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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices for next week's trading was mostly trending unchanged. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand was light to moderate into retail, food service was fair to good, best into fast food and catering services; next week's outlook for first of the month was mixed. Supplies were at least adequate or available. In the parts structure, trading was fair to moderate, but may be affected in the East due to possible adverse weather over the weekend. Interest for breast items and wings slowed, resulting in increased availability, and dark meat was in good balance and moving well both domestically and into export channels. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**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 06/02/03-06/06/03 (cents per lb)

### US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	52.00-55.00	52.00-62.00	54.64	23
Los Angeles	70.00			
New York	56.00-59.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	64.00-66.50	51.00-67.00	64.97	82

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 65.25 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.
888	58.40-67.50	64.97
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:		
	WTD. AVG.	VOLUME
ITEM	(CENTS PER POUND)	(000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	200.00	1,284
BREASTS - B/S	181.00	5,188
BREASTS - WHOLE	102.00	1,763
THIGH MEAT - B/S	74.00	918
LEG QUARTERS	25.00	8,577
WINGS	73.00	3,030

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**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Preliminary prices for next week's deliveries into the Chicago area were unchanged from Tuesday's final. The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was steady. Offerings were adequate and slightly more available than midweek. Trade interest was light to instances fair. Retail demand was light to moderate with mixed anticipation for first of the month demand. Food service movement was moderate to good into businesses with catering and into fast food outlets, otherwise irregular. Floor stocks were adequate to barely adequate. Weights were desirable. Parts supplies were adequate with boneless/skinless breast supplies more available since the holiday. Demand for dark meat items was fairly good; both domestically and into export markets with demand for breast items mixed, mostly light. The market tone on all parts overall was steady, undertone barely steady to weak on breast items.

**SOUTHERN BROILER** Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand entering the weekend was fair to moderate, best for retail ads and fast food, with hopes that next week's first of the month business will increase interest. Supplies were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was mixed, mostly fair, with all items available to close, but not difficult to locate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Preliminary majority prices were unchanged from last week's level. Trading reported on WOGs for next weeks' deliveries at mainly unchanged prices on regular commitments, however new negotiations were mixed with lightweight

product in the strongest position. Buying activity was fair. Retailer demand was fairly good, best to cover features. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances.

**Ads noted** (per pound unless otherwise stated):

**Southern California** – whole body 57-119, whole cut-up 119, Cornish hen 129, marinated Cornish hen 199, boneless breast 199-349, boneless breast 4# IQF bag 1099, breast fillet 397, 3# IQF bag breast fillet 698, breast tender 397, 3# IQF bag breast tender 698, boneless thigh meat 79-199, 3# IQF bag boneless thigh 498, boneless leg meat 79-118, marinated leg meat 69-199, split breast 97-249, 4# IQF bag split breast 598, leg quarter 89, 10# bag leg quarter 290-390, marinated leg quarter 89, wing IQF 5# bag 499-500, wing IQF 4# bag 598, wing drumette 3# IQF bag 598, thigh 59-169, thigh 4# bag IQF 268, drumstick 59-169, drumstick 4# bag IQF 268, drumstick 5# bag 245, (food service deli section – fried mixed 8 piece 599, 8 piece drumstick and thigh 399);

**Northern California** – whole 99, whole cut-up 149, whole range free 179, boneless breast 399-499, split breast 99, leg quarter 79, whole leg 149, drumstick 139-149, thigh 139-149, wing 139; Colorado – whole 59, roaster 99-149, boneless 179-399, boneless thigh 199, breast tender 4# IQF bag 999, (food service deli section – fried mixed 8 piece 399 and 50 piece 2499); Arizona – boneless breast 188-399, boneless thigh 199, boneless tender 299-399, leg quarter 69-99, wing 89, thigh 89-139, drumstick 89-139, ground breast 299.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS** Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly fair to moderate at best entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes were at least sufficient for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was no better than fair as cool temperatures and rainy weather had curtailed consumer activity. The market tone was at least steady. In the parts complex, boneless-skinless breasts were sufficient and bone-in breasts were fully adequate. Dark meat cuts and wings were sufficient.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds ranged fair to good, mostly moderate entering entering the weekend. Seller offerings were adequate to fully adequate with 3 pound and over sizes in the best balance. Live supplies were moderate; weights were in a full range of light to heavy. Processor schedules were mostly moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 57 to 67 cents. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Breast items increased in availability and were fully sufficient for trade needs. Leg items were irregular and ranged closely cleared to fully adequate. Wings were available and generally slow to clear.

\*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	55-70
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	60.10
NO. OF BOXES	9,625
CUMULATIVE	59.76
	05/26/03-05/30/03
	59.91
	05/27/02-05/31/02
NO. OF BOXES	40,227
	05/26/03-05/30/03
	39,639
	05/27/02-05/31/02

\*8 of 8 plants reporting.

MAY 29

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

MAY 30

ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS				WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	837	151.00-255.00	159-162	161.89	842	155.00-255.00	158-164	164.27	3,363	164.77
TENDERLOINS	224	155.00-211.00	157-160	163.92	106	155.00-211.00	155-160	172.17	734	166.18
BREAST - LINE RUN	110	94.00-107.00	95-97	96.95	110	95.00-107.00	95-97	97.27	395	97.39
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				214	84.73
LEGS	92	28.00-40.00	29-30	30.80	92	28.00-40.00	29-30	30.78	361	30.61
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	627	21.00-23.50	22	22.00	601	21.00-23.50	21-22	21.96	2,475	21.99
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	904	23.00-28.00	25	25.01	1,290	23.00-27.00	25	25.00	3,904	24.98
WINGS (WHOLE)	280	69.00-74.50	70-72	73.57	100	69.00-74.50	69-73	71.90	760	72.74
WINGS (CUT)	465	82.00-90.00	83-85	84.62	435	82.00-90.00	83-85	84.56	1,763	84.66
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				302	43.03
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				132	42.36
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				121	73.22
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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS					WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS					
TRADING FOR MAY 29, 2003 F.O.B. DOCK.					TRADING FOR MAY 30, 2003 F.O.B. DOCK.					
<b>TODAY'S</b>					<b>TODAY'S</b>					
<b>RANGE</b>					<b>RANGE</b>					
51.50 - 55.75					50.50 - 54.75					
<b>AVERAGE</b>					<b>AVERAGE</b>					
53.67					53.71					
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.					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 interest was generally fair to no better than moderate entering the weekend as cool weather and thunderstorm activity remained in the forecast. However, dealers were looking at approaching first of the month business with optimism. Offerings of breast items were at least sufficient, with bone-in breasts noted in the longest position. Dark meat cuts and wings were generally adequate. Retail and distributive movement was lackluster. The market tone remained cautious on bone-in breasts and mostly steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED B/F PARTS, DLVRD TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER LB. MAY 30

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			CURRENT NEG			WEEKLY		
	TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS	
BREAST - B/S	175	170.89	389,240	175	171.23	486,640	171.18	1,775,260	
TENDERLOINS	155-160	155.64	104,040	155-160	157.12	153,960	158.71	507,420	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	95-96	101.07	208,760	95-96	99.96	269,960	100.91	796,640	
BREAST - LINE RUN	95	96.73	121,120	95	97.47	90,560	97.38	428,320	
LEGS	34-35	35.32	250,240	34-35	36.20	210,080	34.77	1,013,124	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	26-27	25.32	574,648	26-27	25.12	405,195	25.27	1,955,135	
DRUMSTICKS	28-29	33.62	112,500	28-29	31.97	141,560	32.46	613,116	
THIGHS	27-28	35.69	79,480	27-28	34.33	85,880	35.15	375,817	
B/S THIGHS	67-68	69.70	60,880	67-68	69.67	78,685	70.59	337,005	
WINGS (WHOLE)	66-67	73.04	131,520	66-67	74.92	195,400	73.80	734,040	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.11	41,840	10-12	11.96	43,640	12.06	157,920	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	26.09	16,400	25-30	23.72	16,240	24.62	60,185	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35-40	40.62	27,336	35-40	39.97	25,280	40.64	108,606	

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 SHIPPE, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

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

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL		AVG WTS	
	05/30	05/29	05/28	05/27	05/28	05/27	05/23	05/21	05/23	05/21
ALA	4,040	4,026	3,956	4,033	5.27	5.31	4,088	5.22	5.22	5.22
ARK	5,569	5,328	5,217	5,176	5.12	5.08	5,491	5.03	5.03	5.03
DELMARVA	2,306	2,357	2,406	2,355	5.31	5.32	2,801	5.08	5.08	5.08
KY-LA-TN	1,896	1,971	2,002	1,967	4.89	4.91	2,550	4.79	4.79	4.79
MISS	3,092	2,991	3,009	2,974	5.45	5.40	2,517	5.38	5.38	5.38
NC	2,731	2,593	2,612	2,659	6.20	6.29	2,710	6.12	6.12	6.12
TEXAS	2,620	2,470	2,421	2,417	4.87	5.03	2,481	4.93	4.93	4.93
TOTAL	22,254	21,736	21,623	21,537	5.30	5.32	22,638	5.21	5.21	5.21
MON-FRI	96,543(A)				108,670(A)					

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 30-May 03 and 31-May-03 is estimated to be 33,294 ,000 down 1.99 percent from a week ago and down 0.8 percent from a year ago.  
 (Last week 33,971,000; last year 33,547 ,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 31-May-03 is estimated to be 140,301 ,000 down 8 percent from a week ago and down 4 percent from a year ago  
 (Last week 152,049,000 Last year 145,651,000)

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

FRESH FRYERS	88-94
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**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	104-105
DRY PACK	97-99
ICE PACK	113
ROASTERS 4# & UP	104-105
DRY PACK	91-98
ICE PACK	
HENS OVER 5#	
DRY PACK	155-166
DUCKS	

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED** Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 17-May-03 (Preliminary),

	(A) Fast food/ Food service	(B) Retail	(C) Deboning
	4.20 Lbs & down	4.21-5.25 Lbs	5.26 Lbs & Up
-----THOUSANDS-----			

Head	30,155	22,403	52,665
Avg Weight	3.78	4.81	6.06
% of total /1	29%	21%	50%

**COMPARISONS**

Last week	25,759	32,656	48,513
Avg Weight	3.79	4.82	6.09
% of total /1	24%	31%	45%

Same week, yr ago /2	25,863	33,008	46,888
Avg Weight	3.75	4.71	6.11
% of total /1	24%	31%	44%

To date/2003	491,613	462,399	878,103
To date/2002	601,261	489,409	950,692

/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 24-May-2003 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	159,049	1,624	1,463	3,087	470
AVG WT	5.01	3.45	8.26	5.73	6.85
LAST WEEK	155,533	1,493	1,313	2,806	418
SAME WK YR AGO	159,868	1,809	1,422	3,231	428
AVG WT	5.07	3.44	7.87	5.39	6.85
TO-DATE/2003	3,167,857	35,319	27,836	63,155	8,892
TO-DATE/2002	3,237,478	38,696	27,658	66,354	9,276

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 158.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 161 million head or 2.6 million head more than or 102% of estimated fryers available.

**EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY** - DATE OF AUCTION: MAY 27, 2003  
 PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

\*\*\*AI PAPERS REQUIRED FOR ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY\*\*\*

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.90 - 1.25	Silkie	4.50 - 5.00ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.90	Geese	
Pekin Ducks	3.00 - 3.25ea.	9-14 LBS	.40 - .50
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.70 - .90	Pigeons	4.00 - 4.50ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.90 - 1.20	White Pigeons	4.00 - 4.10ea.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.60 - 1.10	Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.90 - 2.27
Crossbred Roosters		Rabbits 6-9 LBS	1.50 - 1.90
4-6 LBS	1.15 - 1.60	Bunnies	1.00 - 6.00ea.
Crossbred Roosters		Guinea Pigs	4.00 - 7.00ea.
7-11 LBS	.75 - 1.50	Goats	45.00 - 90.00ea.
Guinea Fowl	2.00 - 2.10	Kid Goats	22.00 - 30.00ea.
Banty Roosters	3.50 - 5.00ea.	Doves	9.00 - 9.50ea.
Banty Hens	1.75 - 2.50ea.		

Total Coops Sold 756

**EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 26-MAY-2003  
**DUCKLINGS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND MOSTLY	140	146
MIDWEST MOSTLY	124-128	125-130

**ROASTERS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	57-65.50	61-64.50
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	60-86.50	68-72.50

**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 remained unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was usually moderate. Weights were in the desirable range. Schedules full-time. 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 \$0.30-0.45, livers at \$0.75-1.70, and feet at \$0.80-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 26-MAY-2003

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS MOSTLY	107-124	125

**ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT	
APRIL	19	146.2	154.5	95%	5.31
	26	155.2	156.2	99%	5.16
MAY	3	158.7	158.3	100%	5.09
	10	157.5	159.2	99%	5.20
	17	157.4	158.7	99%	5.25
	24	161.0	158.4	102%	5.01
YEAR TO DATE	3206.4	3243.8	99%		
MAY	31	158.0			
JUNE	7	159.0			

**BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**

	-----THOUSANDS-----					
W/E	05/31/03	05/24/03	% CHG	06/01/02	% CHG	
Broilers	140,301	152,049 *	-08	145,651*	-04	
Cattle	652	763	-15	630*	+03	
Hogs	1,505	1,807	-17	1,583*	-05	

Under Federal Inspection

\* ACTUAL

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Majority prices were generally unchanged on both heavy and light cannery when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to fair. Trading was limited on heavy cannery. Offerings were in close balance. The undertone was at least steady on both light and heavy cannery.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b> <b>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b> 21-25 MAJORITY 23-23.5	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b> <b>(WITHOUT NECKS)</b> 30-35 MAJORITY 32.5-33
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CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b> <b>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b> 23-26.5 MAJORITY 25-25.5	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b> <b>(WITHOUT NECKS)</b> 32.5-37 MAJORITY 34-34.5
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**LIGHT TYPE HENS**

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

**EASTERN REGION** Removal values were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Offerings of spent hens were fully adequate for current trade needs. Demand was fair to moderate. Processing schedules were reported as mostly normal. Opinions on removal cost were generally steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	0-11	8-9

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Costs of disposal of leghorn fowl continue to increase slightly when compared to the past week. Offerings are fully adequate. Schedules are adjusted for finished sale requirements. Trade sentiment was mixed.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Values were unchanged to higher. Offerings were mostly ample. Demand was mostly light to instances moderate. Opinions of value were about steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	0-10.25	10-10.25

**WEST COAST LIGHT** Plants worked lighter holiday week schedules. Offerings adequate.

**HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \***  
PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR  
SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 02 -JUN-03

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was mostly fair for the at least adequate offerings. Movement of finished product was fair to moderate. Processing schedules were reported as normal. The undertone was generally steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading was too few to report. Interest for heavy hens was fair. Offerings were adequate for needs. Sales of dressed product were moderate. Trade sentiment was usually steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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