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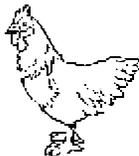
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was mostly, at times about steady in the East. Retail demand was light to fair, best for ads, and first of the month business was less than desired. Supplies of smaller sizes were adequate to close balanced, heavier sizes adequate to ample and easy to find. In the parts structure, trading was light and often cautious with regular commitments sufficient. Breast items were more available, longest for boneless skinless. Dark meat was readily available and wings remained ample. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, 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 remains unchanged at 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 63.50 cents last year on June 06, 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	181.00
BREASTS - B/S	152.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	85.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	82.00
LEG QUARTERS	21.00
WINGS	56.50

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SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was slow and unaggressive to fair, instances moderate for fast food and where features were active. Supplies of smaller sizes were in balance, heavier weights were more available to fully adequate. In the parts structure, trading was light with regular commitments usually sufficient. Breast items were irregular with boneless skinless in the longest position and often discounted. The remaining items were readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was only fair at best during midweek trading. Offerings were mixed in availability, although, all sizes were at least adequate to available. Movement through retail and distributive channels was limited. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items were increasingly available. Dark meat cuts were fully adequate. Wings were ample.

MIDWEST Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment was mostly steady. Offerings remained fully sufficient on heavy weight birds and in close balance on smaller whole fryers and Wogs. Trade interest limited with fill in trading noted in Chicago on Wogs at 36 cents. Retail demand was soft overall and less than expected going into first of the month. Food service demand was irregular, mostly light to moderate. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Weights desirable. Trading on parts was light and contentious as most players content to work off existing inventories and wait for further market developments. The market tone was weak on boneless/skinless breasts, wings and tenderloins, barely steady on whole breasts with dark meat steady.

WESTERN The market tone was generally steady. Offerings were adequate to ample to cover immediate needs. Sizes trended heavier than desired. Demand was moderate to good, best for parts. Floor stocks were adequate overall for current needs.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES WEEK ENDING 06/01/02	2002	2001	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	212,951	210,296	+01
CHICKS PLACED	172,785	171,364	+01

BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending June 1, 2002. This was up 1 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 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 1, 2002. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through June 1, 2002 were 3.74 billion.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 13-Jul-02 IS ESTIMATED AT 158.6 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 155.8 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 158.1 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 138.4 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 60.48 CENTS PER POUND.

JUNE 04, 2002

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

JUNE 05, 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				ITEM	POUNDS			
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG		(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	850	139.00-226.00	141-148	147.38	BREAST - B/S	912	129.00-226.00	140-146	139.83
TENDERLOINS	146	110.00-195.00	110-115	131.89	TENDERLOINS	136	110.00-195.00	110-120	136.51
BREAST - LINE RUN	99	82.00-88.00	84-86	85.33	BREAST - LINE RUN	120	82.00-87.00	82-85	84.18
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	86	27.00-37.00	27-28	27.63	LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	421	15.00-19.00	16-17	16.43	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	421	14.50-19.00	16-16	16.10
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,338	17.00-26.00	19-21	20.11	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,290	17.00-26.00	19-21	20.10
WINGS (WHOLE)	290	50.00-61.00	-	58.91	WINGS (WHOLE)	290	50.00-60.00	-	58.22
WINGS (CUT)	439	64.00-75.00	64-66	66.42	WINGS (CUT)	1,069	64.00-68.00	64-65	64.88
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				DRUMSTICKS	67	37.00-42.00	-	37.52
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S 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
36.50 - 42.00	38.97	37.50 - 42.50	40.79	39.85

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 no better than fair and noted as typical of midweek trading. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts were fully adequate and bone-in breasts were increasingly available. Legs and leg quarters were at least sufficient. Wings were ample. Movement through retail and distributive channels was limited. The market tone was barely steady to weak on breast items, no better than 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 **JUNE 04, 2002** **JUNE 05, 2002**

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD	VOL/LBS	ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD	VOL/LBS
	TRADING*	AVG**					TRADING*	AVG**			
BREAST - B/S	150-155	150.01	651,550			BREAST - B/S	145-150	146.69	434,570		
TENDERLOINS	105-110	105.39	169,840			TENDERLOINS	105-110	105.16	179,160		
BREAST - WITH RIBS	82-83	89.21	160,400			BREAST - WITH RIBS	81-82	88.33	188,240		
BREAST - LINE RUN	82	84.00	187,800			BREAST - LINE RUN	81	82.91	128,440		
LEGS	32-33	35.57	167,000			LEGS	32-33	37.44	126,840		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21	21.41	594,270			LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21	21.46	522,392		
DRUMSTICKS	32-33	34.64	137,500			DRUMSTICKS	32-33	33.82	136,670		
THIGHS	26-27	32.51	137,950			THIGHS	26-27	30.28	110,820		
B/S THIGHS	76-77	71.81	126,290			B/S THIGHS	76-77	77.38	89,340		
WINGS (WHOLE)	53-54	57.50	356,800			WINGS (WHOLE)	53-54	58.28	242,940		
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.69	30,240			BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.96	43,280		
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	15-20	15.62	16,480			LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	15-20	15.11	9,960		
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	30-35	38.74	30,190			GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	30-35	38.56	25,320		

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		AVG	
	06/05	06/04	06/03	05/31	06/03	05/31	05/29	05/27
ALA	4,042	4,087	3,944	4,448	5.19	5.02	4,047	4.39
ARK	5,384	5,484	5,286	5,405	5.10	4.60	5,441	4.20
DELMARVA	2,357	2,337	2,343	2,256	5.13	4.93	2,354	5.55
KY-LA-TN	2,100	2,056	2,079	2,206	4.70	4.60	2,037	4.58
MISS	2,947	2,867	2,922	2,882	5.19	5.26	2,737	5.44
NC	2,484	2,679	2,564	2,810	6.10	5.99	2,632	5.37
TEXAS	2,460	2,444	2,411	2,919	5.08	5.04	2,397	5.11
TOTAL	21,774	21,954	21,549	22,926	5.21	5.02	21,645	4.78
MON-WED65,435 (A)					54,798 (A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 05-Jun 02 and is estimated to be 32,576,000 up 0.30 percent from a week ago and up 6.3 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,480,000; last year 30,655,000)

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

	ICE PACK	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS		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 08-JUNE-02

CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
	CURRENT WEEK 06/08/02 (1)	PREVIOUS WEEK 06/01/02
BRO-FRY	153,063 (2)	147,618
LT HENS	2,017	1,682
HVY HENS	1,568	1,401
CHECK TOTAL	156,648	150,701

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 08-Jun-02 is 159.2 million head compared to 161.6 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 153.4 million head or 5.8 million less than estimated available. For week of 15-Jun-02 the estimated available is 160.6 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 3-JUN-02	199,226		73,633	
AM 1-May-02	151,242		71,915	
CHG	47,984		1,718	
PCT CHG	32		2	

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	06/03/02	05/28/02	06/04/01	06/03/02	05/28/02	06/04/01
PACIFIC COAST LOS ANGELES	24,350	20,000	23,155	4,470	4,342	4,744
	349	341	1,839	2,991	2,808	2,452

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 JUNE 03, 2002

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

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

	FOR 6/04/02		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.50	.80	.62
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	1.65	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	.35	.75	.53
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-
BROILERS lb.	.45	.70	.55
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.85	1.65	1.45
GEESE lb.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	.70	-
DUCKS lb.	.70	2.15	1.53
RABBITS lb.	-	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	2.40	4.00	-
SILKIES lb.	-	-	-
GOSLINGS ea.	2.00	5.50	-

TOTAL COOPS 181

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending MAY 31, 2002

	Whole		Legs W/Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards Hens	
	Chickens	Breasts				
RAYON						
Low	61.26	131.95	75.40	23.56	18.85	54.20
High	65.03	141.38	84.83	28.28	23.56	54.20
Mostly	63.62	141.38	84.83	23.56	23.56	54.20
SAN JUAN						
Low	63.62	141.38	84.83	32.99	16.49	54.20
High	70.69	150.80	98.97	42.41	21.21	54.20
Mostly	65.98	146.09	89.54	37.70	18.85	54.20
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	60.32	131.95	75.40	23.56	18.85	51.84
High	64.56	141.38	84.83	28.28	23.56	51.84
Mostly	62.68	141.38	84.83	23.56	23.56	51.84

BECERRA

Low	65.51	136.67	94.25	32.99	16.49	57.49
High	73.05	150.80	103.68	42.41	23.56	57.49
Mostly	65.98	146.09	98.97	35.34	18.85	57.49

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light and unaggressive with buyer interest generally limited to previous commitments. Offerings were adequate to ample for current inquiry. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights varied in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 58 to 72 cents. Trade sentiment was no better than steady. In the parts complex, all cuts were more than sufficient for the 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	45-79
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	61.18
NO. OF BOXES	9,469

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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