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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm in the West, steady in the Midwest, and irregular in the East depending on product sizes. Retail demand was light to moderate, but optimism was high due to planned features for first of the month and July 4th. Food service ranged light to fairly good, best into fast food, catering services, and delis. Supplies of heavy weight product in the East were adequate to short, and lighter weights were fully adequate to ample; however, in the remaining areas, availability was just the opposite. In the parts structure, trading was mixed with improvements expected for the holiday. Interest for breast items increased and supplies were sufficient to better balanced. Wings were adequate to ample, and dark meat was in the best position. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .50 to 66.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 64.00 cents last year on June 26, 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	197.00
BREASTS - B/S	184.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	101.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	73.50
LEG QUARTERS	27.00
WINGS	73.50

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SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was generally steady. Mid-week demand was light to moderate with mixed trading, but expected to improve as the weekend and holiday approached. Supplies were in balance for trade needs. Truck shortages were still being reported causing delays and problems with deliveries. In the parts structure, trading was limited, but expected to increase to satisfy holiday and seasonal interests. Dark meat was in good balance and moving, breast items were better balanced but available, and wings were easily obtained. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair to moderate approaching the weekend. Offerings of the 2.5 pound birds were available, however, the 3 pound and larger sizes ranged adequate to balanced. Movement through retail and distributive channels was moderate. The market tone was no better than steady on the 2.5 pound birds, at least steady on the heavier weights. In the parts complex, breast items were in good balance. Wings were adequate to fully adequate. The remainder of cuts were generally sufficient.

MIDWEST The whole fryer market tone was steady. Offerings of whole fryers and Wogs were adequate on heavy sizes and very limited to short of trade needs on light weight product. Buyer interest was limited. Retail movement was light to moderate; expectations building for first of the month pickup as several retail ads set for first of month and holiday. Food service movement varied, light to fairly good, best into fast food, catering and delicatessens. Floor stocks were adequate to instances close. Weights were desirable. Parts offerings were moderate on dark meat items, moderate to heavy on wings and light on breast items. Trade interest was restrained and selective, mostly hand to mouth. The market tone was generally steady overall; undertone weak on wings and unsettled on breast items.

Western The market tone was generally firm. Offerings were adequate overall with lightweight sized product in the closest position. Buyers' were cautious as they continued to evaluate 4th of July needs. Retailer demand was moderate best to cover features in progress. Floor stocks generally adequate.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES	WEEK ENDING 06/21/03		PERCENT CHANGE
	2003	2002	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	206,886	207,561	0
CHICKS PLACED	172,424	172,818	0

BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 207 million eggs in incubators during the week ending June 21, 2003. This was down slightly 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 DOWN SLIGHTLY

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 21, 2003. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through June 21, 2003 were 4.20 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 2-Aug-03 IS ESTIMATED AT 159.2 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 158.9 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 162.5 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 159.6 MILLION HEAD AND THE COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 55.74 CENTS PER POUND.

JUNE 24, 2003

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

JUNE 25, 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	965	146.00-226.00	148-152	153.22
TENDERLOINS	180	145.00-211.00	145-150	159.20
BREAST - LINE RUN	113	89.00-105.00	90-92	92.82
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	130	27.00-31.00	29-31	30.00
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	573	21.00-23.00	22	21.88
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	890	23.00-28.00	25-26	25.16
WINGS (WHOLE)	235	56.00-76.00	-	73.02
WINGS (CUT)	558	73.00-89.00	82-85	83.76
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	750	146.00-226.00	148-155	153.64
TENDERLOINS	292	143.00-211.00	143-150	154.68
BREAST - LINE RUN	118	89.00-107.00	90-93	92.83
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	101	29.00-41.00	29-31	31.30
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	623	21.00-24.00	21-22	22.02
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,055	23.00-30.00	25-26	25.58
WINGS (WHOLE)	281	55.00-76.00	-	72.73
WINGS (CUT)	428	72.00-89.00	80-83	81.77
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	93	64.00-74.00	-	69.83

 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
49.50 - 52.50	50.88	50.00 - 53.00	51.21	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 interest remained moderate and dealers noted an air of optimism as they looked to the July 4th week. Offerings of breast items were in good balance. Dark meat cuts were generally sufficient. Wings were available. Retail and distributive draw was mostly fair to moderate. The market tone was fully steady on breast items, barely steady on wings 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 24, 2003

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	160	162.42	334,240
TENDERLOINS	140	147.59	71,640
BREAST - WITH RIBS	80-81	86.61	117,640
BREAST - LINE RUN	80	84.65	20,520
LEGS	34-35	35.32	107,680
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	25-26	25.18	72,560
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	35.81	69,520
THIGHS	27-28	33.53	39,680
B/S THIGHS	68-69	67.24	44,200
WINGS (WHOLE)	66-67	80.53	69,360
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.00	18,040
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	30.00	1,040
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35-40	42.76	4,280

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	160	163.40	535,945
TENDERLOINS	140	144.16	85,420
BREAST - WITH RIBS	80-81	85.76	219,320
BREAST - LINE RUN	80	81.10	123,680
LEGS	34-35	33.58	317,040
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	25-26	24.93	306,256
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	34.36	122,590
THIGHS	27-28	35.44	50,540
B/S THIGHS	68-69	70.10	117,400
WINGS (WHOLE)	66-67	78.13	147,750
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.92	33,640
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	26.60	14,445
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35-40	37.90	23,360

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		AVG WTS	
	06/25	06/24	06/23	06/20	06/23	06/20	06/18	06/16
ALA	4,045	4,110	4,088	4,196	5.24	5.02	4,093	5.25
ARK	5,297	5,384	5,381	4,834	5.08	4.84	5,211	5.04
DELMARVA	2,332	2,354	2,370	2,216	5.34	5.19	2,422	5.33
KY-LA-TN	1,991	1,983	1,958	1,926	4.94	4.79	1,965	4.87
MISS	2,981	2,991	2,997	2,668	5.50	5.31	3,021	5.47
NC	2,496	2,592	2,574	2,659	6.32	6.07	2,515	6.15
TEXAS	2,504	2,471	2,440	2,452	4.97	4.82	2,471	5.01
TOTAL	21,646	21,885	21,808	20,979	5.32	5.12	21,698	5.28
MON-WED 65,538(A)					65,000(A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 6/25 is estimated to be 32,385,000 down 0.5 percent from a week ago and up 1.5 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,560,000; last year 31,897,000)

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	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	ICE PACK	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS		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 28-JUN-03

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	06/28/03 (1)	06/21/03
	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	167,981 (2)	164,091
LT HENS	1,606	1,615
HVY HENS	1,601	1,606
CHECK TOTAL	171,188	167,312

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 28-Jun-03 is 160.4 million head compared to 163.1 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 168.3 million head or 7.9 million more than estimated available. For week of 05-Jul-03 the estimated available is 160.9 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 06/23/03	217,721	46,058
AM 06/01/03	219,295	43,194
CHG	-1,574	2,864
PCT CHG	-1	7

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	6/23/03	6/16/03	6/24/02	6/23/03	6/16/03	6/24/02
PACIFIC COAST	15,422	15,370	27,638	6,913	7,248	5,065
LOS ANGELES	147	108	341	2,991	3,297	3,380

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 23, 2003

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

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

	LOW HIGH AVG				FOR 6/24/03		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.20	.95	.37	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	.50	-	BANTAMS ea.	.25	6.00	-
BROILERS lb.	.25	.70	.53	BROILERS ea.	-	.25	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.30	2.00	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	5.00	7.50	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	1.75	4.00	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.20	1.30	1.00	ROOSTERS ea.	.50	7.00	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	4.50	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	.30	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	.30	.90	.60	DUCKS ea.	3.00	9.50	-
RABBITS lb.	1.00	2.00	1.66	RABBITS ea.	3.75	7.50	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.00	5.50	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	10.00	11.00	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	1.55	2.50	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	1.00	4.00	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-

TOTAL COOPS 168

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending June 20, 2003

	Whole	Legs	Necks,Back	Livers/	Hens
	Chickens	Breasts	w/ Thighs	&Wings	
RAYON					
Low	76.38	130.20	91.14	21.70	17.36 69.44
High	78.12	143.22	99.82	30.38	21.70 69.44
Mostly	77.69	138.88	95.48	26.04	17.36 69.44
SAN JUAN					
Low	76.38	134.54	95.48	26.04	15.19 69.01
High	78.99	147.56	104.16	34.72	19.53 69.01
Mostly	78.12	138.88	99.82	28.21	17.36 69.01
NEW SAN JUAN					
Low	77.25	138.88	95.48	26.04	17.36 69.44
High	79.86	143.22	104.16	30.38	195.30 69.44
Mostly	78.12	138.88	99.82	28.21	19.53 69.44
BECERRA					
Low	77.25	134.54	95.48	21.70	15.19 69.01
High	80.72	143.22	99.82	30.38	19.53 69.01
Mostly	78.12	134.54	95.48	23.87	15.19 69.01

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was about moderate and was sufficient in satisfactorily clearing the bulk of offerings. 3.00 pound and heavier weights were adequate to short mainly on the heavier sizes; lighter weights were fully adequate to ample. Live supplies were moderate; weights were light to heavy, mostly desirable to light. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 59 to 68 cents. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Inquiry for breast items had increased and supplies were in a closer better balance. Leg quarters were fully adequate. Wings were ample.

*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	57-76
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	62.15
NO. OF BOXES	7,386

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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