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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady, at times firm. Retail demand was mixed, but mostly fair with few features. Food service was fair to good, best for catering services, fast food specials, and summer festivities. Supplies were in good balance at times short for lighter weight product. In the parts structure, trading was light to fair. Breast items were sufficient to tight and had the strongest movement, and wings were readily available. Dark meat was mixed, but at least adequate, with limited interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy, 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 cents to 79.25 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 65.75 cents last year on June 11, 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	261.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	138.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	125.50
LEG QUARTERS	36.50
WINGS	118.50

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

**SOUTHERN** Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Retail demand was light to fair, food service was fair to moderate, best for ads and specials. Supplies were sufficient to well balanced, but well cleared for smaller sized product. In the parts structure, trading was light to moderate. Breast items were close to short and held with confidence, particularly boneless skinless. Wings were readily available with limited interest, and dark meat was at least adequate and slow to clear. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair at best during midweek trading. Offerings of the 3 pound and lighter birds remained in good balance. The 3.5 to 4 pound birds were sufficient. The market tone was fully steady on the 2.5 to 3 pound birds and mostly steady on the larger sizes. In the parts complex, breast items were closely cleared. Legs were at least adequate and leg quarters were available. Wings were generally sufficient.

**MIDWEST** The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was steady, instances firm. Offerings of additional product were very limited for the light to moderate trade interest. Retail demand was in a full range, but mostly fair at best with limited features noted. Food service movement was fair to good; most active into catering operations, at fairs and festivals, and fast food promotions. Problems relating to transportation, product availability continue in the conversation with trade. Floor stocks were adequate to short of needs. Weights were desirable. Parts trading activity was light as offering were limited to leg quarters and wings mainly. Supplies of wings varied, but overall available; leg quarters plentiful; thighs and drums adequate and the balance of parts were in close balance to scarce. The market tone was steady to firm on breast cuts; steady on drums, thighs and wings; and barely steady to weak on leg quarters.

**WESTERN** The market tone was fully steady. Offerings in good balance. Retailer demand moderate. Floor stocks adequate. Breasts strong, dark meat parts and wings weak.

### CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES WEEK ENDING 06/05/04	2004	2003	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	212,020	211,135	0
CHICKS PLACED	176,344	173,036	+02

### BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 212 million eggs in incubators during the week ending June 5, 2004. This was up 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.

### CHICKS PLACED UP 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 176 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 5, 2004. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through June 5, 2004 were 3.93 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 17-Jul-04 is estimated at 161.4 million head. This compares to 160.5 million head the previous week and to 160.8 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 159.1 million head and the composite weighted average price was 64.11 cents per pound.

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## SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

JUNE 09, 2004

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			WTD	ITEM	POUNDS			WTD
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG		(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG
BREAST - B/S	864	249.00-330.00	253-255	254.31	BREAST - B/S	879	250.00-330.00	250-254	253.52
TENDERLOINS	223	220.00-280.00	220-225	229.21	TENDERLOINS	231	220.00-280.00	220-225	229.11
BREAST - LINE RUN	112	132.00-140.00	134-136	135.38	BREAST - LINE RUN	112	132.00-141.00	135-136	135.69
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				LEGS	64	45.00-60.00	49-51	51.56
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	526	30.00-37.00	33-34	33.61	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	531	30.00-35.00	31-32	31.61
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	680	35.00-41.00	37-38	38.06	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	880	33.00-40.00	34-36	35.20
WINGS (WHOLE)	295	93.00-114.00	95-97	98.63	WINGS (WHOLE)	296	93.00-109.00	104-105	103.39
WINGS (CUT)	478	109.00-119.00	117-119	117.17	WINGS (CUT)	653	103.00-119.00	117-119	116.38
DRUMSTICKS	93	40.00-60.00	-	44.17	DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	117	103.00-135.00	-	113.55	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.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
74.50 - 83.00	79.49	75.50 - 83.50	79.96	80.11

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 about fair during midweek trading. Offerings of bone-in breasts were tight and boneless-skinless breasts were closely cleared. Legs were at least adequate and leg quarters were available. Wings were sufficient. Retail and distributive draw was only fair at best. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm on breast items, cautious on leg quarters, and mostly 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 08, 2004**

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD	ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	TRADING*		AVG**	VOL/LBS		
BREAST - B/S	250-255	250.41	610,670		BREAST - B/S	250-255	253.14	376,377	
TENDERLOINS	225	219.96	118,950		TENDERLOINS	225	220.84	114,120	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	133-134	139.10	145,160		BREAST - WITH RIBS	134-135	140.06	112,040	
BREAST - LINE RUN	133	135.53	102,200		BREAST - LINE RUN	134	136.40	114,480	
LEGS	53-54	51.95	284,480		LEGS	53-54	53.92	226,040	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	37-38	39.93	431,994		LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	37-38	40.10	291,418	
DRUMSTICKS	42-43	48.60	139,374		DRUMSTICKS	42-43	49.01	150,180	
THIGHS	45-46	54.96	105,542		THIGHS	45-46	55.23	84,280	
B/S THIGHS	116-117	116.50	78,700		B/S THIGHS	116-117	115.59	69,640	
WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101	106.81	138,442		WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101	104.90	155,480	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.12	26,240		BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.96	31,520	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	32.03	11,965		LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	30.92	14,200	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	58.65	28,710		GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	59.28	22,240	

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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		AVG	
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	WTS	WTS	WTS	WTS
	06/09	06/08	06/07	06/04	06/07	06/04	06/02	05/31
ALA	4,029	4,047	3,992	4,378	5.35	5.06	3,820	4.64
ARK	5,482	5,492	5,245	6,240	5.21	5.19	5,240	(A)
DELMARVA	2,194	2,254	2,191	2,284	5.68	5.48	2,269	(A)
KY-LA-TN	2,028	2,033	2,161	2,621	4.95	4.87	2,086	(A)
MISS	3,035	3,041	3,016	3,286	5.49	5.24	3,023	5.43
NC	2,471	2,457	2,392	2,916	6.37	6.35	2,385	5.90
TEXAS	2,457	2,440	2,510	2,379	5.12	5.03	2,380	5.22
TOTAL	21,696	21,764	21,507	24,104	5.42	5.29	21,203	5.17
MON-WED	65,060(B)						51,899(B)	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 09-Jun-04 is estimated to be 32,460,000 head up 2.02 percent from a week ago and up 2.85 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,817,000, last year 31,562,000)

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	95-107
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	ICE PACK	108
	DRY PACK	108-116
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	108
	DRY PACK	110
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	93
	DRY PACK	95
DUCKS		162-185

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

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 12-JUNE-04

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	06/12/04 (1)		06/05/04	
	THOUSAND HEAD			
BRO-FRY	165,735	(2)	150,865	
LT HENS	1,509		1,150	
HVY HENS	1,418		1,314	
TOTAL	168,662		153,329	

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 12-Jun-04 is 164.1 million head compared to 160.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 166.1 million head or 2.0 million less than estimated available. For the week of 19-Jun-04 the estimated available is 164.6 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS**

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 06/07/04	195,733		50,712	
AM 06/01/04	196,039		50,785	
CHG	-306		1,927	
PCT CHG	0		4	

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)**

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	06/07/04	06/01/04	06/09/03	06/07/04	06/01/04	06/09/03
<b>PACIFIC COAST</b>	8,766	8,632	15,236	4,374	4,261	6,676
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>	375	362	148	3,005	2,907	3,118

**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 7, 2004

HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	RANGE	
		68-72	75-79
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)		

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

FOR 06/08/04

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW HIGH AVG				LOW HIGH AVG		
	HEAVY FOWL lb.	1.00	2.50		1.74	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	1.00	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	4.50	7.00	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.25	1.00	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	1.10	-	BUNNIES ea.	2.75	5.00	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	1.45	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	5.00	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	5.00	-
RABBITS lb.	.80	1.30	1.18	RABBITS ea.	1.25	3.25	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.50	6.00	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	3.00	6.00	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	1.25	3.00	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	4.00	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	5.50	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-				
TOTAL COOPS	94						

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City**

Cents per pound for the week ending June 4, 2004

	Whole		Legs W/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
	Chickens	Breasts				
<b>RAYON</b>						
Low	55.67	119.29	71.58	7.95	11.93	45.73
High	58.45	127.25	79.53	15.91	15.91	45.73
Mostly	57.66	119.29	75.55	11.93	15.91	45.73

**SAN JUAN**

Low	55.67	119.29	71.58	11.93	11.93	43.74
High	58.06	127.25	79.53	15.91	15.91	43.74
Mostly	57.66	119.29	71.58	11.93	15.91	43.74

**NEW SAN JUAN**

Low	55.67	119.29	71.58	7.95	11.93	45.73
High	58.06	127.25	79.53	15.91	15.91	45.73
Mostly	58.06	119.29	71.58	11.93	11.93	45.73

**BECERRA**

Low	55.67	119.29	71.58	11.93	11.93	47.72
High	58.45	127.25	79.53	15.91	15.91	47.72
Mostly	57.66	127.25	75.55	15.91	15.91	47.72

**DELMARVA** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was moderate to moderately good. Offerings were adequate to short and were in the closer balance on the 2.50 and 3.00 pound sizes. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 82 to 94 cents. Trade sentiment was steady to firm. In the parts complex, breast cuts were adequate to closely cleared. Leg items remained in uneven balance, but were at least adequate overall. Wings were fully 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		82-95	
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		86.24	
NO. OF BOXES		7,378	

\*7 of 7 plants reporting.



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