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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail and food service demand was mostly slow to moderate, at times fairly good into fast food outlets. Supplies of all sizes were generally sufficient to satisfy trade needs. Floor stocks were adequate to ample with purchases usually limited to regular commitments. In the parts structure, demand was fair to moderate for mid-week trading. Wings were mixed, but available, with cut wings in the closest position. Breast items and dark meat cuts were balanced to well cleared and moving well. 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 advanced .50 cents to 76.00 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 68.50 cents last year on March 8, 2006.

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	198.00
BREASTS - B/S	158.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	101.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	109.50
LEG QUARTERS	42.00
WINGS	134.00

This information is supplied by the GA Dept of Ag Poultry Market News Service.

**SOUTHERN REGION** Trade sentiment was steady. Demand into all channels was light to moderate, best for active ads and fast food promotions. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was light to moderate for mid-week trading. Inquiries for wings increased with supplies adequate, but less available for cut wings. Breast items and dark meat cuts were mostly sufficient to close balanced and moving satisfactorily. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST REGION** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly fair to moderate. Offerings were adequate for current trade needs. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair with inclement weather conditions affecting parts of the Northeast. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, breast items and the larger wings were in good balance. Dark meat cuts were generally adequate and clearing satisfactorily.

**MIDWEST REGION** Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady. Offers were light for the very selective and limited trade inquiry. Retail and food service demand was slow to moderate for the most part; fast food demand was noted as fairly good into the St. Louis market area. Floor stocks were adequate to ample; weights desirable to heavy. Parts trade remained very light. Supplies of parts were adequate. The market tone on parts was generally steady; occasionally fully steady, although the undertone on wings continued unsettled.

**WESTERN REGION** Trade sentiment was generally steady. Offerings were adequate to meet immediate trade needs. Retailer demand was moderate overall, with best interest where scattered features were in progress. Offerings were generally adequate to instances heavier than desired. The market tone was about steady on parts.

## BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 216 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 3, 2007. This was down slightly 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.

## BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN SLIGHTLY

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 3, 2007. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2006 through March 3, 2007 were 1.55 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

## BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED TOTAL 19 SELECTED STATES

	WEEK ENDING 03/03/07	2007	2006	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET		216,291	216,951	0
CHICKS PLACED		173,559	173,663	0

Source: NASS, USDA

**WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING** Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 14-Apr-07 is estimated at 159.1 million head. This compares to 158.2 million head the previous week and to 163.2 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 156.2 million head and the composite weighted average price was 59.37 cents per pound.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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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	555	142.00-220.00	-	154.53	BREAST - B/S	572	139.00-221.00	-	153.29
TENDERLOINS	253	172.00-245.00	-	187.47	TENDERLOINS	203	175.00-235.00	-	188.99
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT				BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	223	53.00-61.00	55-56	55.62	LEGS	189	53.00-62.00	55-56	55.92
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	600	37.00-42.00	39-40	39.37	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	600	37.00-42.00	39-40	39.60
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	790	39.00-45.00	41-42	41.62	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	774	38.00-44.00	40-41	40.81
WINGS (WHOLE)	375	102.00-132.00	-	113.05	WINGS (WHOLE)	241	102.00-132.00	-	105.65
WINGS (CUT)	200	121.00-149.00	-	128.20	WINGS (CUT)	240	122.00-149.00	-	128.67
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	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR					F.O.B. DOCK.	RANGE	TODAY'S	5-DAY	
							AVERAGE	AVERAGE	
RANGE						63.50 - 69.00	66.36	66.49	
TODAY'S AVERAGE						63.50 - 68.50			

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 remained fair to moderate during midweek trading as adverse weather conditions hampered parts of the Northeast. Offerings of bone-in breast and tenders were in good balance to well cleared; boneless skinless breasts wings and most dark meat cuts were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Movement through retail and distributive channels was mostly fair. The market tone was steady to at least steady for most items.

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

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CURRENT NEG WTD

ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	160-165	152.09	790,136
TENDERLOINS	180	168.44	201,480
BREAST - WITH RIBS	99-100	105.46	109,264
BREAST - LINE RUN	99	101.00	99,000
LEGS	56-57	56.59	206,600
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	41-42	41.25	302,920
DRUMSTICKS	47-48	52.29	95,040
THIGHS	51-52	57.20	75,040
B/S THIGHS	110-111	105.74	120,600
WINGS (WHOLE)	128-129	113.47	284,680
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	10.93	19,880
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	39.10	7,760
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	49.07	41,440

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CURRENT NEG WTD

ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	160-165	154.68	453,891
TENDERLOINS	180	175.53	89,320
BREAST - WITH RIBS	99-100	110.47	49,200
BREAST - LINE RUN	99	101.60	90,000
LEGS	56-57	57.06	211,280
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	41-42	38.37	277,640
DRUMSTICKS	47-48	53.53	37,720
THIGHS	51-52	56.23	61,320
B/S THIGHS	110-111	111.75	55,960
WINGS (WHOLE)	128-129	116.03	176,960
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	10.77	26,960
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	37.69	8,240
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	49.18	25,480

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		ACTUAL		AVG
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	WTS
	03/07	03/06	03/05	03/02	03/05	03/02	02/28	02/26	
Alabama	3,687	3,955	3,853	4,316	5.47	5.38	3,608	5.50	
Arkansas	5,286	5,268	5,166	4,011	5.28	5.22	4,887	5.28	
Delmarva	2,192	2,194	2,184	1,720	5.75	5.87	2,257	5.80	
KY-LA-TN	2,291	2,373	2,335	2,319	5.14	4.95	1,848	5.03	
Mississippi	2,963	3,047	3,008	3,251	5.61	5.31	2,904	5.62	
N Carolina	2,624	2,695	2,614	2,728	6.81	6.77	2,658	6.77	
Texas	2,453	2,451	2,450	2,626	5.30	5.02	2,484	5.41	
Total	21,496	21,983	21,610	20,971	5.58	5.47	20,646	5.60	
Mon-Wed	65,383(A)						63,533(A)		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 07-Mar-07 is estimated to be 32,160,000 head up 3.81 percent from a week ago and up 3.54 percent from a year ago. (Last week 30,981,000, last year 31,061,000)

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		
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS		
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	93-105
	DRY PACK	110-119
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	98
	DRY PACK	111-118
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	86-100
	DRY PACK	100-107
DUCKS		185-195

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

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 10-Mar-07

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	03/10/07 (1)		03/03/07	
	THOUSAND HEAD			
Broiler/fryer	159,281	(2)	161,688	
Light hens	1,300		1,147	
Heavy hens	1,382		1,409	
Total	161,963		164,244	

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 10-Mar-07 is 162.0 million head compared to 162.6 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 159.6 million head or 2.4 million less than estimated available. For the week of 17-Mar-07 the estimated available is 161.6 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 03/05/07	70,542		54,973	
AM 02/01/07	53,819		56,977	
CHG	16,723		-2,004	
PCT CHG	31		-4	

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)**

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	03/05/07	02/26/07	03/06/06	03/05/07	02/26/07	03/06/06
<b>PACIFIC</b>						
<b>COAST</b>	2,090	2,066	2,032	7,432	7,767	6,840
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>	140	153	42	2,007	2,188	3,547

**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 MARCH 5, 2007

HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	RANGE	
		69-76	70-88
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)		

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES FOR 03/06/07**

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW HIGH AVG			LOW HIGH AVG		
	HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	-	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	3.00
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	-	.90	-	RABBITS ea.	-	4.00
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	-	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-			
TOTAL COOPS	62					

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - MEXICO CITY**

Cents per pound for the week ending March 2, 2007

	Whole		Legs W/Thighs	Necks,Backs & Wings	Livers Gizzards	Hens
	Chickens	Breasts				
<b>RAYON</b>						
Low	61.75	146.26	73.13	16.25	12.19	71.10
High	69.07	150.32	81.26	20.31	16.25	71.10
Mostly	67.85	150.32	77.19	16.25	12.19	71.10
<b>SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	62.97	146.26	73.13	16.25	12.19	71.10
High	67.85	154.39	85.32	20.31	16.25	71.10
Mostly	67.85	146.26	73.13	20.31	12.19	71.10
<b>NEW SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	62.16	146.26	77.19	16.25	12.19	73.13
High	70.29	154.39	81.26	20.31	16.25	73.13
Mostly	67.85	150.32	77.19	16.25	16.25	73.13
<b>BECERRA</b>						
Low	63.79	150.32	77.19	16.25	12.19	73.13
High	71.10	154.39	85.32	20.31	16.25	73.13
Mostly	68.25	154.39	81.26	20.31	16.25	73.13

**DELMARVA**

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds ranged light to moderate for midweek business as inclement weather moved in some parts of the area. Seller offerings were usually sufficient for full trade requirements. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processing schedules were noted as moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices remained unchanged at 77 to 87 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, wings were mostly adequate. The balance of items were generally close to in good balance.

\*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	57-88
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.



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