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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices in the major terminal markets were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Trade sentiment was mostly steady in all areas; however, caution was also noted. Movement improved for the holiday weekend, but was not up to expectations and was generally reported as light to moderate, best into fast food outlets. Supplies of all sizes were sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, demand was fair to good with wings in close balanced to tight, breast items were adequate to available, and dark meat was adequate to fully sufficient, with leg quarters in the longest position. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable. Several plants have scheduled Monday as down and not processing.

**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 04-SEPT-2006 (cents per lb)

### US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	63.00-66.00	57.00-71.00	64.82	28
New York	64.00-67.00			
Los Angeles	78.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	69.00-72.00	55.00-79.00	70.88	93

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 71.00 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.
939	69.00-73.00	70.71
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice-packed parts:		
	WTD. AVG.	VOLUME
LINE RUN TENDERS	165.50	1,043
BREASTS - B/S	159.00	4,257
BREASTS - WHOLE	86.50	1,083
THIGH MEAT - B/S	90.50	982
LEG QUARTERS	38.50	7,009
WINGS	100.50	2,144

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

**SOUTHERN BROILER** Trade sentiment was mostly steady with some caution going into the holiday weekend. Demand was fair to moderately good. Movement, although usually fairly active, was not up to expectations for first of the month and Labor Day business. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, interest was light to good with best inquiry on wings which were in good balance to tight. Dark meat was adequate to available with leg quarters very irregular. Breast items were close balance to available and were reported as steady; however, interest was slow and mixed. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light to fair and generally unaggressive entering the holiday weekend. Offerings ranged adequate to available for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was fair. The market tone was no better than steady. In the parts complex, breasts items were at least adequate. Wings were sufficient and clearing satisfactorily. Leg cuts were adequate to fully adequate.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** The market tone was steady. Offerings adequate. Retailer demand good. Floor stocks adequate.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Chicago's preliminary majority price was unchanged from Monday's final price. The whole broiler/fryer market tone ends the week about steady. Offerings were fully sufficient with some discounting noted to motivate business. Demand into all channels had a slight increase for upcoming holiday weekend and first of the month, but continued to be light to moderate for the most part. Floor stocks were in a full range; weights generally desirable. Trading was good on wings, limited on all other parts. The trade sentiment was fully steady to firm on wings, barely steady to weak on leg quarters and boneless breast, steady on the balance.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was mostly light and unaggressive. Seller offerings were available and buyer interest was often noted as insufficient to keep inventories cleared satisfactorily. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were mostly desirable to light. Processor schedules were very heavy when combined with operations slated for Saturday. Most plants planned to close Monday in observance of Labor Day. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 65 to 77 cents. Trade sentiment was no better than steady. In the parts complex, wings generally cleared well. Other cuts were at least adequate and somewhat slow to clear.

\*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		56-83
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		(A)
NO. OF BOXES		(A)
CUMULATIVE	08/28/06 - 09/01/06	(A)
	08/29/05 - 09/02/05	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	08/28/06 - 09/01/06	(A)
	08/29/05 - 09/02/05	(A)

(A) NOT REPORTED TO AVOID DISCLOSING INDIVIDUAL OPERATIONS

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**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

SEP 01

ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS				WTD AVG	WTD AVG
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG		
BREAST - B/S	666	144.00-198.00	-	151.90	626	135.00-205.00	-	148.83	3,520	150.48
TENDERLOINS	173	140.00-192.00	-	148.10	183	132.00-192.00	-	146.89	1,194	150.77
BREAST - LINE RUN	129	80.00-88.00	82-84	83.22	114	80.00-92.00	82-85	84.53	600	83.84
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				280	75.02
LEGS	204	44.00-62.00	46	46.82	TOO FEW TO REPORT				807	46.86
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	630	32.00-38.00	34	34.14	590	30.00-38.00	34	33.93	3,020	33.95
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	882	33.00-40.00	37	36.72	1,072	32.00-40.00	36-37	36.45	5,026	36.62
WINGS (WHOLE)	343	91.00-102.00	92-94	95.01	295	90.00-102.00	91-94	94.14	1,498	94.41
WINGS (CUT)	255	114.00-120.00	-	116.47	135	114.00-120.00	-	119.15	1,230	117.10
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				355	41.42
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				192	37.63
B/S THIGHS	111	75.00-93.00	-	78.73	TOO FEW TO REPORT				536	81.92

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 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR AUGUST 31, 2006 -- F.O.B. DOCK.  
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 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR SEPTEMBER 01, 2006 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
51.00 - 57.50	53.63	50.00 - 57.50	53.13	54.29

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 increased slightly and was noted as mostly fair as most dealers anticipated fairly good clearances over the holiday weekend. Offerings of breast items and tenders were at least adequate to fully adequate. Leg quarters were readily available; other dark meat cuts were fully sufficient for current needs. Wings were clearing satisfactorily. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair. The market tone was at least steady for wings; weak for leg quarters. The balance of items were generally steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND. SEPT 01

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			CURRENT NEG			WTD AVG	WTD AVG
	TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS		
BREAST - B/S	160-165	147.82	619,080	160-165	139.48	776,180	146.72	3,215,860
TENDERLOINS	150-155	144.66	296,100	150-155	139.82	233,520	144.94	1,118,982
BREAST - WITH RIBS	87-88	91.71	98,040	87-88	95.17	76,200	91.82	413,720
BREAST - LINE RUN	87	86.24	122,400	87	89.50	90,000	88.31	455,320
LEGS	49-50	50.27	116,500	49-50	49.47	192,800	49.80	757,280
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	38-39	38.85	334,000	36-37	38.34	397,200	38.91	1,615,760
DRUMSTICKS	37-38	42.30	156,640	37-38	42.00	135,254	42.41	535,618
THIGHS	35-36	45.30	93,640	35-36	44.36	82,440	43.03	390,440
B/S THIGHS	91-92	89.02	124,560	91-92	91.02	99,360	90.28	443,600
WINGS (WHOLE)	103-104	104.33	220,260	103-104	103.58	220,040	103.63	1,023,640
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.41	19,720	10-12	12.14	21,240	11.72	86,880
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	29.69	10,710	30-35	26.44	17,280	27.40	66,080
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	54.88	12,840	50-55	49.53	26,680	52.80	95,880

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
	09/01	08/31	08/30	08/29	08/30	08/29	08/25	08/23	
Alabama	4,122	3,912	4,080	4,118	5.23	5.17	4,530	5.24	
Arkansas	5,195	5,369	5,298	5,347	5.17	5.27	5,486	5.18	
Delmarva	2,943	2,277	2,317	2,559	5.56	5.74	2,749	5.61	
KY-LA-TN	2,492	2,284	2,285	2,257	5.03	5.00	2,673	4.95	
Mississippi	3,695	2,968	2,859	2,925	5.96	5.77	3,237	5.77	
North Carolina	3,749	2,675	2,630	2,647	6.79	6.74	2,959	6.70	
Texas	2,527	2,521	2,535	2,428	5.19	5.29	2,540	5.29	
Total	24,723	22,006	22,004	21,875	5.51	5.52	24,174	5.49	
Mon-Fri	113,230 (A)						111,636(A)		
Saturday	3,206 (included in total for date shown)						1,993		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 01-Sep-06 and 02-Sep-06 is estimated to be 36,988,000 head up 1.96 percent from a week ago and up 8.70 percent from a year ago. (Last week 36,276,000, last year 34,029,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 02-Sep-06 is estimated to be 168,532,000 head up 1.26 percent from a week ago, and up 11.75 percent from a year ago. (Last week 166,432,000, last year 150,807,000)

**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	91-103
	DRY PACK	110-114
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	100
	DRY PACK	111-118
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	88-102
	DRY PACK	102-109
DUCKS		185-190

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED** Under Federal Inspection,  
week ending 26-Aug-06

	A	B	C	D	Total
	4.25 lbs & down	4.26 - 6.25 lbs.	6.26 - 7.75 lbs.	7.76 lbs. & up	
(Preliminary)	Thousands				
Head	44,621	88,120	26,791	6,900	166,432
Avg Live Wgt	3.80	5.33	6.97	8.08	5.30
% of total /1	27%	53%	16%	4%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	47,956	81,700	25,542	5,484	160,682
Avg Live Wgt	3.87	5.35	6.98	8.39	5.27
% of total /1	30%	51%	16%	3%	100%
Year Ago 2/	48,352	85,933	24,930	8,232	167,447
Avg Live Wgt	3.75	5.30	6.86	8.52	5.24
% of total /1	29%	51%	15%	5%	100%

To date/2006 1,586,751 2,685,526 774,016 431,020 5,477,313  
To date/2005 1,649,067 2,644,403 885,849 304,942 5,484,261  
/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** (Preliminary)  
W/E 26-Aug-2006

	YOUNG	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL	DUCKS
	CHICKENS	HENS	HENS	HENS	
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	166,432	955	1,553	2,508	461
Avg Wt	5.30	3.30	8.19	6.33	6.67
Last week	160,682	902	1,759	2,661	462
Same wk yr ago	167,447	1,458	1,481	2,939	517
Avg Wt	5.24	3.07	8.06	5.58	6.65
To-date/2006	5,477,313	37,787	50,448	88,235	17,116
To-date/2005	5,484,261	51,058	48,557	99,615	16,864

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 163.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 168.5 million head, or 4.9 million more than estimated available.

**ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/  
FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD		PCT	AVG WT	
	SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE			
July	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
	19	162.6	164.3	99%	5.27
	26	168.5	163.6	103%	5.30
Year to date		5,543.8	5,572.7	99%	
September	2		162.6		
	9		162.0		

**BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**

W/E	Under Federal Inspection				
	09/02/06	08/26/06	% CHG	08/27/05	% CHG
	-----Thousands-----				
Broilers	168,532	166,432*	+01	150,807*	+12
Cattle	680	686	-.01	638*	+.07
Hogs	2,045	2,003	+.02	2,010*	+.02

\*ACTUAL

**EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 28-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

**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)	60.00-66.00	61.00-64.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	66.00-87.00	72.00-77.00

**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 steady. Demand remained moderate to instances 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.

PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 28-AUG-2005

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

**GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION -** August 29, 2006

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

	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.60 - .70
Pullets 4-6 LBS	.40 - .50
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.20 - .30
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.25 - .35
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.25 - .35
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.50 - .60
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.40 - .50
Guinea Fowl	1.28 - 1.38
Banty Roosters	1.50 - 2.00 ea.
Banty Hens	1.00 - 1.25 ea.
Silkie	1.50 - 1.75 ea.
Geese 9-14 LBS	.30 - .35
Pigeons	2.00 - 2.10 ea.
White Pigeons	3.25 - 3.50 ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	.80 - 1.00
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	.70 - .90
Bunnies	1.00 - 2.50 ea.
Guinea Pigs	2.00 - 3.00 ea.
Goats	25.00 - 40.00 ea.
Doves	5.00 - 7.00 ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.60 - .70

Total Coops Sold 450

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Trading on heavy cannery was too few to report; unchanged on the lights when compared to the previous week. Offerings were at least adequate to fully adequate with most available supplies of heavy cannery being used internally. Demand was no better than fair for the mostly light buyer interest. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was steady at best.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b> (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b> (WITHOUT NECKS)
18-27 MAJORITY 22-23	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b> (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b> (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 were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to no better than fair, best into rendering operations. Offerings were at least adequate to readily available. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	5-12	9-10

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Trading was too few to report. Offerings were fully adequate from primary users. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Salvage values were expected to remain constant.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices ranged slightly higher. Offerings were fully adequate to mostly ample with demand light and many schedules reduced for this week and next. Trade sentiment steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	5-11	5-10

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plant schedules light to moderate. Offerings about adequate.

#### HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 04-SEP-06

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

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
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** Negotiations were TFEWR. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were light. Trade sentiment was no better than steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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