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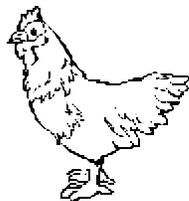
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices were unchanged in the West and Midwest, higher in the East. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand was moderate to good with best movement for retail ads and fast food. Supplies of smaller sizes were in close balance to tight and held with confidence; larger sizes were at least adequate. In the parts structure, bone-in breasts were in good balance and clearing well. Boneless skinless breasts were more than sufficient for trade needs. The remaining items were at least adequate to available with mixed interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, 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 06/03/02-06/08/02 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	48.00-51.00	40.00-66.25	51.04	24
Los Angeles	69.00			
New York	56.00-58.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	63.00-64.75	48.00-69.00	63.66	82

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 63.75 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.
692	61.00-65.75	63.60
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	953
BREASTS - B/S	154.00	4,383
BREASTS - WHOLE	83.50	1,107
THIGH MEAT - B/S	81.00	515
LEG QUARTERS	20.50	8,250
WINGS	58.00	3,199

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MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into the Chicago area were unchanged from Monday's final. Trade sentiment on whole broiler/fryers was steady. Offerings were moderate on heavy weight whole fryers and Wogs, very light on smaller weights. Retail demand was mostly fair and typical or Friday. Food service movement was mixed, light to good, best into fast food and catering. Expectations for improved demand going into first of the month were somewhat reserved by many operators. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Weights desirable. Trading on parts remained selective and generally light. Offerings were sufficient with boneless/skinless breasts discounted to help clear. The market tone was steady to weak on breasts, steady on leg quarters and barely steady to weak on wings and tenderloins.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was at least steady. Demand was mostly fair to moderate best where feature activity was noted. Offerings of 3 pound and lighter sizes were clearing satisfactorily. Heavier sizes were usually sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, bone-in breast were in good balance to close. Fronts were available. Boneless skinless breast increased in availability and was more than sufficient. Wings were at least adequate or available with light interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices were unchanged from last week's levels. Early trading for next week's deliveries reported at mainly unchanged prices on regular commitments, however new negotiations were at unchanged to lower prices on product over 3 pounds and unchanged to slightly higher on lighter weights. Offerings were adequate on small sizes with heavy product ample for immediate needs. Retailer demand was fairly good, best where featured. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers. Ads noted: Southern California - whole body 57-119, whole cut-up 89-119, whole split 119, seasoned roaster 97, boneless breast 177-377, breast fillets 377, breast tenderloins 377, boneless breast 3# IQF 798-799, boneless thigh 168-249, boneless thigh 3# IQF 648, boneless leg meat 89-99, boneless leg meat 10# bag 790, split breast 87, split breast 4# IQF 698 and 3.5# IQF 347, whole leg 79-139, leg quarter 10# bag 290-390, thigh 69-139, thigh 4# IQF 368, drumstick 69-139, drumstick 4# IQF 368, drumstick 10# bag 490, wing drumette 3# IQF 598, party wing 4# IQF 499-698; Northern California - whole body 69, boneless breast 199-399, drumstick 139, thigh 139; Colorado - Cornish hen 99, boneless breast 199; Arizona - whole body 88, Cornish hens 149, boneless breast 297-349, breast tenderloin 3# IQF 799, split breast 128, boneless thigh 128-349, thigh 99, drumstick 99, leg quarter 10# bag 250-690.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was moderate to fairly good entering the weekend. Offerings of the 3 pound and lighter birds ranged closely cleared to tight at times. The 3.5 to 4 pound birds were about adequate. Movement through retail and distributive channels was moderate. The market tone was fully steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were in good balance. Boneless-skinless breasts were at least sufficient. Dark meat cuts were adequate. Wings remained ample.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to moderate. Seller offerings varied by both size and volume and remained in generally good balance entering the weekend. Live supplies were moderate; weights varied in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were mostly moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 58 to 72 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady. In the parts complex, offerings were at least adequate. Boneless skinless breasts were in decent balance at some plants, however, discounting was noted elsewhere. Other cuts were at least adequate for the often cautious buying interest.

*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	56-74	
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	60.93	
NO. OF BOXES	10,637	
CUMULATIVE		
	05/27/02-05/31/02	59.91
	05/28/01-06/01/01	58.72
NO. OF BOXES		
	05/27/02-05/31/02	39,639
	05/28/01-06/01/01	51,320

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

MAY 30	SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS								MAY 31	
ITEM	POUNDS		WTD		POUNDS		WTD		WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	905	140.00-226.00	141-148	147.10	800	140.00-226.00	142-148	147.33	3,613	147.92
TENDERLOINS	136	110.00-195.00	-	136.51	148	120.00-195.00	-	166.69	589	141.97
BREAST - LINE RUN	95	84.00-89.00	85-86	85.39	120	82.00-88.00	85-87	85.79	406	85.27
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				280	64.66
LEGS	86	27.00-37.00	27-28	27.70	86	27.00-37.00	27-28	27.70	344	27.70
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	421	15.50-19.00	16-17	16.53	425	14.50-19.00	16-17	16.79	1,576	16.55
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,250	17.50-26.00	19-21	20.36	1,414	17.50-26.00	19-21	20.40	5,444	20.35
WINGS (WHOLE)	290	50.00-61.00	-	58.91	290	50.00-61.00	-	58.91	1,160	59.17
WINGS (CUT)	407	64.00-76.00	64-65	66.31	347	64.00-68.00	64-65	64.78	1,690	66.54
DRUMSTICKS	67	37.00-42.00	-	37.52	TOO FEW TO REPORT				268	38.64
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				102	39.03
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				62	79.35

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

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TRADING FOR MAY 30, 2002 F.O.B. DOCK. **TODAY'S**

RANGE	AVERAGE
37.75 - 43.50	40.27

TRADING FOR MAY 31, 2002 F.O.B. DOCK. **TODAY'S** **5-DAY**

RANGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE
37.38 - 43.50	40.46	40.60

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 slightly, but was mostly moderate overall as dealers remained cautious and attempted to keep floorstocks in close balance with weekend needs. Bone-in breasts ranged adequate to balanced and boneless-skinless breasts were at least sufficient. Dark meat cuts were adequate. Wings were ample. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate with scattered features generating the best draw. The market tone was steady to fully steady on bone-in breasts, barely steady to weak on wings 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 30	CURRENT NEG			WTD	CURRENT NEG			WTD	MAY 31	
ITEM	TRADING*		AVG**	VOL/LBS	TRADING*		AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
	BREAST - B/S	150-155	151.75	352,850	150-155	149.36	425,850	150.27	1,725,000	
TENDERLOINS	105-110	109.52	65,800	105-110	108.31	107,103	107.77	504,403		
BREAST - WITH RIBS	82-83	89.64	176,520	82-83	89.75	174,640	88.87	672,100		
BREAST - LINE RUN	82	86.65	123,120	82	86.32	175,720	86.09	649,560		
LEGS	32-33	36.85	156,160	32-33	37.62	111,560	36.29	629,720		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21	21.49	362,571	20-21	20.62	514,500	21.15	1,978,167		
DRUMSTICKS	32-33	34.59	155,590	32-33	35.33	136,190	34.58	607,070		
THIGHS	26-27	32.09	83,660	26-27	30.44	106,140	30.85	428,620		
B/S THIGHS	76-77	72.22	154,520	76-77	78.39	51,640	74.53	456,380		
WINGS (WHOLE)	54-55	59.97	283,760	53-54	57.41	291,760	59.04	1,410,000		
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.15	24,760	10-12	12.30	40,680	12.28	141,920		
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	15-20	16.53	9,840	15-20	17.16	13,880	16.31	69,870		
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	30-35	39.27	26,240	30-35	39.14	35,120	39.03	115,260		

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	
	05/31	05/30	05/29	05/28	05/29	05/28	05/24	05/22
ALA	4,245	4,114	4,047	3,976	5.28	5.32	4,286	5.18
ARK	5,618	5,456	5,441	5,061	5.08	5.19	5,576	4.89
DELMARVA	2,309	2,336	2,354	2,361	5.13	5.18	2,959	5.12
KY-LA-TN	2,200	2,020	2,037	2,119	4.73	4.70	2,084	4.67
MISS	2,725	2,864	2,737	2,868	5.28	5.46	2,850	5.35
NC	2,738	2,676	2,632	2,631	6.18	6.09	2,906	6.01
TEXAS	2,975	2,468	2,397	2,473	5.08	5.12	2,387	5.08
TOTAL	22,810	21,934	21,645	21,489	5.25	5.30	23,048	5.17
MON-FRI	97,288(A)				109,474(A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 31-May 02 and 1-Jun-02 is estimated to be 34,126,000 down 1.33 percent from a week ago and down 6.2 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 34,586,000; last year 36,370,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 01-Jun-02 is estimated to be 145,217,000 head down 9 percent from a week ago, and up 2 percent from a year ago

(Last week 159,868,000 Last year 142,428,000)

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

	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#	DRY PACK	
	ICE PACK	94-98
DUCKS		152-166

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending May 18, 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	25,863	33,008	46,888
Avg Weight	3.75	4.71	6.11
% of total /1	24%	31%	44%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	26,861	29,599	50,265
Avg Weight	3.69	4.77	6.06
% of total /1	25%	28%	47%
Same week, yr ago /2	31,129	32,874	48,104
Avg Weight	3.79	4.72	6.12
% of total /1	28%	29%	43%
To date/2002	601,261	489,409	950,692
To date/2001	651,032	521,768	909,723

/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 25-May-2002 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
THOUSANDS					
HEAD	159,868	1,809	1,422	3,231	428
AVG WT	5.07	3.44	7.87	5.39	6.85
LAST WEEK	158,538	1,846	1,280	3,126	423
SAME WK YR AGO	160,883	1,595	1,568	3,163	570
AVG WT	5.02	3.16	8.33	5.72	6.57
TO-DATE/2002	3,237,478	38,696	27,658	66,354	9,276
TO-DATE/2001	3,187,013	38,031	28,304	66,335	10,609

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 159.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 161.8 million head or 2.4 million head more than or 102% of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: MAY 28, 2002

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL POULTRY

	RANGE		RANGE
Pekin Ducks	.80 - .94	Silkie	2.25 - 3.50ea.
Red Fowl 4-4.5 LBS	.30 - .52	Pigeons	3.00 - 3.75ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.30 - .74	White Pigeons	4.00 - 4.50ea.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.40 - .82	Rabbits	
Crossbred Roosters		4-6 LBS	.90 - 1.22
4-6 LBS	.90 - 1.28	Rabbits	
Crossbred Roosters		7-11 LBS	.90 - 1.24
7-11 LBS	.90 - 1.20	Bunnies	1.50 - 4.00ea.
Banty Roosters	4.00 - 8.00ea.	Guinea Pigs	2.00 - 3.50ea.
Banty Hens	3.00 - 4.50ea.	Kid Goats	25.00 - 30.00ea.
		Doves	6.00 - 7.00ea.
		Pullets 4-6 LBS	.60 - .82
		Total Coops Sold	482

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 27-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)	56-62	56-60
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	60-85	68-75

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 mostly steady. Demand was moderate to fairly good. Weights were desirable to at times light. Schedules were usually full-time to part-time for the holiday. 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 27-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	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
	18	160.5	160.0 100% 5.10
	25	161.8	159.4 102% 5.07
YEAR TO DATE	3277.0	3292.5	100%
JUNE	1	158.6	
	8	159.2	

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

W/E	THOUSANDS		% CHG	THOUSANDS		% CHG
	06/01/02	05/25/02		06/02/01	05/25/01	
Broilers	145,217	159,868 *	-09	142,428 *	142,428 *	+02
Cattle	622	701	-11	633	633	-02*
Hogs	1,568	1,842	-15	1,548*	1,548*	+01
Under Federal Inspection						
* ACTUAL						

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL Majority prices were unchanged on heavy canners; unchanged to slightly lower on light canners when compared to a week earlier. Offerings were reported as about 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 (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
21-25 MAJORITY 21-22	31-38 MAJORITY 31-32

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
23-27.5 MAJORITY 23-24	32.5-40 MAJORITY 33-33.5

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Demand was light to fair for the fully adequate to ample offerings. Processings schedules for next week was mostly normal. Movement of finished product was fair with offerings generally adequate for trade needs. The undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was fair for fully adequate offerings of raw materials. Schedules were normal and provided fully adequate supplies for a moderate demand on finished product. Trade sentiment was only steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices unchanged. Demand was moderate with offerings fully adequate to ample of current slaughter schedules. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants were down for Memorial Day but worked full schedules the balance of the week. Offerings ample.

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

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was moderate for the mostly fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal. Finished product supplies were in a full range of about adequate to fully adequate for trade needs. The undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report. Demand for spent heavy hens was moderate for at least adequate offerings. Finished sales were fair with processing schedules providing adequate supplies for needs. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

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