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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was mixed, but mostly barely steady to weak. Retail demand was slow to moderate with limited reactions to ads; food service was mostly fair to moderate. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to ample and frequently discounted to help clear. In the parts structure, movement was fair at best. Wings were adequate to fully sufficient, and all other parts were readily available to ample with lower prices prevalent. 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 declined .50 to 79.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 69.00 cents last year on August 27, 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	241.50
BREASTS - B/S	204.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	117.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	98.00
LEG QUARTERS	32.50
WINGS	113.50

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

**SOUTHERN** Trade sentiment was no better than steady to weak. Demand was mostly slow to fair with limited trading, and usually limited to regular commitments. Supplies of all sizes were more than adequate to easily handle trade needs. In the parts structure, wings were sufficient, but all other items were at least adequate or readily available with discounts available to help move. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers remained light and unaggressive. Offerings of all sizes were fully adequate to available with discounting noted where product was in excess. In the parts complex, breast items remained ample. Dark meat cuts were fully sufficient. Wings were available.

**MIDWEST** Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady to barely steady with a weak undertone. Offerings were plentiful on big birds, light on smaller weights. Trade interest was very light. Retail and food service demand was irregular; slow to moderate into retail and fair to fairly good into food service. Retail ads were providing mixed reaction; ads noted on whole birds at 68 and 99 cents. Floor stocks were adequate to ample. Weights were trending heavy. Trading on parts was intermittent on fully available and discounted supplies. The market tone was steady on leg quarters, about steady on wings and barely steady to weak on all other parts.

**WESTERN** The market tone was barely steady. Offerings adequate to ample. Retailer demand was fairly good best to cover feature activities. The market tone was barely steady to weak on parts. Floor stocks adequate.

### CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES	WEEK ENDING 08/21/04		PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
	2004	2003	
EGGS SET	212,548	205,998	+03
CHICKS PLACED	175,852	169,295	+04

### BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 3 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 21, 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 August 21, 2004. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through August 21, 2004 were 5.86 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 02-Oct-04 is estimated at 161.4 million head. This compares to 160.1 million head the previous week and to 158.9 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 160.2 million head and the composite weighted average price was 63.23 cents per pound.

AUGUST 24, 2004

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

AUGUST 25, 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	692	147.00-225.00	152-160	159.39	BREAST - B/S	665	136.00-220.00	140-145	146.67
TENDERLOINS	217	177.00-245.00	190-195	193.26	TENDERLOINS	148	172.00-245.00	-	189.05
BREAST - LINE RUN	65	112.00-128.00	112-115	116.31	BREAST - LINE RUN	102	108.00-124.00	110-115	113.10
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	100	66.00-76.00	67-68	70.00
LEGS	83	32.00-53.00	35-37	37.34	LEGS	103	32.00-53.00	34-36	35.96
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	510	24.00-29.00	26-27	26.49	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	510	24.00-29.00	26-27	26.49
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,263	27.00-32.00	28-29	28.32	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,053	27.00-29.00	28	28.12
WINGS (WHOLE)	290	92.00-110.00	92-98	97.16	WINGS (WHOLE)	290	92.00-110.00	92-95	97.17
WINGS (CUT)	575	110.00-119.00	112-116	114.66	WINGS (CUT)	440	110.00-119.00	114-117	116.18
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				B/S THIGHS	104	67.00-120.00	-	76.67
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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
		49.00 - 53.50	51.25				45.00-52.50	48.25	50.69

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 light to no better than fair during midweek trading. Offerings of breast items remained ample and discounted. Dark meat cuts were fully adequate and competitively priced to clear. Wings were adequate to fully adequate. Retail and distributive draw was seasonally light to fair at best. The market tone continued barely steady to instances weak.

\*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES. AUGUST 24, 2004

ITEM	AUGUST 24, 2004			AUGUST 25, 2004		
	CURRENT NEG	WTD		CURRENT NEG	WTD	
BREAST - B/S	170	171.24	905,583	165-170	173.75	520,416
TENDERLOINS	205	186.32	195,870	205	204.59	65,140
BREAST - WITH RIBS	103-104	109.43	98,040	100-101	106.50	140,160
BREAST - LINE RUN	103	100.24	93,000	100	101.88	128,120
LEGS	48-49	36.08	457,403	48-49	44.21	196,522
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	31-32	30.90	428,310	31-32	33.86	280,389
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	35.85	152,500	32-33	44.06	58,880
THIGHS	28-29	36.89	74,140	26-27	43.69	62,840
B/S THIGHS	83-84	74.69	89,960	80-81	80.73	41,560
WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101	104.25	153,680	100-101	107.66	125,280
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.94	29,760	10-12	11.91	32,720
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	24.86	13,840	30-35	25.55	16,640
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	58.82	26,920	55-60	59.93	19,600

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)
Alabama	4,065	4,097	4,021	5,224	5.33	5.02	4,105	5.36
Arkansas	5,558	5,565	5,602	5,310	5.16	5.04	5,460	5.23
Delmarva	2,255	2,321	2,276	2,251	5.79	5.59	2,267	5.75
KY-LA-TN	1,983	2,131	2,089	2,056	5.16	4.67	2,107	5.14
Mississippi	3,080	2,989	3,105	3,581	5.48	5.39	3,078	5.58
N.Carolina	2,545	2,535	2,476	2,932	6.43	6.52	2,104	6.46
Texas	2,494	2,464	2,518	2,501	5.32	5.12	2,529	5.17
Total	21,980	22,102	22,087	23,855	5.46	5.30	21,650	5.52
Mon-Wed	66,164 (A)						65,493(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 25-Aug-04 is estimated to be 32,885,000 head up 1.22 percent from a week ago and up 1.74 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,488,000, last year 32,323,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS		97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP		107
HENS UNDER 5#		-
HENS OVER 5#		78-83
DUCKS		-
RABBITS-WHOLE		-
RABBITS-CUT UP		-
SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY		
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS		
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	107-108
	DRY PACK	116
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	108-109
	DRY PACK	110
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	93
	DRY PACK	93-95
DUCKS		170-185

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

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 28-Aug-04

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	08/28/04 (1)		08/21/04	
	THOUSAND HEAD			
BRO-FRY	170,398	(2)	171,212	
LT HENS	1,449		1,616	
HVY HENS	1,523		1,295	
CHECK TOTAL	173,370		174,123	

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 28-Aug-04 is 165.0 million head compared to 164.1 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 170.7 million head or 5.7 million more than estimated available. For the week of 04-Sept-04 the estimated available is 163.9 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 08/23/04	192,739		61,943	
AM 08/01/04	197,542		54,909	
CHG	-4,803		7,034	
PCT CHG	-2		13	

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)**

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	08/23/04	08/16/04	08/25/03	08/23/04	08/16/04	08/25/03
<b>PACIFIC</b>						
<b>COAST</b>	13,442	12,159	20,145	5,341	5,298	6,863
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>	357	363	433	3,989	4,174	2,446

**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 AUGUST 23, 2004

HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	RANGE	
		ICE PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)
		68-70	70-76

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW HIGH AVG			LOW HIGH AVG		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.35	.55	.41	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	.40	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	.85
BANTAMS lb.	.50	.60	.56	BANTAMS ea.	-	.75
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.05	.20
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	.50
ROOSTERS lb.	.60	1.10	.90	ROOSTERS ea.	3.00	4.00
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	.60	.80	.71	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	.20	1.05	.55	RABBITS ea.	1.25	2.75
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	-	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	.20	.50
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	.50	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-			
TOTAL COOPS	87					

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City**

Cents per pound for the week ending August 20, 2004

	Whole		Legs		Necks, Backs		Livers/	
	Chickens	Breasts	W/Thighs	& Wings	Gizzards	Hens		
<b>RAYON</b>								
Low	69.66	128.12	88.08	12.01	16.01	46.04		
High	70.47	132.12	92.09	20.02	20.02	46.04		
Mostly	70.06	132.12	92.09	16.01	20.02	46.04		
<b>SAN JUAN</b>								
Low	69.26	128.12	88.08	12.01	16.01	46.04		
High	70.47	132.12	92.09	20.02	20.02	46.04		
Mostly	70.06	128.12	88.08	16.01	16.01	46.04		
<b>NEW SAN JUAN</b>								
Low	69.66	128.12	88.08	12.01	16.01	46.04		
High	70.47	132.12	92.09	20.02	20.02	46.04		
Mostly	70.06	128.12	88.08	16.01	16.01	46.04		
<b>BECERRA</b>								
Low	69.66	128.12	88.08	16.01	16.01	50.05		
High	70.47	136.13	96.09	20.02	20.02	50.05		
Mostly	70.06	132.12	92.09	16.01	16.01	50.05		

**DELMARVA** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds remained light and unaggressive. Seller offerings were fully adequate to ample and often competitively priced in an effort to stimulate additional activity. Live supplies were moderate; weights varied in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were mostly moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged to 1 cent lower at 69 to 85 cents. Trade sentiment continued barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, supplies were fully adequate to ample for immediate needs.

\*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		63-90	
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		73.56	
NO. OF BOXES		8,095	

\*7 of 7 plants reporting.

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