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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail demand was light to fair, which is not unusual for this period of the month. Food service was light to moderate, at times fairly good for fast food and catering. Supplies were usually sufficient with heavier weights in the longest position. In the parts structure, trading was fair at best with regular commitments capable of satisfying needs. Breast items and wings were at least adequate or available, and dark meat was in good supply and in the best balance. 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 66.00 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 63.75 cents last year on June 19, 2002.

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	199.00
BREASTS - B/S	182.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	100.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	73.00
LEG QUARTERS	26.00
WINGS	73.50

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**SOUTHERN** Trade sentiment was generally steady. Retail demand was light to fair, food service was fair to moderate, best for fast food. Supplies were usually in balance for trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was light to fair with all items at least adequate or available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST** Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly fair during midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes were generally sufficient for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were available and boneless-skinless breasts were at least sufficient. The balance of cuts were adequate, but manageable.

**MIDWEST** The whole fryer market tone was mostly steady. Offerings were light on limited trade interest. The St. Louis and Michigan areas reported fair to good consumer and trade interest into retail and food service channels; other areas noted light to fair interest. Best demand noted into catering, retail features. Floor stocks were in balance, weights mostly desirable. Trading on parts items was light to fair as regular commitments satisfy current trade needs. Supplies of all items were available with dark meat cut in the best balance. The market tone was generally steady overall, instances barely steady, undertone weak on breast items and wings.

**WESTERN** The market tone was generally steady. Whole body offerings were fully adequate with product over 3.5 pounds in the longest position. Buying activity was fair. Retailer demand was moderate to fairly good, best for parts and whole body where features in progress. Floor stocks mainly adequate to cover needs. Trade sentiment was about steady on parts with breast in the weakest position.

### CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES	WEEK ENDING 06/14/03		PERCENT CHANGE
	2003	2002	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	208,900	210,870	-01
CHICKS PLACED	173,348	173,320	0

### BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 209 million eggs in incubators during the week ending June 14, 2003. This was down 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

### BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP SLIGHTLY

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 14, 2003. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through June 14, 2003 were 4.03 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 26-Jul-03 IS ESTIMATED AT 158.9 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 157.1 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 163.4 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 163.2 MILLION HEAD AND THE COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 57.64 CENTS PER POUND.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

JUNE 18, 2003

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	890	146.00-239.00	147-153	151.57
TENDERLOINS	196	120.00-211.00	145-152	154.41
BREAST - LINE RUN	80	89.00-104.00	90-92	93.38
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	124	28.00-43.00	29-31	31.02
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	610	21.00-24.00	22	22.01
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,204	23.00-28.00	25-26	25.57
WINGS (WHOLE)	301	64.00-75.00	-	73.28
WINGS (CUT)	550	80.00-91.00	83-85	84.33
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	971	145.00-239.00	149-152	152.74
TENDERLOINS	225	147.00-211.00	147-152	156.77
BREAST - LINE RUN	79	87.00-105.00	90-92	93.43
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	93	28.00-43.00	30-31	32.05
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	651	21.00-24.00	22	22.07
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,080	23.00-28.00	25-26	25.41
WINGS (WHOLE)	300	62.00-76.00	73-75	73.72
WINGS (CUT)	495	78.00-85.00	83-85	83.78
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 F.O.B. DOCK.

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 F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
50.25 - 53.50	51.57

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
50.00 - 53.50	51.47	51.17

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 noted as light to fair during midweek trading. Offerings of bone-in breasts remained available and boneless skinless breasts were sufficient. Tenderloins were at least adequate. The balance of cuts were adequate but manageable. Retail and distributive movement was no better than fair. The market tone was cautiously steady on bone-in 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 JUNE 17, 2003

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	160	161.99	699,689
TENDERLOINS	150	149.52	230,230
BREAST - WITH RIBS	81-82	90.20	178,760
BREAST - LINE RUN	81	82.46	140,440
LEGS	34-35	34.73	223,520
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	25-26	24.88	520,521
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	34.24	173,050
THIGHS	27-28	36.65	63,080
B/S THIGHS	68-69	70.27	79,810
WINGS (WHOLE)	66-67	72.46	180,480
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.17	36,330
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	26.86	16,650
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35-40	40.28	29,860

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	160	161.46	589,110
TENDERLOINS	145-150	150.34	149,960
BREAST - WITH RIBS	81-82	87.56	205,000
BREAST - LINE RUN	81	80.19	143,480
LEGS	34-35	35.65	252,840
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	25-26	24.88	381,663
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	35.06	149,280
THIGHS	27-28	35.38	77,560
B/S THIGHS	68-69	70.34	97,600
WINGS (WHOLE)	66-67	75.87	232,320
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.74	33,080
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	25.12	17,200
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35-40	40.38	27,040

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	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
ALA	4,094	4,124	4,028	4,324	5.25
ARK	5,114	5,248	5,241	5,022	5.04
DELMARVA	2,406	2,389	2,369	2,430	5.33
KY-LA-TN	1,965	1,980	1,959	2,214	4.87
MISS	3,006	3,051	3,019	2,908	5.47
NC	2,459	2,591	2,556	2,659	6.15
TEXAS	2,481	2,483	2,479	2,425	5.01
TOTAL	21,525	21,866	21,651	22,136	5.28
MON-WED 65,305(A)					64,338 (A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 18-Jun 03 and is estimated to be 32,204,000 up 0.10 percent from a week ago and up 2.2 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,171,000; last year 31,517,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	89-95
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	63
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-
<b>SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY</b>	
<b>DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS</b>	
FRESH FRYERS ICE PACK	98-100
DRY PACK	105-106
ROASTERS 4# & UP ICE PACK	104-105
DRY PACK	113
HENS OVER 5# ICE PACK	91-98
DRY PACK	-
DUCKS	155-166

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 21-JUN-03

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	06/21/03 (1)	06/14/03	06/21/03 (1)	06/14/03
BRO-FRY	164,091 (2)	164,704	164,091 (2)	164,704
LT HENS	1,615	1,709	1,615	1,709
HVY HENS	1,606	1,505	1,606	1,505
CHECK TOTAL	167,312	167,918	167,312	167,918

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 21-Jun-03 is 161.0 million head compared to 161.3 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 164.4 million head or 3.4 million more than estimated available. For week of 28-Jun-03 the estimated available is 160.4 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS	LBS	LBS	LBS
AM 06/16/03	204,993	59,572	204,993	59,572
AM 06/01/03	219,295	43,194	219,295	43,194
CHG	-14,302	16,378	-14,302	16,378
PCT CHG	-7	38	-7	38

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)**

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	6/16/03	6/09/03	6/17/02	6/15/03	6/09/03	6/17/02
<b>PACIFIC COAST LOS ANGELES</b>	15,370	15,236	26,517	7,248	6,676	5,095
<b>ANGELES</b>	108	148	367	3,297	3,118	3,340

**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 16, 2003

HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX) VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	RANGE
		58-64 62-79

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

	LOW HIGH AVG			FOR 6/17/03		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.40	1.30	.46	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	1.00	5.75
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	.25	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	1.00	9.00
BROILERS lb.	.30	2.00	1.36	BROILERS ea.	.30	.35
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.25	3.75
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	1.00	6.00
ROOSTERS lb.	.75	2.20	.98	ROOSTERS ea.	2.00	8.50
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	7.00
TURKEYS lb.	.30	.45	.39	TURKEYS ea.	3.00	4.50
DUCKS lb.	.25	1.60	.51	DUCKS ea.	-	3.50
RABBITS lb.	1.00	1.50	1.23	RABBITS ea.	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.50	5.00
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	8.00
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	.90	2.25
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	15.00
SILKIES ea.	1.00	4.00	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-

TOTAL COOPS 165

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City**

Cents per pound for the week ending June 13, 2003

	Whole		Legs	Necks,Back	Livers/	Hens
	Chickens	Breasts	w/Thighs	&Wings	Gizzards	
<b>RAYON</b>						
Low	72.78	128.43	94.18	25.69	12.84	62.07
High	77.06	141.27	102.74	34.25	19.26	62.07
Mostly	74.92	141.27	98.46	29.97	17.12	62.07
<b>SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	72.78	136.99	94.18	25.69	14.98	64.21
High	78.77	149.83	107.02	29.97	19.26	64.21
Mostly	77.06	141.27	94.18	27.83	19.26	64.21
<b>NEW SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	74.92	136.99	89.90	25.69	14.98	68.49
High	78.77	149.83	102.74	29.97	19.26	68.49
Mostly	77.06	136.99	98.46	27.83	19.26	68.49
<b>BECERRA</b>						
Low	76.63	132.71	94.18	29.97	17.12	68.49
High	79.20	145.55	107.02	34.25	21.40	68.49
Mostly	77.06	136.99	98.46	32.11	19.26	68.49

**DELMARVA** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to moderate and generally sufficient in keeping the bulk of offerings in good balance. Live supplies were moderate with weights ranging desirable to heavy, mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 59 to 67 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were readily available and slow to clear; boneless skinless breasts were fully sufficient. Leg items were mostly adequate. Wings and tendersloins were available.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

	RANGE	WEIGHTED AVERAGE	NO. OF BOXES	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
	57-70	61.87	7,526	

\*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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