

Fast Food Fax

MAY 19, 2003

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Trade sentiment was fully steady to instances firm. Demand ranged moderate to very good, best where media promotions were in progress. Offerings were in close balance to tight for current trade needs. In the parts complex, breast items were in good balance to adequate and well cleared. Leg quarters and wings were clearing satisfactorily. Weights were mixed but mostly desirable.

Young Chickens Slaughtered under Federal Inspection Classified by Weight, WEEKENDING: May 03, 2003

	FOOD SERVICE/			TOTAL
	FAST FOOD	RETAIL	DEBONING	
Weight Range	4.20 & Down	4.21 - 5.25	5.26 & Up	----
Total (000)	23,416	20,909	52,871	97,196
Percentage	24%	22%	54%	100%

Fast Food and Food Service Sizes

Live Weights	RTC WOG Weights	No. of Head (000)	Percentage of Total Slaughter
3.60 lbs. & Lighter	Under 2 lbs., 8 oz.	4,068	4.19
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2 lbs., 8 oz. - 2 lbs., 10 oz.	6,554	6.74
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2 lbs., 10 oz., -2 lbs., 12 oz.	8,929	9.19
4.01 - 4.20 lbs.	2 lbs., 12 oz. - 2 lbs., 14 oz.	<u>3,865</u>	<u>3.98</u>
		23,416	24.09

BROILER EGG SET CHICKS PLACED IN 19 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 15	204,317	98	167,396	97	204,119	99	166,045	99	151,337	100
Mar 22	204,902	98	169,014	99	203,492	99	166,420	101	153,022	101
Mar 29	204,138	98	169,261	99	202,802	99	164,887	100	152,814	100
Apr 05	207,900	98	167,672	99	204,707	99	165,871	99	156,255	102
Apr 12	209,026	99	169,038	100	203,905	98	164,469	96	152,185	97
Apr 19	208,793	99	166,755	99	202,772	97	163,548	97	144,469	95
Apr 26	209,218	100	171,781	99	202,449	96	165,230	96	153,380	106
May 03	208,624	99	171,495	99	204,584	97	167,239	97	156,760	102
May 10	205,876	97	170,085	99	206,547	98	169,125	99	155,587	99

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

Whole Broiler/Fryers (cents/lb.)	Majority	Current Week	Previous Week	Year Ago
Week of 05/19/03				
NEW YORK Grade A Ice-packed _____	54 - 57	55.13	55.09	52.38
CHICAGO Grade A Ice-packed _____	49 - 52	52.52	52.04	49.62
LOS ANGELES Grade A Ice-packed _____	70	67.85	67.09	66.67
12-CITY COMPOSITE Weighted Avg.		60.00	59.02	56.77
GEORGIA DOCK FOB Wtd. Avg. (Wed Dock 64.50)		63.12	63.00	62.32
SOUTHERN STATES FOB Whole Body 5 Day Avg.		50.85	47.56	41.36

Broiler/Fryer Parts (cents/lb.)	Northeast (Delivered) 05/16/03	Southern States (FOB) 05/16/03	Georgia (FOB) 05/19/03
Weekly Weighted Average			
Breast - B/S	162.48	159.47	171.50
Thenderloins	146.43	156.00	189.00 (Line run)
Breast - Line Run	92.13	90.54	92.50 (Whole)
Leg Quarters	24.63	20.91	22.50
Wings	70.55	71.03	72.50