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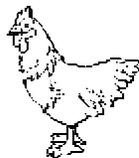
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was steady in the West, steady to firm elsewhere. Retail demand was seasonally fair to good aided by retail features and Memorial Day needs. Food service was fair to fairly good. Supplies of smaller sizes were close balanced to short and confidently held, but heavier weights were at least sufficient. In the Midwest, movement for the holiday weekend was questionable due to previous flooding and possible cooler weather and rain. Truck shortages in parts of the South caused problems and some delays in shipments to other locations. In the parts structure, breast items were moving well with supplies better balanced to short of trade needs. The remaining items were at least adequate or easily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, but mostly desirable.

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 63.75 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 63.25 cents last year on May 23, 2001.

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	178.00
BREASTS - B/S	152.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	85.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	84.50
LEG QUARTERS	21.00
WINGS	60.00

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SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Demand was seasonally fair to good as Memorial Day needs and upcoming features stimulate additional interest. Supplies of smaller sizes were close to well cleared, heavier weights sufficient. In the parts structure, trading was fair to active as interest for breast items increased and availability better balanced to limited. Dark meat and wings were at least adequate or available with mixed movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was seasonally moderate to good. Offerings of the 3 pound and lighter birds were tight. The 3.5 to 4 pound birds were usually sufficient, but clearing well. Movement through retail and distributive channels was moderate to good. The market tone was fully steady to firm with the 3 pound birds in the best position. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were short of full needs. Boneless-skinless breasts were closely cleared. Dark meat cuts were at least adequate. Wings were available.

MIDWEST The trade sentiment on whole broiler/fryers was steady to instances firm. Offerings of lighter weight Wogs and whole birds in close balance to short of needs with heavier sizes mixed. Buyer interest was moderate with most operations focusing on securing enough product to cover long weekend. Retail demand improved slightly with features stimulating shopper interest, although other protein items also heavily featured. Food service movement was fair to fairly good. Distributor optimism was tempered with the St. Louis area still affected by flooding and weather patterns over much of the Midwest call for additional rain and cool temperatures through the weekend. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. Weights were desirable to heavier than desired. Trading on parts varied with supplies adequate or available for trade needs. The market tone was generally steady on all items.

WESTERN The market tone was generally steady. Offerings were confidently held on small sizes with whole body product over 3 pounds fully adequate for current needs. Retailer demand was fairly good overall best to cover features and upcoming 3-day holiday weekend needs. Floor stocks generally adequate. Trade sentiment about steady on parts with breasts in the strongest position.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES	WEEK ENDING 05/18/02		PERCENT CHANGE
	2002	2001	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	214,110	210,697	+02
CHICKS PLACED	171,246	168,987	+01

BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 214 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 18, 2002. This was up 2 percent 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 19-State weekly program placed 171 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 18, 2002. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through May 18, 2002 were 3.39 billion.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 29-Jun-02 IS ESTIMATED AT 155.9 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 157.2 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 158.3 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 159.8 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 59.94 CENTS PER POUND.

MAY 21, 2002

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

MAY 22, 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		MAJORITY	WTD AVG
	(000)	RANGE		
BREAST - B/S	880	135.00-219.00	138-143	140.88
TENDERLOINS	158	110.00-195.00	-	132.95
BREAST - LINE RUN	78	82.00-85.00	-	82.38
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	86	27.00-37.00	27-28	27.70
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	446	15.50-19.00	16	16.13
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,568	17.50-26.00	19-20	20.50
WINGS (WHOLE)	272	50.00-63.00	-	60.24
WINGS (CUT)	439	64.00-72.00	64-66	66.36
DRUMSTICKS	68	37.00-42.00	-	37.59
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

ITEM	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG
	(000)	RANGE		
BREAST - B/S	922	135.00-219.00	145-149	145.89
TENDERLOINS	106	110.00-195.00	-	141.19
BREAST - LINE RUN	113	82.00-88.00	83-85	84.08
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	86	27.00-37.00	27-28	27.70
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	406	14.50-19.00	16-17	16.54
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,608	17.50-26.00	19-21	20.34
WINGS (WHOLE)	272	50.00-62.50	-	59.87
WINGS (CUT)	426	64.00-76.00	64-66	67.08
DRUMSTICKS	68	37.00-42.00	-	37.59
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
38.75 - 44.00	40.50	40.00 - 44.00	42.60	41.48

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 moderate to fairly good during midweek trading as dealers placed orders for the approaching holiday weekend. Offerings of bone-in breasts remained short and boneless-skinless breasts were closely cleared. Dark meat cuts were at least sufficient. Wings remained fully adequate. Shipping availability was problematic as seasonal trucking demand in the South remained strong. Movement through retail and distributive channels was moderate, with planned features stimulating the best draw. The market tone was firm on bone-in breasts, fully steady to instances firm on boneless-skinless breasts and about steady on the balance.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES **MAY 21, 2002**

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
	TRADING*						TRADING*				
BREAST - B/S	140-145			145.63	360,320	BREAST - B/S	145			146.98	342,840
TENDERLOINS	105-110			107.52	88,940	TENDERLOINS	105-110			94.95	81,200
BREAST - WITH RIBS	74-75			81.33	184,200	BREAST - WITH RIBS	76-77			83.62	181,800
BREAST - LINE RUN	74			79.32	142,400	BREAST - LINE RUN	76			81.76	164,280
LEGS	32-33			36.39	124,880	LEGS	32-33			37.46	202,080
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	19-20			20.62	703,521	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	19-20			20.44	440,654
DRUMSTICKS	32-33			33.98	195,990	DRUMSTICKS	32-33			35.87	87,910
THIGHS	25-26			30.61	96,380	THIGHS	25-26			28.84	104,580
B/S THIGHS	76-77			80.68	59,280	B/S THIGHS	76-77			72.44	95,280
WINGS (WHOLE)	54-55			57.09	327,760	WINGS (WHOLE)	54-55			58.89	292,920
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12			12.47	32,400	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12			11.93	42,920
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	20-25			19.56	17,230	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	20-25			21.35	9,160
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45			44.21	29,210	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45			44.62	23,760

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	
	05/22	05/21	05/20	05/17	05/20	05/17	05/15	05/13
ALA	3,978	4,072	4,001	4,327	5.17	4.86	3,948	5.11
ARK	5,368	5,337	5,316	5,111	5.02	4.96	5,109	4.95
DELMARVA	2,362	2,371	2,353	2,476	5.19	5.09	2,340	5.29
KY-LA-TN	2,047	1,998	2,030	1,987	4.68	4.53	2,013	4.64
MISS	2,789	2,876	2,800	2,830	5.32	5.21	2,825	5.36
NC	2,658	2,696	2,654	3,430	6.06	6.01	2,669	5.99
TEXAS	2,454	2,448	2,443	2,557	5.00	4.91	2,423	4.98
TOTAL	21,656	21,798	21,597	22,718	5.20	5.10	21,327	5.17
MON-WED 65,256 (A)	63,854 (A)							

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.
 Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 22-May 02 and is estimated to be 32,400,000 up 1.24 percent from a week ago and up 3.7 percent from a year ago.
 (Last week 32,003,000; last year 31,257,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
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	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 94-95
	DRY PACK 96-103
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 25-MAY-02

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	05/25/02 (1)	THOUSAND HEAD		05/18/02
BRO-FRY	164,422 (2)			164,052
LT HENS	2,002			2,012
HVY HENS	1,467			1,323
CHECK TOTAL	167,891			167,387

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 25-May-02 is 159.4 million head compared to 162.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 164.8 million head or 5.4 million more than estimated available. For week of 01-Jun-02 the estimated available is 158.6 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 19-May-02	194,453		75,484	
AM 1-May-02	151,242		71,915	
CHG	43,211		3,569	
PCT CHG	29		5	

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	05/20/02	05/13/02	05/21/01	05/20/02	05/13/02	05/21/01
PACIFIC COAST	19,839	21,031	23,382	4,147	3,912	5,109
LOS ANGELES	346	353	1,443	2,606	2,452	2,610

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 MAY 20, 2002

	RANGE
HENS ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	56-60
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	59-69

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

	FOR 05/21/02		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.70	1.40	.83
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	1.05	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-
BROILERS lb.	.45	.65	.57
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	1.30	1.55	1.49
GEESE lb.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	1.10	-
DUCKS lb.	1.30	2.15	1.68
RABBITS lb.	1.25	1.85	1.61
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES lb.	-	-	-
GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
TOTAL COOPS	172		

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending May 17, 2002

	Whole Chickens	Legs Breasts	Necks, Backs W/ Thighs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON					
Low	59.87	134.12	76.64	19.16	19.16
High	65.14	143.70	86.22	23.95	28.74
Mostly	62.27	143.70	86.22	23.95	23.95
SAN JUAN					
Low	57.48	138.91	81.43	28.74	14.37
High	61.79	143.70	95.80	35.92	19.16
Mostly	59.87	138.91	91.01	33.53	15.81
NEW SAN JUAN					
Low	59.87	134.12	76.64	19.16	19.16
High	64.66	143.70	86.22	28.74	23.95
Mostly	63.71	134.12	86.22	23.95	23.95
BECERRA					
Low	57.00	134.12	86.22	33.53	16.76
High	62.27	148.49	95.80	38.32	21.55
Mostly	59.87	143.70	91.01	33.53	19.16

DELMARVA

Movement of ready to cook whole birds was generally good. Offerings were in good balance to well cleared on the 2.5 to 3.5 pound sizes; fully adequate on larger sizes. Live supplies were seasonally moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher at 55 to 69 cents. Trade sentiment was firm. In the parts complex, boneless skinless and particularly bone-in breasts were no more than adequate. Leg quarters were fully adequate. Wings were fully 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	51-71
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	56.51
NO. OF BOXES	9,435

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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