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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices for next week were trending unchanged in the Midwest, but higher in the East and West. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady in the Midwest, and fully steady to firm elsewhere. Retail demand was mostly light to moderate with few features. Food service was also light to moderate, but often good into fast food channels where promotions were active. Supplies of all sizes were generally in good balance to well cleared for trade needs. In the parts structure, demand was moderate to good entering the weekend. Dark meat was adequate to more available, breast items were well cleared to short, and wings were balanced to tight. In production areas, live supplies were mostly moderate at desirable to light weights.

Preliminary report Prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 21-AUG-2006 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A				WTD	
(Including branded product)				AVG	LOADS
AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE			
Delivered to First Receivers					
Chicago	63.00-66.00	60.00-71.00		65.18	28
New York	64.00-67.00				
Los Angeles	78.00				
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent					
Mississippi	69.00-71.00	59.00-80.00		70.58	92

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 70.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT		
LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
977	69.00-72.50	70.12
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice-packed parts:		
ITEM	WTD. AVG.	VOLUME
(CENTS PER POUND)		(000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	161.50	1,170
BREASTS - B/S	148.00	5,452
BREASTS - WHOLE	79.50	1,255
THIGH MEAT - B/S	87.50	1,059
LEG QUARTERS	38.50	8,277
WINGS	91.50	2,666

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

SOUTHERN BROILER Trade sentiment was mixed, but overall at least steady. Retail and food service demand was fair to moderate with active movement expected over the weekend. Supplies of all sizes were in balance to well cleared for trade needs. In the parts structure, interest was moderate to good. Dark meat was adequate to closer balanced, breast items and wings were less available to tight and moving at premium levels when found. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable to light.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was moderate to good entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes were in close balance to well cleared. Retail and distributive movement was moderate. The market tone was fully steady. In the parts complex, breast items, tenders and wings were in good balance to short of current needs. Other items were no more than adequate and clearing satisfactorily.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices were 1 cent higher. The market tone was generally firm. Light trading reported for next weeks' delivery at mainly higher prices. Offerings were adequate overall. Buying activity was fair. Retailer demand was fairly good to cover promotions, elsewhere only fair. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances. The market tone remained strong on white meat items and about steady on dark meat.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS The preliminary majority for next week's delivery into Chicago was unchanged from last Monday's final majority price. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady to fully steady with offerings mixed to trade needs. Demand into retail sectors continues to be light to moderate at best; while distributive channels received light to moderate movement with fast food entities fair to good interest. Floor stocks were mostly balanced to at times short with sizes desirable to light. Supplies of dark meat items were adequate to more available, barely adequate to tight on breast cuts, and tight on wings. The trade sentiment was firm on wings, fully steady on breast items, and steady to barely steady on leg quarters.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was moderate to good entering the weekend. Seller offerings were in good balance to well cleared. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable to light. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 65 to 77 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, breast cuts were barely adequate to short of immediate needs. Leg quarters were fully adequate. Wings were adequate to well cleared.

*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	63-83
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	(A)
	08/14/06 - 08/18/06
	08/15/05 - 08/19/05
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
	08/14/06 - 08/18/06
	08/15/05 - 08/19/05
	(A)

(A) NOT REPORTED TO AVOID DISCLOSING INDIVIDUAL OPERATIONS

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

AUG 18

ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS					WTD AVG	WEEKLY
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)		
BREAST - B/S	606	128.00-194.00	-	143.12	591	130.00-199.00	-	143.87	3,250	138.68	
TENDERLOINS	203	130.00-188.00	135-139	141.33	280	131.00-192.00	-	147.57	1,082	139.13	
BREAST - LINE RUN	109	74.00-84.00	77-79	77.32	114	75.00-81.00	76-78	76.65	426	77.77	
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT					300	70.53
LEGS	170	44.00-62.00	47-48	46.79	TOO FEW TO REPORT					812	47.01
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	590	33.00-38.00	36	35.90	645	34.00-38.00	36	35.86	2,955	35.78	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	957	35.00-41.00	37-38	37.40	1,091	35.00-41.00	37-38	37.39	4,479	37.50	
WINGS (WHOLE)	285	88.00-93.00	-	89.93	285	90.00-93.00	-	91.23	1,455	89.31	
WINGS (CUT)	280	105.00-111.00	108-110	109.04	290	109.00-112.00	-	110.79	1,385	108.18	
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT					343	44.76
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT					197	41.85
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT					513	88.13

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
 TRADING FOR AUG 17, 2006 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

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RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
50.50 - 56.50	53.30	50.00 - 56.50	53.07	53.15

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 interest continued moderately good to good entering the weekend. Offerings of breast items and tenderloins were well cleared to short of current needs. Thighs and boneless skinless thighs were sufficient and clearing satisfactorily. Wings were in good balance to tight. Leg quarters were noted as more available than earlier in the week. Movement through retail and distributive channels was moderate. The market tone remained firm for breast items, wings and tenders; steady to fully steady for the balance of items.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.
 AUG 17

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD	CURRENT NEG			WTD	WEEKLY
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		
BREAST - B/S	145-150	132.98	665,360	150	136.93	661,640	132.75	2,990,080	
TENDERLOINS	140-145	119.44	170,000	145	136.31	200,160	125.43	773,520	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	83-84	92.21	62,760	84-85	87.64	134,000	88.78	379,120	
BREAST - LINE RUN	83	86.00	90,000	84	86.79	84,600	84.86	415,920	
LEGS	49-50	46.74	152,260	49-50	51.32	152,960	48.94	631,160	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	38-39	39.21	249,000	38-39	39.32	330,040	39.27	1,279,760	
DRUMSTICKS	37-38	41.44	83,040	37-38	45.74	104,560	43.14	432,430	
THIGHS	34-35	45.71	41,360	34-35	46.34	75,200	43.92	468,990	
B/S THIGHS	91-92	86.25	91,320	91-92	93.35	61,600	88.48	379,090	
WINGS (WHOLE)	95-96	91.48	235,560	96-97	100.30	174,400	94.86	933,060	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.62	17,440	10-12	12.36	20,920	11.75	86,080	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	31.30	12,680	30-35	28.10	12,880	28.43	57,800	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	55.52	13,600	50-55	55.85	13,200	55.37	64,800	

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * NEG. 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 WT		ACTUAL		AVG WTS	
	08/18	08/17	08/16	08/15	08/16	08/15	08/11	08/09		
Alabama	4,044	4,129	4,066	4,132	5.25	5.25	4,086	5.19		
Arkansas	4,871	5,063	5,305	5,430	5.11	5.16	4,511	5.16		
Delmarva	2,235	2,278	2,181	2,559	5.61	5.60	2,438	5.46		
KY-LA-TN	1,943	2,312	2,058	2,293	4.77	4.98	2,346	4.93		
Mississippi	2,686	2,889	2,741	2,753	5.99	6.01	3,295	5.79		
North Carolina	2,337	2,606	2,555	2,177	6.64	6.70	2,876	6.55		
Texas	2,512	2,518	2,598	2,514	5.27	5.29	2,543	5.46		
Total	20,628	21,795	21,504	21,515	5.47	5.48	22,095	5.46		
Mon-Fri	107,742(A)						108,649(A)			
Saturday	400(included in total for date shown)						1,236			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 18-Aug-06 and 19-Aug-06 is estimated to be 30,862,000 head down 6.92 percent from a week ago and down -10.44 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 33,156,000, last year 34,458,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 19-Aug-06 is estimated to be 160,023,000 head down 1.26 percent from a week ago, and down 4.64 percent from a year ago. (Last week 162,061,000, last year 167,810,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	91-100
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-108
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	65-74
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DLVRD TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	89-103
	DRY PACK	108-114
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	100
	DRY PACK	111-118
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	88-102
	DRY PACK	102-109
DUCKS		185-190

Effective August 17, 2006, the format of this report has changed to better reflect current industry practices. For details regarding this change or to receive historical data relating to this change please contact us at PYMN@USDA.GOV or 202-720-6911.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection,
Week ending 12-Aug-06

	(A) 4.25 lbs & down	(B) 4.26- 6.26 lbs	(C) 6.26- 7.75 lbs	(D) 7.76 lbs & up	Total
(Preliminary)	Thousands				
Head	48,449	84,385	23,900	5,327	162,061
Avg Live Wgt	3.87	5.35	7.00	8.12	5.24
% of total /1	30%	52%	15%	3%	100%
<i>Comparisons</i>					
Last week	46,038	81,721	25,726	8,607	162,092
Avg Live Wgt	3.81	5.36	6.93	8.05	5.31
% of total /1	28%	50%	16%	5%	100%
Year Ago 2/	53,850	78,379	29,778	6,693	168,700
Avg Live Wgt	3.62	5.34	6.93	8.21	5.18
% of total /1	32%	46%	18%	4%	100%
To date/2006	1,494,174	2,515,706	721,683	418,636	5,150,199
To date/2005	1,552,966	2,470,807	833,992	291,239	5,149,004

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.

Weight Class Description:

(A) This size product is normally marketed bone-in into fast food and food service sectors and may include Cornish hens. (B) This size product is normally marketed into the retail grocery sector in tray pack or bagged forms. (C) This size product is normally marketed either into the retail grocery sector in tray pack and IQF form or is further processed and marketed into various sectors. (D) This size product is normally marketed deboned or as roasters or roasting chicken.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION W/E 12-Aug-06

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
(Preliminary)	THOUSANDS				
Head	162,061	975	1,586	2,561	490
Avg Wt	5.24	3.25	8.60	6.56	6.29
Last week	162,092	1,028	1,561	2,589	488
Same wk yr ago	168,700	1,187	1,720	2,907	484
Avg Wt	5.18	3.40	7.92	6.07	6.55
To-date/2006	5,150,199	35,930	47,136	83,066	16,193
To-date/2005	5,149,004	48,298	45,364	93,662	15,858

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 164.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 164.0 million head, or 0.2 million less than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
July 8	141.1	162.3	87%	5.37
15	162.4	163.7	99%	5.34
22	164.8	164.1	100%	5.29
29	163.2	164.0	100%	5.22
August 5	164.1	163.8	100%	5.31
12	164.0	164.2	100%	5.24
Year to date		5212.7	5244.8	99%
August 19		164.3		
26		163.6		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection

W/E	08/19/06	08/12/06	% CHG	08/20/05	% CHG
Broilers	160,023	162,061*	-1.26	167,810*	-4.64
Cattle	689	677	+02	662*	+04
Hogs	1,965	1,888	+04	1,974*	0
ACTUAL					

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 14-AUG-2006
DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND MOSTLY	151-155	157-161

MIDWEST MOSTLY	132-142	133-143
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ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED CENTS PER POUND

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	56.00-66.00	61.00-63.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	65.00-86.25	68.00-73.00

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	62.64 - 85.05
14 OZ.	69.12 - 96.39
16 OZ.	74.88 - 106.73

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA RI, SC, VA, VT & WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was moderate to at times fairly good. Supplies were adequate for current needs. Schedules full time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.50-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.45-2.40, gizzards at \$1.20-1.40, wings at \$.65-.70, livers at \$.95-1.70, and feet at \$.65-1.00.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 14-AUG-2006

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	129-146	130-148

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - August 15, 2006

****AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY****

Prices paid per pound, except as noted.

	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.60 - .90
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.50 - .60
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.35 - .50
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.35 - .40
Guinea Fowl	- 3.60ea.
Banty Roosters	2.00 - 2.25ea.
Banty Hens	1.00 - 1.50ea.
Leghorn Hens	.25 - .50ea.
Geese 9-14 LBS	.10 - .30
Pigeons	2.00 - 2.25
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	.80 - 1.00
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	.80 - .90
Bunnies	1.00 - 2.00ea.
Guinea Pigs	1.25 - 2.50ea.
Doves	- 3.00ea.
Goats	45.00 - 50.00ea.
Pekin Ducks	- 2.00ea.

Total Coops Sold 450

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading on heavy cannery was too few to report; generally unchanged on the lights when compared to the previous week. Offerings ranged adequate to fully adequate for both light and heavy cannery with some improvements noted. Demand was mostly no better than fair. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
18-27 MAJORITY 22-24	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
20-29 MAJORITY 24.5-25	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices remained unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to fair at best for the readily available offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	5-11	8-10

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Disposal values were TFEWR. Demand was light. Offerings were fully adequate. Schedules were reduced. Salvage values were expected to remain constant.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices continued unchanged. Offerings were fully adequate to mostly ample with demand light to very light and better in rendering operators. Schedules mixed. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	4.5-10.5	5.5-10

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plant schedules moderate. Offerings light.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR
SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 18-AUG-06

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was light to no better than fair and generally unaggressive for the fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules for next week were noted as mostly normal. Sales of finished product was fair at best. The undertone was about steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS Negotiated loads were TFEWR. Demand was light for adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were slow. Schedules were reduced. Trade sentiment was steady at best.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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