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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was weak in the East, steady in the West, steady to weak in the Midwest. Retail demand was light to fair with few features; food service was mixed. Supplies of light weight product were adequate, but heavier weights were fully sufficient to ample and often discounted. In the parts structure, trading was light with caution, and markets were being closely monitored for further developments. Wings were mostly sufficient, however, all other items were fully adequate to ample and frequently reduced to help clear. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights in a full range.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 81.00 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 67.50 cents last year on July 16, 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	253.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	139.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	114.00
LEG QUARTERS	35.50
WINGS	118.00

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

SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was mixed, but overall steady at best. Retail demand was light, food service was fair to moderate. Supplies were more than sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was slow to fair. Breast items were irregular, with tenders in the best balance and the remaining cuts at least adequate. Wings were in good balance and clearing well, and dark meat was available. 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 light to no better than fair as dealers limited orders to most immediate needs. Offerings of all sizes were readily available at discounted levels. The market tone was weak. In the parts complex, boneless-skinless breasts were ample and available at discounted levels. Bone-in breasts were adequate to fully adequate. Dark meat cuts were at least sufficient. Wings were adequate.

MIDWEST Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady with a weak undertone on heavy sizes. Offerings were increasing, especially heavy weight product, small birds light to moderate. Trade interest was waning and cautious. Retail movement was light to fair. Food service activity continued irregular; slow to good; best interest into fast food promotions, and into hotel and restaurants around major entertainment attractions. Floor stocks were as needed to at times long. Weights varied. Parts trade was limited as buyers expect further downward price movement. Supplies of tenders were in balance, wings mixed, and all other items adequate to ample, especially boneless/skinless breasts and thighs. The market tone was steady on wings and tenderloins; cautiously steady on leg quarters and barely steady to weak on all other items.

WESTERN The market tone was generally steady with early trading for next week's deliveries at mainly unchanged prices. Offerings adequate. Retailer demand moderate. Floor stocks adequate.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES WEEK ENDING 06/26/04	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR</u>
EGGS SET	211,058	204,920	+03
CHICKS PLACED	175,539	169,458	+04

BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 3 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 211 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 10, 2004. This was up 3 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 4 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 176 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 10, 2004. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through July 10, 2004 were 4.81 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 21-Aug-04 is estimated at 161.6 million head. This compares to 161.2 million head the previous week and to 160.3 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 162.5 million head and the composite weighted average price was 63.60 cents per pound.

JULY 13, 2004

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

JULY 14, 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				ITEM	POUNDS			
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG		(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	937	221.00-331.00	224-230	229.63	BREAST - B/S	1,007	217.00-331.00	221-227	226.96
TENDERLOINS	174	227.00-282.00	227-230	236.64	TENDERLOINS	144	227.00-282.00	227-230	238.65
BREAST - LINE RUN	76	132.00-142.00	132-136	135.74	BREAST - LINE RUN	81	131.00-141.00	132-136	134.51
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	78	35.00-50.00	38-40	40.58	LEGS	78	35.00-50.00	38-40	40.58
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	560	24.00-32.00	26-27	26.57	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	520	24.00-32.00	26-27	26.77
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	930	24.00-37.00	29-30	29.88	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	925	24.00-37.00	29-30	29.65
WINGS (WHOLE)	286	93.00-122.00	-	97.28	WINGS (WHOLE)	290	93.00-122.00	-	97.79
WINGS (CUT)	418	89.00-119.00	117-119	116.45	WINGS (CUT)	428	89.00-119.00	117-119	116.63
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	105	95.00-132.00	-	105.48	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
		72.00 - 80.50	74.37				71.50-80.00	73.76	74.98

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 cautious and unaggressive as dealers worked hand-to-mouth and monitored market developments. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts were ample and discounted to clear. Bone-in breasts were at least sufficient with spot discounting noted where product was in excess. Dark meat items were adequate to fully adequate. Wings were sufficient. Retail and distributive draw was light to no better than fair. The market tone was weak on boneless-skinless breasts, barely steady on bone-in breasts and about steady on the balance of items.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT

QUANTITIES. JULY 13, 2004	CURRENT NEG	WTD		JULY 14, 2004	CURRENT NEG	WTD	
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	235-240	235.43	713,792	BREAST - B/S	230-235	233.58	660,285
TENDERLOINS	225	222.29	141,790	TENDERLOINS	225	219.84	150,680
BREAST - WITH RIBS	128-129	136.16	140,960	BREAST - WITH RIBS	128-129	137.08	129,840
BREAST - LINE RUN	128	129.07	71,440	BREAST - LINE RUN	128	131.28	119,440
LEGS	49-50	45.40	279,880	LEGS	49-50	46.79	289,918
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	32-33	34.46	444,094	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	32-33	34.14	237,722
DRUMSTICKS	42-43	48.97	144,400	DRUMSTICKS	42-43	48.07	129,120
THIGHS	38-39	48.68	141,080	THIGHS	38-39	47.95	71,760
B/S THIGHS	97-98	98.72	95,160	B/S THIGHS	97-98	98.50	78,840
WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101	106.74	90,440	WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101	103.57	148,920
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.02	32,960	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.99	25,680
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	30.11	19,160	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	31.56	9,320
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	57.93	23,200	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	59.91	10,360

***** 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	
	1,000	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)
ALA	4,073	4,095	3,859	4,649	5.20	5.02	3,998	(A)
ARK	5,509	5,430	5,487	6,610	5.12	5.16	5,430	(A)
DELMARVA	2,253	2,280	2,195	2,289	5.64	5.45	2,271	(A)
KY-LA-TN	1,853	1,891	1,852	2,235	5.10	4.78	1,997	(A)
MISS	3,065	3,053	3,011	3,917	5.43	5.27	3,010	(A)
NC	2,481	2,502	2,383	3,095	6.30	6.25	2,402	(A)
TEXAS	2,461	2,464	2,440	2,542	5.26	5.08	2,475	(A)
TOTAL	21,695	21,715	21,227	25,337	5.38	5.27	21,583	4.90
MON-WED	65,011(B)						51,547(B)	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 14-Jul-04 is estimated to be 32,458,000 head up 0.22 percent from a week ago and up 5.00 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,387,000, last year 30,912,000)

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#		76-81
DUCKS		-
RABBITS-WHOLE		-
RABBITS-CUT UP		-
SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY		
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS		
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	109
	DRY PACK	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 17-JUL-04

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	07/17/04 (1)		07/10/04	
	THOUSAND HEAD			
BRO-FRY	163,768	(2)	154,812	
LT HENS	1,590		1,448	
HVY HENS	1,506		1,216	
CHECK TOTAL	166,864		157,476	

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 17-Jul-04 is 165.2 million head compared to 159.1 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 164.1 million head or 1.1 million less than estimated available. For the week of 24-Jul-04 the estimated available is 167.1 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 07/12/04	199,551		52,577	
AM 07/01/04	197,449		57,329	
CHG	2,102		-4,752	
PCT CHG	1%		-8%	

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	7/12/04	7/05/04	7/14/03	7/12/04	7/05/04	7/05/04
PACIFIC COAST	9,237	9,353	15,614	4,757	4,398	7,233
LOS ANGELES	360	366	142	3,299	2,980	2,636

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 JULY 12, 2004.

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

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

	LOW HIGH AVG			FOR 07/13/04		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	2.05	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	5.50
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.20	2.50
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	1.25	2.00
ROOSTERS lb.	1.60	1.70	1.69	ROOSTERS ea.	7.00	7.25
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	.40	1.40	1.09	RABBITS ea.	3.00	3.75
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.00	5.50
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	2.00	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-			
TOTAL COOPS:	49					

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending July 9, 2004

	Whole		Legs	Necks, Backs	Livers/
	Chickens	Breasts	W/Thighs	& Wings	Gizzards Hens
RAYON					
Low	65.56	118.48	78.98	15.80	15.80 43.44
High	67.93	126.37	86.88	19.75	19.75 43.44
Mostly	67.14	126.37	86.88	15.80	15.80 43.44

SAN JUAN

Low	65.56	118.48	78.98	15.80	11.85 43.44
High	67.93	126.37	86.88	19.75	15.80 43.44
Mostly	67.14	126.37	78.98	15.80	15.80 43.44

NEW SAN JUAN

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BECERRA

Low	65.95	118.48	78.98	15.80	15.80 47.39
High	68.32	126.37	86.88	19.75	19.75 47.39
Mostly	67.14	126.37	86.88	15.80	15.80 47.39

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was mostly light and unaggressive. Offerings were readily available and competitively priced in an effort to stimulate buyer interest. Live supplies were moderate; weights were in a full range of light to heavy. Processor schedules were mostly moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent lower at 81 to 95 cents. Trade sentiment was weak and unsettled. In the parts complex, boneless/skinless breasts were readily available. Bone-in breast were irregularly balanced, but fully adequate overall. Leg items were fully sufficient. Wings were 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	80-100	
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	85.82	
NO. OF BOXES	6,625	

*7 of 7 plants reporting.

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