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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were unchanged in the West, higher elsewhere. Trade sentiment was steady to firm. Demand into all channels following the weekend was fair to good, best for retail ads, fast food promotions, and restaurants; however, in the Midwest, activity was limited due to cool and windy weather. Supplies were usually in good balance for trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was moderate to fairly good with further developments being monitored and needs assessed. Breast items were adequate to tight and clearing well, wings were in good balance, and dark meat was available, but moving. In production areas, live supplies were moderate with weights in a full range.

**Final report** of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 05/12/03-05/16/03 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
	<b>Delivered to First Receivers</b>				
Bos/New Eng	54.00-58.00	56.00	15	57.25	28
Chicago	49.00-52.00	52.04	37	54.48	74
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	—	—	58.48	23
Denver	68.50	68.46	17	68.24	20
Detroit	52.00-53.00	53.18	11	56.68	41
Los Angeles	69.00	67.09	62	64.49	129
New York	53.00-56.00	55.09	23	56.18	47
Philadelphia	53.50-56.00	54.50	10	53.31	21
Pittsburgh	54.00-57.00	55.18	11	58.76	58
St. Louis	51.50-51.75	51.37	26	52.02	45
San Francisco	69.50	68.32	30	66.58	78

### Composite Weighted Average

Loads	05/12/03	Change/Last Wk	05/05/03	05/13/02
564	59.02	1.13	57.89	55.95

**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	55.00-57.00	55.29	31
Central	52.00-59.50	57.06	63
West	52.00-59.00	57.51	48
Mississippi	Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent		82
	63.00-64.50	63.62	

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 64.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,265	49.00-66.00	63.00

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	185.50	1,429
BREASTS - B/S	164.50	5,210
BREASTS - WHOLE	89.00	1,555
THIGH MEAT - B/S	62.50	975
LEG QUARTERS	21.50	9,438
WINGS	72.00	3,519

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

**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole/fryers was fair to moderate entering the week. Offerings of all sizes were in good balance. Retail and distributive draw was fair to moderate. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm. In the parts complex, all cuts were closely cleared with premiums noted.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Demand over the weekend was brisk due to effective retail features and first of the month business. Supplies were close balanced to well cleared and moving well. In the parts structure, trading was moderate to good aided by retail ads and fast food promotions. Breast items were barely adequate to short of an active call, wings were in balance to close, and dark meat was in good shape with increased interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate with weights mixed but mostly desirable.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Final majority prices were unchanged. Trading reported for this week's delivery on heavy weight WOGs at mainly unchanged prices and small sized at unchanged to generally higher. Offerings were in fairly good balance on lightweight product and confidently held; however heavier weights were fully adequate. Post Mother's day needs had decreased but were moderate overall by restaurants; demand by stores was fairly good best to cover features planned. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. Trading reported on parts: leg quarters bulk 23-24 and 4/10s mainly 24, boneless leg meat and thigh meat mid 60s, drumstick high 20s, breast bone-in 93-100 and boneless 150-158. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was up 1.74 to 53.57 with the volume reported at 35 loads up 6 percent.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Ohio majority prices were too few to report; other areas prices increased from last Monday's final majorities. Whole bird market tone was mostly fully steady. Offerings were balanced. Retail and food service movement was fair to very good, best into restaurants, fast food and casual dining. Some areas noted cool temperatures and high winds diminished movement. Floor stocks were adequate to short. Weights mostly desirable. Parts interest was moderate to instances good with supplies balanced and held with confidence. The market tone was steady on wings, fully steady to firm on other breast items, and steady to fully steady on dark meat items.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fairly good entering the week. Seller offerings were well balanced and clearing satisfactorily. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were desirable to light. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher at 55 to 65 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady. In the parts complex, breast items were in close balance to tight. Leg quarters and wings were in good balance and well cleared.

\*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	51-67
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	57.65
NO. OF BOXES	8,279

\*8 of 8 plants reporting.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying activity was fair to moderate entering the week as dealers assessed the market. Offerings of bone-in breasts remained tight and boneless-skinless breasts were in good balance. Dark meat cuts continued to clear well. Wings were adequate to balanced, tenderloins were closely cleared. Retail and distributive movement was moderate. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm.

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

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT TRADING	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S		165-170	159.63	553,000
TENDERLOINS		140-145	143.01	148,240
BREAST - WITH RIBS		87-88	93.32	147,600
BREAST - LINE RUN		87	89.37	78,440
LEGS		33-34	32.58	269,840
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)		23-24	24.35	375,487
DRUMSTICKS		23-24	29.92	71,640
THIGHS		25-26	33.47	40,040
B/S THIGHS		63-64	68.44	84,720
WINGS (WHOLE)		63-64	68.57	205,520
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)		10-12	12.14	39,000
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)		25-30	24.34	10,240
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)		35-40	40.67	23,480

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (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.

**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	1,375	139.00-176.00	142-149	145.65
TENDERLOINS	422	133.00-176.00	-	150.98
BREAST - WITH RIBS	241	84.00-96.00	85-86	87.20
FRONT HALVES	179	69.00-78.00	69	69.96
LEGS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	813	19.00	-	19.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,566	18.00-22.00	19-20	20.10
WINGS (WHOLE)	887	52.00-78.00	66-70	66.83
DRUMSTICKS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
THIGHS	1,086	17.00-20.00	20	19.67

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	05/12	05/08	05/08	05/05	05/01
ALA	4,032	3,907	5.12	4,045	5.11
ARK	5,221	4,806	4.90	4,692	4.65
DELMARVA	2,319	2,345	5.12	2,276	5.13
KY-LA-TN	1,946	1,727	4.67	1,894	4.79
MISS	2,979	2,957	5.17	2,988	5.36
NC	2,589	2,552	6.09	2,525	6.04
TEXAS	2,478	2,471	4.86	2,455	4.95
TOTAL	21,564	20,765	5.13	20,875	5.10
MON	21,564 (A)			20,875 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 12-May 2003 is estimated to be 32,262,000 up 2.99 percent from a week ago and up 2.99 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,325,000 last year 31,325,000)

**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	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	632	149.00-240.00	151-153	152.90
TENDERLOINS	188	140.00-200.00	140-146	152.14
BREAST - LINE RUN	108	85.00-91.00	89-91	89.20
FRONT HALVES	75	75.00-79.00	75-77	76.87
LEGS	103	23.00-37.00	24-25	25.64
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	591	18.00-21.00	19-20	19.38
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,195	18.00-23.00	21-22	20.92
WINGS (WHOLE)	283	64.00-72.00	-	71.01
WINGS (CUT)	390	78.00-85.00	82-84	82.54
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

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 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR MAY 12, 2003 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
46.50 - 50.00	48.13	47.56

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.

**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 12-MAY-2003 TO 16-MAY-2003 CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	130.00 - 169.00	152.00 - 162.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	85.00 - 99.00	88.00 - 93.00
LEGS	30.00 - 37.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	19.00 - 24.50	21.00 - 22.00
DRUMSTICKS	23.00 - 35.00	-
THIGHS	23.00 - 35.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	62.00 - 77.00	70.00 - 72.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 40.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 45.00	-

**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	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	589

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

FRESH FRYERS	87-93
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	63
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**

**DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	96-99
	DRY PACK	103-104
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-105
	DRY PACK	113
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	
	ICE PACK	91-98
DUCKS		155-166

**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.

09-MAY-2003

**CHICKEN**                      — 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	15.75-18.50	17.00	550,000	520,000
WTD AVERAGE	17.13	17.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	11.00-17.00	10.50-16.50	1,976,000	416,000
WTD AVERAGE	12.50	12.68		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	11.00	80,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		11.00		

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

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair at best the at least adequate to fully adequate offerings. Movement of finished product was moderate. Processing schedules were normal to less than normal. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER

THE WEEK OF 12-MAY-03.	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-9.5	8-8.5	8.02
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\*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.

09-MAY-2003

**CHICKEN**                      — 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	16.00	13.00-15.00	121,600	-
WTD AVERAGE	16.00	14.61		
15-20%				
RANGE	-	10.50-17.00	1,288,800	40,800
WTD AVERAGE		12.62		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	13.00	81,600	-
WTD AVERAGE		13.00		

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

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading levels were generally unchanged compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were fair with schedules sufficient for needs. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 12-MAY-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
	CENTS/LB.		
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5.75-10.5	8-8.5	8.44

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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