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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices in the major terminal markets were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady going into the holiday weekend. Whole product was reported as tight to close balance. However, in the East lighter weights were usually sufficient for full trade needs. Demand was good, but noted as best into food service and where limited retail features were in progress. Lack of trucks was still a major problem going into the East, tight to short into the Midwest, but usually sufficient into the West. In the parts structure, trading improved with wings reported as in a better position, white and dark meat was in good balance. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were in a full range of light to heavy, mostly desirable. According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), for the week ending 28-Jun-03, both broiler egg sets and chick placements were down slightly when compared to the previous year. Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 09-Aug-2003 is estimated at 158.8 million head.

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 07/07/03-07/11/03 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A (Including branded product)				
AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	52.00-55.00	52.00-64.00	55.08	25
Los Angeles	72.00			
New York	58.00-61.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	66.00-67.50	50.00-69.00	66.33	78

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 67.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
694	61.08-69.10	66.77

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL NOT BE ANOTHER MARKET REPORT UNTIL MONDAY THE 7TH OF JULY DUE TO THE HOLIDAY.

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MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices into Chicago were unchanged from Monday's final majority prices. The whole broiler/fryer market tone was generally steady. Additional offers of Wog and whole birds were adequate for buyers current needs. Retail demand was good and reported as typical for the upcoming holiday weekend. Retail features were scattered and providing additional interest. Food service movement was moderate to good, best into fast food channels. Floor stocks were adequate to short with scheduling transportation noted as difficult. Weights were mostly desirable with reports of lighter weight product tight. Supplies of parts items were adequate with wings in the longest position. The market tone was barely steady to weak on wings and thighs, mostly steady on balance of parts items.

SOUTHERN BROILER Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady as offerings for late week inquiry was going unfilled. Demand was seasonal active with reports of good movement in both retail and food service. Processing schedules for this week were reduced as most plants were down Friday for July 4th. In the parts structure, trading continued to be the strongest where retail features and holiday needs were active. Dark meat was close to short, breast items were in a better balance, and wings were somewhat improved at the lower price levels. Live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices were unchanged from last week's level. Early trading reported for next weeks' deliveries at unchanged prices on regular commitments and unchanged to higher prices for new negotiations. Offerings of small sized product in fair balance and heavy weights generally adequate. Retailer demand was good overall, best for parts. Dealers

anticipated good weekend clearances.

Ads noted (per pound unless otherwise stated):

Arizona – whole body 99, boneless breast 197-459,
Colorado—roaster 75, Cornish hen 20 ounce 250, boneless breast 199-399, boneless breast 4# bag IQF 899, breast tender 3# bag IQF 899, leg quarter 39, (food service deli section fried – drumstick and thigh 10 piece 429, 50 piece 1746, 100 piece 3441, 250 piece 8226 and 500 piece 15999; mixed 8 piece 499, 50 piece 2499, 100 piece 4899, 250 piece 11999 and 500 piece 23499);

Northern California—whole body 99, whole cut-up 129, boneless breast 199-499, boneless breast 2.5# bag IQF 699, split breast 199, whole leg 139,(food service deli section fried – mixed 8 piece 549);

Southern California—whole body 79-89, whole cut-up 99, Cornish hen 129-197, Cornish hen marinated 199, Cornish hen 6 count 998-1198, Cornish hen 12 count 1599-1999, boneless breast 159-549, boneless breast 4# bag IQF 899, breast tender 3# bag IQF 899, boneless thigh meat 168, boneless leg meat 87-99, boneless leg meat marinated 99-199, split breast 87-159, wing 69, wing 4# bag IQF 498, wing drumette 279, leg quarter 77, leg quarter seasoned 77, leg quarter marinated 59-89, leg quarter 10# bag 290- 490, thigh 57-169, thigh 4# bag IQF 300, drumstick 57-169, drumstick 4# bag IQF 300, drumstick 5# bag 245, (food service deli section fried – drumstick and thigh 8 piece 348, 12 piece 599, 24 piece 999, 50 piece 1998, 100 piece 3449-3888, 200 piece 7698; mixed 8 piece 599 and 12 piece 599).

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers remained fair to fairly good approaching the holiday. Offerings ranged adequate to balanced with the 3.5 pound and larger birds in the best position. Movement through retail and distributive channels was moderate to fairly good. The market tone was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, breast items and dark meat cuts were clearing well. Wings were noted as adequate and in a more manageable position today.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was moderate to good entering the holiday weekend. Seller offering 3.5 and heavier sizes were in good balance; smaller sizes were more than sufficient. Live supplies were moderate; weights were in a full range of light to heavy, mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 59 to 68 cents. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, breasts items were in close balance to tight and well cleared Dark meat items in good balance. Tenderloins and wings were adequate to at least adequate.

*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		58-78
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		62.66
NO. OF BOXES		8,552
CUMULATIVE	06/30/03-07/04/03	62.08
	07/01/02-07/05/02	52.27
NO. OF BOXES	06/30/03-07/04/03	36,360
	07/01/02-07/05/02	36,862

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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		MAJORITY	WTD AVG	WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE			(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	837	155.00-226.00	155-158	158.67	3,252	159.60
TENDERLOINS	207	135.00-211.00	140-145	151.12	824	150.46
BREAST - LINE RUN	143	92.00-108.00	93-96	95.86	462	94.19
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				250	80.70
LEGS	128	29.00-46.00	30-32	32.25	443	32.59
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	610	24.00-27.00	25-26	25.00	2,499	23.97
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,285	26.00-31.00	27-28	28.18	4,545	26.99
WINGS (WHOLE)	141	49.00-76.00	-	63.92	969	70.88
WINGS (CUT)	500	74.00-82.00	75-79	77.37	1,867	77.20
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				272	46.57
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				112	47.04
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				216	73.48

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR JULY 4, 2003 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
51.50 - 55.00	53.40	52.39

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 fairly good approaching the fourth of July holiday. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts were in good balance and bone-in breasts remained tight. Dark meat cuts were clearing well under active retail interest. Wings were generally sufficient and noted as having moved into a more manageable position today. Distributive draw was moderate to fairly good. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm on breast items and dark meat cuts; steady on the balance.

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

ITEM	CURRENT		WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS	WEEKLY	
	NEGOTIATED	TRADING*			WTD AVG	WEEKLY VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S		170	166.58	688,252	164.80	2,520,922
TENDERLOINS		140	141.36	154,131	140.53	546,277
BREAST - WITH RIBS		86-87	89.99	268,200	89.25	865,040
BREAST - LINE RUN		86	88.08	91,200	86.48	452,400
LEGS		37-38	36.07	283,896	34.72	1,315,576
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)		25-26	26.74	392,567	25.76	1,752,106
DRUMSTICKS		32-33	36.72	178,375	35.55	679,135
THIGHS		28-29	36.74	86,874	35.77	377,164
B/S THIGHS		69-70	73.57	108,140	72.58	391,680
WINGS (WHOLE)		64-65	68.48	135,040	70.31	808,800
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)		10-12	12.41	31,280	12.16	107,160
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)		25-30	24.27	12,040	24.79	53,340
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)		35-40	39.03	17,200	36.71	89,830

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	
	07/03	07/01	07/01	06/26	06/24	
ALA	3,988	3,948	5.28	4,063	5.22	
ARK	5,279	5,322	4.94	5,144	4.94	
DELMARVA	2,291	2,314	5.35	2,260	5.32	
KY-LA-TN	1,947	1,935	4.85	1,938	4.92	
MISS	3,100	3,127	5.38	3,070	5.46	
NC	2,578	2,740	6.19	2,598	6.04	
TEXAS	2,505	2,523	4.88	2,472	4.96	
TOTAL	21,688	21,909	5.25	21,545	5.24	
MON-THUR	87,181 (A)		86,453 (A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 03-Jul 2003 is estimated to be 32,448,000 up 0.36 percent from a week ago and up 145.37 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,330,000 last year 13,224,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	90-96
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	DRY PACK	106-107
	ICE PACK	99-101
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK	113
	ICE PACK	104-105
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	
	ICE PACK	91-98
DUCKS		155-166

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 21-June-03 (Preliminary),

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

Head	28,595	20,694	53,856
Avg Weight	3.83	4.71	6.77
% of total /1	28%	20%	52%

COMPARISONS

Last week	27,218	19,252	56,439
Avg Weight	3.82	4.76	5.84
% of total /1	26%	19%	55%

Same week, yr ag	19,836	23,764	46,047
Avg Weight	3.56	4.78	6.07
% of total /1	22%	27%	51%

To date/2003	615,503	578,798	1,147,838
To date/2002	726,008	612,808	1,177,087

/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 W/E 8-Jun-03 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				

HEAD	165,296	1,474	1,544	3,018	407
AVG WT	5.37	3.62	8.11	5.92	6.58
LAST WEEK	159,714	1,564	1,596	3,160	422
SAME WK YR AGO	162,191	1,572	1,582	3,154	407
AVG WT	5.22	3.37	8.17	5.78	6.71
TO-DATE/2003	3,949,223	42,868	35,312	78,180	10,901
TO-DATE/2002	4,020,010	47,075	34,933	82,008	11,349

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 160.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 167.3 million head or 6.9 million head more than or 104% of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: JULY 01, 2003
PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

AI PAPERS REQUIRED FOR ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.70 - .90	Leghorn Hens	.01 - .02
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.30 - .40	Silkie	2.00 - 3.50ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.50 - .80	Geese 9-14 LBS	.70 - .80
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.40 - .60	Pigeons	3.00 - 3.25ea.
Crossbred Roasters		White Pigeons	3.75 - 4.00ea.
4-6 LBS	.70 - 1.00	Rabbits 4-6 LBS	.90 - 1.05
Crossbred Roasters		Rabbits 6-9 LBS	.70 - 1.00
7-11 LBS	.50 - .60	Bunnies	.25 - 1.00ea
Guinea Fowl	1.00 - 1.10	Guinea Pigs	5.00 - 7.00ea
Banty Roasters	4.00 - 5.50 ea.	Kid Goats	25.00 - 35.00ea.
Banty Hens	3.00 - 4.00 ea.	Doves	3.75 - 4.50ea
		Chukars	2.50 - 3.75ea

Total Coops Sold 602

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 30-JUN-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)	58-63	61-62
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	58-86	68-70

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 were unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Demand was moderate to fairly good. Weights were in the desirable range. Schedules part-time due to holiday this week. 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 30-JUN-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		PCT	AVG WT	
	SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE			
MAY	24	161.0	158.4	102%	5.01
	31	143.4	158.0	91%	5.16
JUNE	7	157.8	159.0	99%	5.23
	14	160.7	161.3	100%	5.34
	21	161.7	161.0	100%	5.12
	28	167.3	160.4	104%	5.37
YEAR TO DATE	3997.3	4043.5	99%		
JULY	5	160.9			
	12	160.4			

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

W/E	-----THOUSANDS-----				
	06/21/03	06/14/03	% CHG	06/22/02	% CHG

(NOT AVAILABLE)

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Majority prices were unchanged on both light and heavy cannery when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for the mostly limited but sufficient offerings; with some buyers looking for additional supplies of heavy cannery. The undertone was seasonal but generally steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
20-25 MAJORITY 23-24	30-36 MAJORITY 32.5-33

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
22-26.5 MAJORITY 25-26	31.5-38 MAJORITY 34-35

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 generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Offerings of spent hens were adequate to fully adequate for current trade needs. Demand was mostly light to no better than fair. Processing schedules were reduced for the holiday week. Opinions on removal cost were steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-12	8-10

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Costs of disposal were generally unchanged from the past week. Offerings were fully adequate with demand easily filled. Schedules were reduced and as desired. Finished sales were seasonal. Opinions were steady for future bookings of leghorn fowl.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Values were irregular when compared to last week. Demand was slow with traditional processors working very light schedules as finished product movement continued disappointing. Movement into rendering operations had picked up and many producers were searching for other less expensive means of disposal. Opinions of value unsettled.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-11	10-11

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked lighter holiday week schedules. Offerings generally adequate.

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

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was mostly light to fair for the at least adequate to fully adequate offerings. Finished product supplies were generally adequate. Processing schedules for next week were mostly normal. The undertone was steady. **RANGE MAJORITY**
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 Sales were too few to report. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were reduced. Trade sentiment was about steady. **RANGE MAJORITY**
AT FARM BUYER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.



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