



Fast Food Fax

MAY 24, 2004

Trade sentiment ranged steady to firm. Demand was moderate to good, best where media promotions were noted. Breast items and dark meat cuts were in close balance and well cleared. Wings were at least adequate to available. Weights were mixed but mostly desirable.

The "SOURCE" of Poultry and Egg Market Information

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Young Chickens Slaughtered under Federal Inspection Classified by Weight, WEEKENDING: May 08, 2004

	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)	28,848	22,792	53,122	104,762
Percentage	28%	22%	51%	101%

Fast Food and Food Service Sizes

<u>Live Weights</u>	<u>RTC WOG Weights</u>	<u>No. of Head (000)</u>	<u>Percentage of Total Slaughter</u>
3.60 lbs. & Lighter	Under 2 lbs., 8 oz.	5,058	4.83
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2 lbs., 8 oz. - 2 lbs., 10 oz.	6,653	6.35
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2 lbs., 10 oz., -2 lbs., 12 oz.	12,894	12.31
4.01 - 4.20 lbs.	2 lbs., 12 oz. - 2 lbs., 14 oz.l	4,243	4.05
		28,848	27.54

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 20	209,673	102	171,496	101	206,529	101	168,098	101	153,006	97
Mar 27	210,955	103	172,440	102	206,764	102	168,937	102	152,749	100
Apr 03	211,195	100	172,271	103	205,540	100	167,265	101	152,052	100
Apr 10	212,939	102	171,566	102	204,460	100	167,390	102	150,462	99
Apr 17	213,662	102	171,422	102	206,642	102	168,319	103	152,185	101
Apr 24	213,468	103	173,068	101	208,421	103	169,208	102	156,011	103
May 01	212,631	102	174,978	102	209,844	103	170,698	102	157,894	101
May 08	212,557	103	174,628	102	210,864	102	171,783	101	157,101	100
May 15	212,861	101	174,269	102	210,313	101	172,347	102	158,470	101

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 05/24/04				
NEW YORK Grade A Ice-packed	81-84	82.72	81.25	57.04
CHICAGO Grade A Ice-packed	78-81	79.44	78.80	55.13
LOS ANGELES Grade A Ice-packed	82	82.28	81.33	68.37
12-CITY COMPOSITE Weighted Avg.		81.77	80.50	61.33
GEORGIA DOCK FOB Wtd. Avg. (Wed Dock 77.00)		77.04	76.11	63.70
SOUTHERN STATES FOB Whole Body 5 Day Avg.		79.74	76.45	53.09

Broiler/Fryer Parts (cents/lb.)	Northeast (Delivered)	Southern States (FOB)	Georgia (FOB)
Weekly Weighted Average	05/21/04	05/21/04	05/24/04
Breast - B/S	237.46	242.50	246.00
Tenderloins	224.60	231.24	255.50 (Line run)
Breast - Line Run	130.55	128.45	132.50(Whole)
Leg Quarters	38.83	35.52	37.50
Wings	108.02	102.99	119.50