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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was generally steady to fully steady. Retail demand was mostly fair, best where first of the month and retail ads were active. Food service was fair to moderate, fairly good for caterers and into fast food. Supplies were in good balance with smaller weights often tight and commanding premiums. In the parts structure, trading was light to fair. Breast items were balanced to tight, dark meat was adequate, and wings were readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights in a full range.

The Composite Weighted Average Price for 05/31/04 was 81.84, compared to 81.77 last week, and 61.36 a year ago

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .75 cents to 78.75 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 65.50 cents last year on June 4, 2003.

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	258.00
BREASTS - B/S	259.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	137.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	123.50
LEG QUARTERS	37.50
WINGS	119.00

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was at least steady. Demand was fair to moderate, best for retail ads and fast food promotions. Supplies were in good balance to closely cleared. In the parts structure, trading was fair. Breast items were sufficient, well cleared for boneless skinless and bone-in. Dark meat was mixed, but available, and wings were at least sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was generally fair to moderate at best. Offerings of the 3 pound and lighter birds remained in close balance with premiums noted. The 3.5 to 4 pound birds were adequate to balanced. The market tone was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, breast items were tight. Dark meat items were clearing well. Wings were at least adequate.

MIDWEST Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady to firm. Offerings were light for the light to occasionally fair buyer needs. Movement into retail channels was in a full range, mostly fair while food service was much the same, but mostly moderate to fairly good. Catering, and some fast food outlets provided best draw, with retail first of the month features mixed. Retail features noted on whole and cut-up fryers at 69 and 99 cents respectively; boneless/skinless breasts at \$3.00, \$2.99, \$2.29 and \$2.00; bone-in breasts at \$1.49; pick-o-chick at \$1.47 and \$1.39; drums and thighs at 87 cents; and 4# bag leg quarters at \$3.00. Floor stocks were less than desired to ample. Weights were mostly desirable. Parts trade was light and limited to as need basis. Offerings of wings were fully available, leg quarters, thighs and tenderloins were adequate, drums and breast cuts were barely adequate to short. The market tone was steady to firm on drums, thighs and breast cuts and steady on remaining parts.

WESTERN The market tone was steady to fully steady. Offerings were adequate overall. Buying activity centered on regular commitments as buyers watched further market developments. Retailer demand was moderate best for parts. Floor stocks were adequate. Trade sentiment was barely steady on wings, fully steady to firm on breast and overall steady on balance of parts.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES WEEK ENDING 05/29/04	2004	2003	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	212,537	210,125	+01
CHICKS PLACED	174,276	170,346	+02

BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 29, 2004. This was up 1 percent 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.

CHICKS PLACED UP 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 29, 2004. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through May 29, 2004 were 3.76 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 10-Jul-04 is estimated at 160.5 million head. This compares to 160.8 million head the previous week and to 160.4 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 161.8 million head and the composite weighted average price was 62.44 cents per pound.

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.

POUNDS

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	880	249.00-328.00	254-257	255.57
TENDERLOINS	253	220.00-280.00	220-225	228.71
BREAST - LINE RUN	36	133.00-140.00	135-137	137.72
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	85	48.00-60.00	48-51	52.24
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	551	33.00-37.00	37	36.63
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	840	38.00-42.00	39	39.05
WINGS (WHOLE)	295	94.00-105.00	102-105	103.49
WINGS (CUT)	598	110.00-119.00	117-119	117.28
DRUMSTICKS	54	47.00-60.00	-	50.37
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS	87	118.00-135.00	-	121.15

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR JUNE 02, 2004 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
76.00 - 82.50	80.68	80.40

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 cautious and unaggressive during midweek trading. Offerings of breast items remained in very tight balance. Dark meat cuts ranged adequate to balanced. Wings were generally sufficient. Retail and distributive draw was fair at best. The market tone was steady to fully steady.

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

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	250-255	254.55	259,720
TENDERLOINS	225	226.99	20,120
BREAST - WITH RIBS	132-133	137.49	45,840
BREAST - LINE RUN	132	134.40	83,120
LEGS	53-54	59.19	85,560
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	40-41	41.44	188,480
DRUMSTICKS	42-43	47.54	106,160
THIGHS	45-46	54.76	37,480
B/S THIGHS	116-117	116.50	50,880
WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101	106.21	175,880
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.00	18,160
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	35.00	2,160
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	60.40	11,120

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	
	06/02	06/01	05/31	05/28	05/31	05/28	05/26	05/24
ALA	3,881	4,074	1,322	4,787	4.64	4.95	3,839	5.26
ARK	5,466	5,490	(A)	5,616	(A)	4.63	5,404	5.03
DELMARVA	2,294	2,271	(A)	2,651	(A)	5.42	2,093	5.63
KY-LA-TN	2,095	2,043	(A)	2,763	(A)	4.69	2,006	4.92
MISS	3,071	3,042	2,640	3,326	5.43	5.45	2,684	5.49
NC	2,433	2,451	1,142	2,983	5.90	6.28	2,427	6.37
TEXAS	2,451	2,460	2,497	2,480	5.22	5.10	2,494	5.19
TOTAL	21,691	21,831	9,431	24,606	5.17	5.14	20,947	5.35
MON-WED	52,589(B)						64,071(B)	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 02-Jun-04 is estimated to be 32,452,000 head up 3.24 percent from a week ago and up 4.37 percent from a year ago. (Last week 31,433,000, last year 31,094,000)

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

RANGE		
FRESH FRYERS		95-97
ROASTERS 4# & UP		95-105
HENS UNDER 5#		
HENS OVER 5#		71-81
DUCKS		
RABBITS-WHOLE		
RABBITS-CUT UP		
SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY		
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS		
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	108-116
	ICE PACK	108
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK	108-110
	ICE PACK	108
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	93
	DRY PACK	93-95
DUCKS		162-185

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 05-JUNE-04

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	06/05/04 (1)		05/29/04	
	THOUSAND HEAD			
BRO-FRY	150,865	(2)	162,401	
LT HENS	1,150		1,480	
HVY HENS	1,314		1,456	
CHECK TOTAL	153,329		165,337	

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 05-Jun-04 is 163.1 million head compared to 157.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 151.2 million head or 11.9 million less than estimated available. For the week of 12-Jun-04 the estimated available is 164.1 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 06/01/04	196,039		50,785	
AM 05/01/04	183,458		41,759	
CHG	12,581		9,026	
PCT CHG	7		22	

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	06/01/04	05/24/04	06/02/03	06/01/04	05/24/04	06/02/03
PACIFIC COAST LOS ANGELES	8,632	8,608	15,812	4,261	3,923	6,548
	362	358	148	2,907	2,520	3,114

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 MAY 31, 2004

		RANGE
HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	68-72
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	70-79

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 06/01/04

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW HIGH AVG				LOW HIGH AVG		
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	-	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.55	1.00	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	.80	-	BUNNIES ea.	1.75	4.25	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	.30	1.00	.59	RABBITS ea.	2.00	4.00	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.25	5.50	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	5.00	5.50	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	1.50	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	1.75	2.50	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-				
TOTAL COOPS	32						

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending May 28, 2004

	Whole		Legs W/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards Hens	
	Chickens	Breasts				
RAYON						
Low	53.74	107.49	67.68	9.95	7.96	45.78
High	57.72	115.45	79.62	13.93	11.94	45.78
Mostly	55.34	109.48	71.66	11.94	9.95	45.78
SAN JUAN						
Low	53.74	107.49	67.68	7.96	3.98	47.77
High	56.53	119.43	75.64	11.94	9.95	47.77
Mostly	54.94	115.45	71.66	9.95	7.96	47.77
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	53.74	107.49	71.66	7.96	3.98	46.58
High	54.54	119.43	79.62	15.92	11.94	46.58
Mostly	54.54	111.47	71.66	11.94	7.96	46.58
BECERRA						
Low	55.34	111.47	75.64	9.95	3.98	46.98
High	57.33	119.43	79.62	15.92	5.97	46.98
Mostly	55.34	115.45	75.64	11.94	5.97	46.98

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds ranged fair to good. Seller offerings were sufficient to closely cleared with 3 pound and lighter sizes in the better balance. Live supplies were moderate; weights were in a full range of light to heavy, mostly desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 82 to 94 cents. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, breast items continued in good balance and well cleared. Wings were fully adequate. Leg items were clearing satisfactorily.

*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	72-95
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	85.04
NO. OF BOXES	7,239

*6 of 8 plants reporting.

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