seasonal good. The market tone was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, bone-in breast were in good balance; boneless skinless breast were sufficient for trade needs. Dark meat cuts were at least adequate. Wings were available.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand following the weekend was light to moderate with improvements expected as Memorial Day approaches. Supplies were in balance for trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was mixed. Supplies of all items were at least adequate or available with some increased interest for upcoming holiday needs. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable to slightly heavier weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices up 1 cen from last Monday's levels. Trade sentiment was fully steady. Offerings were tight to adequate with heavy weight product in the longest position. Buying interest increased to cover up-coming holiday needs. Demand for product was moderate to good, best for planned feature activities. Dealers reported fairly good weekend clearances. Trading reported on parts for this week's deliveries - leg quarters bulk 20.5-22.5 and 4/10s 22.5-26, drumstick 35-37, breast bone-in 85-93 and boneless random weights 142-146, boneless thigh meat generally 80, wings low 60s and whole leg low 40s. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was up .53 to 55.66 and the volume reported was down 3 percent to 31 loads.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices for this week's deliveries increased one cent into Chicago, up 1.25 cent into St. Louis, unchanged into Detroit with Ohio TFEWR. Trade sentiment on whole fryers was generally steady. Retail demand was fair to fairly good with feature activity providing the best interest. Food service demand was fair to good, best into restaurants and fast food outlets. Floor stocks were generally adequate. Weights desirable to instances heavy into St. Louis. Parts supplies on wings and breasts items adequate to ample, balance of items adequate. The market tone was barely steady on wings and about steady on balance of items.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was moderately good, and was sufficient in keeping seller offerings in good balance to well cleared on all but the 4.0 pound sizes which were fully adequate. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher at 54 to 68 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, boneless/skinless and bone-in breast were in generally good balance. Leg items were irregularly available, but were at least adequate from most shippers. Wings remained 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	48-69
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	55.50
NO. OF BOXES	8,780

*8 of 8 plants reporting:

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was mostly moderate to fairly good following the weekend. Offerings of bone-in breasts were in better balance and clearing satisfactorily. Boneless-skinless breasts were generally sufficient for trade needs. Dark meat cuts were at least adequate and wings were readily available. Movement through retail and distributive channels was moderate to fairly good with some scattered feature activity noted. The market tone was steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT	WTD	VOLUME
	TRADING		AVG	/LBS
BREAST - B/S	140-145		144.69	426,310
TENDERLOINS	105-110		103.64	185,000
BREAST - WITH RIBS	73-74		79.40	198,960
BREAST - LINE RUN	73		74.82	169,400
LEGS	32-33		35.67	151,080
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	19-20		20.12	527,920
DRUMSTICKS	32-33		34.19	86,140
THIGHS	25-26		29.26	82,140
B/S THIGHS	76-77		77.96	43,700
WINGS (WHOLE)	54-55		58.85	405,320
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12		12.45	40,120
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	20-25		19.77	8,560
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45		43.96	18,200

INCLUDES NY CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, N. NJ, MA, CT, RI, AND PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED 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.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS 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	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	920	125.00-145.00	135-145	136.09
TENDERLOINS	480	82.00-115.00	96-110	102.02
BREAST - WITH RIBS	-			
FRONT HALVES	400	55.00-60.00	58-60	58.20
LEGS	NO TRADING			
	REPORTED			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,400	16.00-18.00	16	16.40
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	4,280	15.00-20.00	18-19	18.69
WINGS (WHOLE)	NO TRADING			
	REPORTED			
DRUMSTICKS	NO TRADING			
	REPORTED			
THIGHS	2,160	22.00-23.00	-	22.38

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	05/20	05/16	05/16	05/13	05/09
ALA	4,088	3,900	5.11	3,920	5.03
ARK	5,385	5,047	4.95	5,163	4.88
DELMARVA	2,335	2,387	5.22	2,349	5.29
KY-LA-TN	2,039	2,011	4.51	2,039	4.50
MISS	2,839	2,807	5.28	2,855	5.24
NC	2,678	2,706	6.00	2,619	5.94
TEXAS	2,438	2,498	4.94	2,368	4.86
TOTAL	21,802	21,356	5.14	21,313	5.09
MON	86,311(A)			85,711(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.
 Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 20-May 2002 is estimated to be 32,618,000 up 1.99 percent from a week ago and up 3.12 percent from a year ago.
 (Last week 31,982,000, last year 31,630,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS 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	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
				AVG
BREAST - B/S	872	135.00-220.00	138-143	140.64
TENDERLOINS	146	110.00-195.00	-	131.89
BREAST - LINE RUN	98	82.00-87.00	83-85	83.33
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	86	27.00-37.00	27-28	27.70
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	334	15.50-19.00	16	16.64
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,688	18.00-26.00	19-20	20.63
WINGS (WHOLE)	272	50.00-63.00	-	60.24
WINGS (CUT)	407	64.00-72.00	64-66	67.15
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR MAY 20, 2002 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
39.00 - 44.00	41.32	41.36

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 20-MAY - 24-MAY 2002 CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	130.00 - 148.00	143.00 - 145.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	78.00 - 99.00	79.00 - 85.00
LEGS	29.00 - 42.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17.00 - 26.00	17.00 - 18.00
DRUMSTICKS	30.00 - 42.00	-
THIGHS	24.00 - 42.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	45.00 - 65.00	51.00 - 53.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	25.00 - 40.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 47.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	81
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	84-88
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	86-90
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	589

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

FRESH FRYERS	91-93
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		
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	94-95
	DRY PACK	96-103
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-113
	DRY PACK	113
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	
	ICE PACK	94-98
DUCKS		152-166

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

CHICKEN		17-MAY-2002		
— PRICES —		VOLUME —		
(Cents per Pound)				
FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	15.50	-	40,000	-
WTD AVERAGE	15.50			

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	11.00-15.00	12.75-15.00	1,255,900	468,000
WTD AVERAGE	14.42	13.67		
15-20%				
RANGE	11.50-12.50	9.00-13.25	1,221,294	156,000
WTD AVERAGE	12.11	11.36		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were near unchanged to slightly higher. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were adequate for needs with schedules adequate for requirements. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 20-MAY-02

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
	CENTS/LB.		AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.5-11.75	8.5-9.25	9.06

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

CHICKEN		17-MAY-2002		
— PRICES —		VOLUME —		
(Cents per Pound)				
FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	13.00	102,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		13.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	12.00	10.00-12.00	1,621,600	163,200
WTD AVERAGE	12.00	10.47		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were irregular when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for the mostly 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.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 20-MAY-02.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
	CENTS/LB.		AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-10.5	8.25-10	8.62
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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