

Fast Food Fax

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Young Chickens Slaughtered under Federal Inspection, Classified by Weight, weekending: Apr 21, 2001

Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand was moderate to fairly good, best where retail promotions were in progress. Offerings were sufficient for trade needs. Bone-in breasts were in close balance and well cleared. Dark meat items were in good balance. Wings increased in availability but continued to clear satisfactorily. Weights were mostly desirable.

	FOOD SERVICE/			
	<u>FAST FOOD</u>	<u>RETAIL</u>	<u>DEBONING</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Weight Range	4.20 & Down	4.21 – 5.25	5.26 & Up	---
Total (000)	33,242	26,081	46,381	105,704
Percentage	31%	25%	44%	100%

Fast Food and Food Service Sizes

<u>Live Weight</u>	<u>RTC WOG Weight</u>	<u>No. of Head (000)</u>	<u>Percentage of Total Slaughter</u>
3.60 lbs. & Lighter	Under 2 lbs., 8 oz.	3,842	3.63
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2 lbs., 8 oz. - 2 lbs., 10 oz.	6,664	6.30
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2 lbs., 10 oz. - 2 lbs., 12 oz.	13,271	12.55
4.01 - 4.20 lbs.	2 lbs., 12 oz. - 2 lbs., 14 oz.	<u>9,465</u>	<u>8.95</u>
		33,242	31.43

BROILER EGGS SET/CHICKS PLACED IN 15 STATES COMPARED WITH U.S. BROILER SLAUGHTER

Slaughter Week	Egg Sets		Chicks Placed		Eggs Set 10 Weeks Previous		Chicks Placed 7 Weeks Previous		Prelim. Fed. Insp. Million head Slaughtered	
	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%**
Mar 10	183,814	99	146,195	103	176,109	97	142,278	98	152,138	103
Mar 17	183,848	100	149,104	101	178,831	98	143,929	99	152,987	101
Mar 24	183,834	99	150,503	102	179,729	99	144,793	100	150,141	98
Mar 31	182,471	99	149,801	100	179,208	99	143,285	98	150,228	100
Apr 07	184,900	98	149,023	101	177,434	99	141,293	99	153,854	102
Apr 14	184,315	98	149,001	101	178,493	100	142,593	101	144,057	94
Apr 21	182,701	98	147,163	99	180,246	101	143,883	102	151,270	105
Apr 28	183,741	99	149,245	99	181,711	102	146,406	103	156,893	104

Data in bold are subject to revision *Percent of previous year **Percent change from previous week

Whole Broiler/Fryers (cents/lb.)

Week of 05/07/01

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Previous Week</u>	<u>Year Ago</u>
New York Grade A Ice-packed	52.17	52.13	51.78
Chicago Grade A Ice-packed	53.29	53.22	46.25
Los Angeles Grade A Ice-packed	65.71	64.71	61.00
12-City Composite Weighted Avg.	59.10	58.88	55.76
Georgia Dock FOB Final Weighted Avg.	61.18	60.95	56.12
Southern States FOB Whole Body 5 day Avg. Index	50.62	50.49	33.16

Broiler/Fryer Parts (cents/lb.)

Weekly Weighted Average

	<u>Northeast (Delivered) 05/04/01</u>	<u>Southern States (FOB) 05/04/01</u>	<u>Georgia (FOB) 05/07/01</u>
Breast - B/S	135.79	139.46	140.00
Tenderloins	143.64	156.93	---
Breast - Line Run	73.48	72.35	73.50 (Whole)
Leg Quarters	29.32	25.83	28.50
Wings	109.06	102.18	102.50

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