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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were lower in the East, mostly unchanged elsewhere. Trade sentiment was mixed, but mostly steady to barely steady. Retail and food service demand was slow to moderate with best movement into fast food for promotions. Offerings were at least adequate with limited buying interest; floor stocks were balanced to long. In the parts structure, wings were well cleared to tight and moving. Tenders were balanced to well cleared, and the remaining breast items were adequate to fully sufficient. Dark meat was adequate to barely adequate, but well cleared for thighs and thigh meat. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to light weights.

**Final Report** of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 22-AUG-2005.

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Boston/New England	TFEWR		:	70.05	35
Chicago	65.00-68.00	67.69	39 :	68.58	72
Ohio Cities	TFEWR		:	67.82	23
Denver	80.50	80.33	15 :	74.13	23
Detroit	67.00-69.00	69.00	12 :	70.00	59
Los Angeles	81.00	80.00	60 :	73.56	137
New York	67.00-70.00	68.87	23 :	70.25	48
Philadelphia	66.50-68.00	67.32	11 :	67.54	23
Pittsburgh	66.00-69.00	67.82	11 :	72.07	57
St. Louis	66.50-66.75	66.19	20 :	63.48	43
San Francisco	81.50	81.01	34 :	81.38	65

### Composite Weighted Average

Loads	08/22/05	Change/Last Wk	08/15/05	08/23/04
585	71.38	.06	71.32	74.34

**WOG BROILERS** (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads
Eastern	72.00-73.00	72.60	31
Central	57.00-75.00	70.52	73
Western	60.00-74.00	71.28	35
<b>Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent</b>			
Mississippi	72.00-76.00	73.78	87

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 74.75 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,140	65.00-76.44	73.53

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	172.50	1,487
BREASTS - B/S	148.50	5,955
BREASTS - WHOLE	85.50	1,533
THIGH MEAT - B/S	108.50	1,068
LEG QUARTERS	46.00	7,684
WINGS	82.00	3,042

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**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light to fair at best entering the week. Offerings of all sizes were fully sufficient for current trade needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was mostly light and unaggressive. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, dark meat cuts ranged adequate to available with drums in the longest position. Bone-in breasts were at least adequate; boneless skinless breasts were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Wings and thighs were well cleared.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand following the weekend was light to moderate, best into fast food and for active retail ads. Supplies of all sizes were usually more than sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was light to moderate. Wings were balanced to short and moving, breast items were available, and dark meat was adequate to well cleared. In production areas, live supplies were mostly moderate. Weights were desirable to light, but mostly desirable.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Final majority prices were unchanged throughout the region. The market tone was about steady. Trading reported for this week's deliveries at mainly unchanged prices on regular commitments and unchanged to lower on new negotiations. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate for trade needs. Buying activity was moderate at best. Retailer demand was fair to fairly good. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. Reported trading on parts for this weeks' delivery: leg quarters bulk 47-49 and 4/10s 50.5-54, breast bone-in 93-104 and boneless 127-134, boneless thigh meat 110-112 and wings 85-88. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 63.96 down 1.11, with the volume reported at 27 loads unchanged from last week.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Final majority prices unchanged in Detroit and Chicago, slightly lower into St. Louis from last Monday's final; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady. Offerings adequate for the very limited buyer interest. Movement mostly slow and flat with some fast food, fairs and festivals providing moderate demand. Floor stocks adequate to long; weights desirable to light. Parts trade was light with wings and tenderloins receiving best call. Wings, dark meat and tenders were well cleared, all other parts adequate. Market tone was fully steady to firm on wings, tenders and thigh meat, steady on balance.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was slow for early week business, but most locations were in a workable position. Offerings were at least sufficient for the buying interest. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to light. Processor schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were one cent lower at 68 to 79 cents. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady. In the parts complex, wings and thigh meat were reported as short to tight. Interest on tenders was good, other breast items improved. Drums also improved but were still available. Leg quarters and thighs were reported as clearing.

\*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	62-83
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) NOT REPORTED TO AVOID DISCLOSING INDIVIDUAL OPERATIONS

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying activity was noted as mostly fair entering the week as dealers kept floor stocks in close balance with immediate needs. Offerings of bone-in breasts were fully sufficient for current needs; boneless skinless breasts were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Drums were available and slow to clear. Wings, thighs and boneless skinless thighs were well cleared. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair at best. The market tone was fully steady to firm for wings and boneless skinless thighs. Drums were barely steady to weak.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	135-140	131.10	400,700
TENDERLOINS	130-135	129.62	76,440
BREAST - WITH RIBS	79-80	89.77	47,960
BREAST - LINE RUN	79	78.37	96,080
LEGS	61-62	63.37	88,160
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	45-46	46.17	263,200
DRUMSTICKS	54-55	61.52	52,920
THIGHS	50-51	57.31	61,000
B/S THIGHS	113-114	105.64	68,880
WINGS (WHOLE)	82-83	80.96	196,980
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.36	9,320
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	40-45	44.76	8,280
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	65.02	10,200

INCL: NY CITY METRO, N. NJ, MA, CT, RI, AND PA (NE OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS** 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	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	2,055	117.00-148.00	122-132	126.37
TENDERLOINS	242	120.00-185.00	126	125.49
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,498	42.00-45.00	42-43	42.78
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,451	42.00-47.00	44-45	44.24
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS	1,125	37.00-50.00	39-42	39.40

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	(1,000)	(1,000)		(1,000)	
	08/22	08/18	08/18	08/15	08/11
Alabama	4,101	3,986	5.16	4,035	5.11
Arkansas	5,455	5,348	5.14	5,274	5.18
Delmarva	2,271	2,265	5.37	2,273	5.48
KY-LA-TN	2,291	2,266	4.93	2,274	4.82
Mississippi	3,103	3,096	5.37	3,109	5.43
North Carolina	2,535	2,461	6.31	2,273	6.51
Texas	2,489	2,546	5.28	2,567	5.19
Total	22,245	21,968	5.33	21,805	5.37
Mon	22,245(A)			21,805(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 22-Aug 2005 is estimated to be 34,215,000 up 3.56 percent from a week ago. and up 7.3 percent from a year ago. (last week 33,038,000 last year 31,873,000)

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS** 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 (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	666	120.00-200.00	122-127	130.84
TENDERLOINS	226	125.00-197.00	129-131	130.77
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	604	42.00-46.00	44-45	44.44
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	696	44.00-48.00	46-47	46.25
WINGS (WHOLE)	282	75.00-86.00	79-82	80.73
WINGS (CUT)	365	92.00-99.00	95-97	96.33
DRUMSTICKS	68	52.00-71.00	-	55.41
THIGHS	56	44.00-71.00	-	48.69
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS  
TRADING FOR AUGUST 22, 2005 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
50.00 - 55.50	52.72	51.39

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.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER PARTS** ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 22-26-AUG-2005.

	Price (Cents) Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	125.00 - 140.00	127.00 - 137.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	80.00 - 107.00	80.00 - 87.00
LEGS	59.00 - 64.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	43.00 - 53.00	44.00 - 46.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	45.00 - 55.00	47.00 - 49.00
DRUMSTICKS	50.00 - 66.00	-
THIGHS	46.00 - 54.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	77.00 - 89.00	80.00 - 83.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 23.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 45.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 60.00	-

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	95.25-104.25
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	93.75-106.75
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	

**DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)**

FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-107
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	65-73
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**

**DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 105-107
	DRY PACK 108
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 108-112
	DRY PACK 111-112
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 93-95
	DRY PACK 95-105
DUCKS	180-192

**EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

AUGUST 19, 2005

FAT CONTENT	PRICES		VOLUME	
	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS	(Cents per Pound)			
RANGE	20.50-22.75	21.00-22.00	552,000	312,000
WTD AVERAGE	21.25	21.67		
15-20%				
RANGE	19.00-27.50	16.00-23.00	1,408,000	728,000
WTD AVERAGE	22.14	19.12		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	14.00	80,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		14.00		

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

**CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

AUGUST 19, 2005

FAT CONTENT	PRICES		VOLUME	
	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS	(Cents per Pound)			
RANGE	-	18.00-24.00	163,200	-
WTD AVERAGE		22.50		
15-20%				
RANGE	17.75-24.00	16.00-22.00	1,249,600	434,400
WTD AVERAGE	19.86	18.03		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly fair for the at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Sales of finished product were sufficient for current needs. The undertone was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 22-AUG-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9.75-16	12-14	13.26
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading was irregular, but generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were slow, but clearing according to set processing schedules. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 22-AUG-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9.5-16.25	11.75-13.75	13.00

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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