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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices for next week were generally trending unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail and food service demand was mostly light to moderate with best movement into fast food outlets. Supplies of all sizes were generally sufficient to satisfy trade needs. Floor stocks were adequate to ample. In the parts structure, demand was fair to moderate but slightly better where weekend needs increased. Wings were in good balance to short with larger cuts in the tightest position. Breast items and dark meat were sufficient to well cleared and clearing satisfactorily. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to light, but mostly desirable.

**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 12-MAR-2007 (cents per lb)

### US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	73.00-76.00	69.50-84.00	75.74	29
New York	76.00-79.00			
Los Angeles	83.00			

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	75.00-77.00	72.00-84.00	76.10	89
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**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 76.00 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.
936	74.75-84.00	75.95
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice-packed parts:	<b>WTD. AVG.</b>	<b>VOLUME</b>
LINE RUN TENDERS	196.50	1,149
BREASTS - B/S	158.50	5,107
BREASTS - WHOLE	101.00	1,163
THIGH MEAT - B/S	108.50	1,040
LEG QUARTERS	41.00	7,893
WINGS	132.50	2,464

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

**SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYER** Trade sentiment was generally steady. Retail and food service demand was fair to moderate, best for features, fast food, and where weekend needs increased. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was light to moderate. Wings were in balance to short of an active call, particularly larger sizes. Breast items were sufficient to well cleared, and dark meat cuts were adequate to close balanced. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers remained mostly fair to moderate entering the weekend. Offerings were at least sufficient for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair. Fast food interest was moderate. The market tone was generally steady. In the parts complex, breast items, tenders and most dark meat cuts were in good balance and clearing satisfactorily. Wings were adequate to well cleared with the larger wings in the better balance.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Preliminary majority prices were unchanged. Limited early trading reported for next week's deliveries with prices at mainly unchanged to lower prices. The market tone was steady. Offerings were fully adequate for the light buyers' immediate interest. Dealers anticipated moderate to occasionally heavier than desired weekend carryovers. The market tone was about steady on parts, with some white meat items in the strongest position.

Preliminary majority was unchanged on next week's deliveries into the Chicago market area. Whole broiler/fryer market tone ended the week steady. Offers were sufficient for light fill-in call. Retail demand was light to moderate at best. Food service movement was generally the same with fairly good demand noted in Ohio and Michigan and fast food in the Chicago area. Floor stocks were adequate to ample; weights desirable to light. Parts trade continued hand to mouth, other than wings which were sought after. Supplies of parts were adequate to in close balance. The market tone on parts was generally steady; occasionally firm.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds ranged fair to moderate entering the weekend. Offerings were usually sufficient for most buyers needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 77 to 87 cents. Trade sentiment was generally steady. In the parts complex, wings were better balanced to well cleared with the larger sizes in the tightest position. Breast and tenders were sufficient and clearing well. Dark meat items were usually adequate to closely 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	67-92
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	(A)
	03/05/07 - 03/09/07
	03/06/06 - 03/10/06
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
	03/05/07 - 03/09/07
	03/06/06 - 03/10/06
	(A)

(A) NOT REPORTED TO AVOID DISCLOSING INDIVIDUAL OPERATIONS

MAR 08

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

MAR 09

ITEM	POUNDS			WTD AVG	POUNDS			WTD AVG	WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY		(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY		(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	682	142.00-220.00	-	153.86	727	143.00-218.00	-	152.92	3,065	153.31
TENDERLOINS	203	169.00-245.00	-	181.98	TOO FEW TO REPORT				1,025	184.84
BREAST - LINE RUN	105	99.00-115.00	102-106	104.14	TOO FEW TO REPORT				422	102.63
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				282	92.77
LEGS	203	55.00-62.00	55-56	56.06	TOO FEW TO REPORT				846	55.89
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	604	37.00-42.00	38-39	38.51	599	35.00-41.00	38-39	38.33	3,042	39.01
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	689	38.00-44.00	40-41	40.73	679	38.00-43.00	40-41	40.81	3,641	41.07
WINGS (WHOLE)	295	100.00-132.00	-	111.25	295	100.00-132.00	104-108	110.58	1,501	109.99
WINGS (CUT)	240	121.00-149.00	-	128.79	275	121.00-149.00	122-127	127.84	1,190	128.32
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				279	42.83
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				124	44.30
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				433	104.94

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 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS  
 TRADING FOR MAR 08, 2007 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

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RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
63.50 - 68.50	65.51	62.00 - 68.00	64.67	65.89

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 under normal weekend demand but still noted as fair to moderate. Offerings of breast items were in good balance and clearing satisfactorily; dark meat cuts were generally sufficient for current needs. Wings were adequate to well cleared with the larger sizes in the better balance. Movement through retail and distributive channels was mostly fair. The market tone for most items steady to fully steady.

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

MAR 08

MAR 09

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	CURRENT NEG			WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
	TRADING*	AVG**	WTD			TRADING*	AVG**	WTD		
BREAST - B/S	160-165	151.54	827,600	160-165	151.00	570,784	151.48	3,325,333		
TENDERLOINS	180	175.73	158,000	180	176.64	74,600	172.54	647,520		
BREAST - WITH RIBS	99-100	104.45	93,240	99-100	110.17	59,880	107.50	359,944		
BREAST - LINE RUN	99	102.22	81,000	99	101.56	81,000	101.47	440,240		
LEGS	56-57	56.88	210,200	56-57	57.13	240,160	56.67	1,118,540		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	41-42	43.18	220,680	41-42	39.68	266,440	40.58	1,305,480		
DRUMSTICKS	47-48	52.86	103,760	47-48	51.24	110,240	50.49	468,960		
THIGHS	51-52	55.85	69,000	51-52	55.20	59,560	56.45	316,520		
B/S THIGHS	110-111	111.38	67,560	110-111	112.82	63,000	109.89	364,960		
WINGS (WHOLE)	128-129	118.70	251,080	128-129	119.51	154,960	116.41	1,138,920		
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	10.86	15,080	10-12	10.70	11,200	10.90	82,280		
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	39.26	9,520	35-40	39.45	11,680	38.99	39,080		
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	50.17	22,080	45-50	49.64	31,800	49.48	129,240		

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, RI, & 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
	03/09	03/08	03/07	03/06	03/07	03/06	03/02	02/28	
Alabama	3,500	3,918	3,593	3,789	5.46	5.49	4,316	5.54	
Arkansas	4,927	4,948	5,184	5,176	5.20	5.22	4,011	5.19	
Delmarva	2,141	2,132	2,154	2,170	5.77	5.76	1,720	5.63	
KY-LA-TN	2,253	2,365	2,288	2,310	5.09	5.06	2,319	5.01	
Mississippi	2,990	3,087	3,005	3,075	5.46	5.51	3,251	5.46	
North Carolina	2,756	2,675	2,579	2,592	6.84	6.85	2,728	6.76	
Texas	2,462	2,460	2,469	2,459	5.15	5.29	2,626	5.20	
Total	21,029	21,585	21,272	21,571	5.52	5.55	20,971	5.52	
Mon-Fri	107,997(A)				105,649(A)				
Saturday	1,022(included in total for date shown)				493				

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 09-Mar-07 and 10-Mar-07 is estimated to be 31,462,000 head down 0.02 percent from a week ago and down -5.33 percent from a year ago. (Last week 31,469,000, last year 33,232,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 10-Mar-07 is estimated to be 160,570,000 head up 0.34 percent from a week ago, and down 0.03 percent from a year ago. (Last week 160,025,000, last year 160,615,000)

**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**

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

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED** Under federal inspection,  
W/E 03-Mar-07

	(A) 4.25 lbs & down	(B) 4.26- 6.26 lbs	(C) 6.26- 7.75 lbs	(D) 7.76 lbs & up	Total
	-----Thousands-----				
(Preliminary)					
Head	46,238	82,757	15,903	15,127	160,025
Avg Live Wgt	3.70	5.46	7.03	8.22	5.37
% of total /1	29%	52%	10%	9%	100%
<i>Comparisons</i>					
Last week	48,741	81,521	18,231	10,738	159,231
Avg Live Wgt	3.63	5.42	6.81	8.13	5.21
% of total /1	31%	51%	11%	7%	100%
Year Ago 2/	44,493	79,014	24,312	10,529	158,348
Avg Live Wgt	3.78	5.37	6.88	8.19	5.34
% of total /1	28%	50%	15%	7%	100%

To date/2007	383,748	741,415	165,867	105,192	1,396,222
To date/2006	405,054	689,775	212,366	134,548	1,441,743

/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 03-Mar-07	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
(Preliminary)					
Head	160,025	1,085	1,465	2,550	528
Avg Wt	5.37	3.16	8.05	5.97	6.39
Last week	159,231	1,142	1,427	2,569	515
Same wk yr ago	158,348	1,095	1,527	2,622	503
Avg Wt	5.34	3.33	7.96	6.03	6.56
To-date/2007	1,396,222	9,820	12,367	22,187	4,642
To-date/2006	1,441,743	11,537	12,636	24,173	4,506

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 161.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 162.0 million head, or 0.4 million more than estimated available.

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

WEEKENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT	
January	27	161.8	161.9	100%	5.33
February	3	157.5	162.8	97%	5.37
	10	159.4	160.9	99%	5.35
	17	160.8	160.7	100%	5.40
	24	161.2	162.0	100%	5.21
March	3	162.0	161.8	100%	5.37
Year to date		1413.2	1435.3	98%	
March	10		162.0		
	17		161.6		

**BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER****Under Federal Inspection**

W/E	03/10/07	03/03/07	%CHG	03/11/06	%CHG
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Broilers	160,570	160,025*	+0.34	160,615*	-0.03
Cattle	632	625	+01	617*	+02
Hogs	2,128	1,869	+14	2,009*	+06

\*ACTUAL

**EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 05-Mar-2007  
**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	155-159	161-165
MIDWEST MOSTLY	136-146	138-148

**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)	70.00-82.00	76.00-82.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	72.00-86.00	74.00-84.00

**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 &amp; WV

**CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS** Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment mostly steady. Demand was moderate to at times good. Supplies were balanced to adequate. 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 \$.60-.70, livers at \$.95-1.70, and feet at \$.55-.90.  
DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 05-Mar-2007

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	122-146	130-148

**GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION** - March 06, 2007**\*\*AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY\*\***

Prices paid per pound, except as noted.

	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.70 - .80
Chukars	1.50 - 1.75ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.70 - .90
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.80 - 1.00
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.80 - 1.00
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.70 - .80
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.70 - .80
Guinea Fowl	1.70 - 1.80
Banty Roosters	2.00 - 2.25ea.
Banty Hens	1.75 - 2.00ea.
Leghorn Hens	- .50ea.
Leghorn Roosters	2.00 - 2.50ea.
Silkie	1.50 - 1.75ea.
Pigeons	2.00 - 2.25ea.
White Pigeons	3.00 - 3.10ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.70 - 1.80
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	1.50 - 1.90
Bunnies	4.00 - 12.00ea.
Guinea Pigs	4.00 - 6.00ea.
Doves	3.50 - 4.00ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.90 - 1.00
Total Coops Sold	400

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Trading for heavy cannery were too few to report; slightly higher on lights when compared to the previous week. Offerings of both light and heavy cannery were about adequate to adequate for current needs with most available supplies of heavy cannery being used internally. Demand was at least moderate. Processing schedules were normal to instances heavy. The undertone was at least steady to fully steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b> <b>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b> <b>(WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
23-31 MAJORITY 25-26	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b> <b>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b> <b>(WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
24-33.5 MAJORITY 29-31	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 generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to at least moderate for the about adequate to adequate offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	4-12	8-10

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Trading was TFEWR. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair. Salvage values were expected to remain constant.

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

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** All prices were unchanged. Demand was fair to fairly good with offerings adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	4.5-9	5.5-9

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

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 12-MAR-07

**SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS** Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was moderate for the adequate to at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules for next week were noted as normal. Sales of finished product was at least moderate. The undertone was steady to fully 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 too few to report. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent heavy fowl. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about 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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