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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices in the West and East were unchanged, but lower in the Mid-West when compared to a week earlier. Movement improved in late week trading, with retail and food service demand still reported in a range of light to moderate, best into fast food outlets. Overall, prices and feature activity going into Father's Day week-end increased slightly with additional interest noted on dark meat. Offerings of whole birds and wogs were at least sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, demand was in a full range of light to mostly moderate for late-week business. Leg quarters and drums were in good balance to well cleared, thighs movement slowed, and breast items were reported as in better balanced but still adequate for full requirements. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable 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 18-JUN-2007 (cents per lb)

### US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	75.00-78.00	64.00-89.00	77.05	32
New York	81.00-84.00			
Los Angeles	88.00			

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	79.00-82.00	71.00-82.50	80.34	89
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**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broiler/fryers for this week's trading is 80.75 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
918	77.00-83.00	80.35

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice-packed parts:

	WTD. AVG.	VOLUME
LINE RUN TENDERS	206.50	1,113
BREASTS - B/S	177.50	5,405
BREASTS - WHOLE	109.00	1,257
THIGH MEAT - B/S	113.50	858
LEG QUARTERS	49.00	8,341
WINGS	133.50	2,530

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

**SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYER** Trade sentiment was steadier in late week trading, but overall for the week was reported in a range of steady to weak. Demand was light to moderate with late week trading improved slightly. Supplies of all sizes were in a better balance, but still fully adequate for trade needs. In the parts structure, demand was light to fairly good. Drums and leg quarters were in good balance to well cleared. However, thighs were slow to clear. Breast items were not as available as mid-week, but still sufficient for immediate needs. Wings were slow in moving. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers remained mostly fair entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes were at least sufficient for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was no better than fair with limited feature activity. Fast food interest was fair to moderate. The market tone was generally steady. In the parts complex, breast items and tenders were sufficient and in better balance than earlier in the week. Most dark meat cuts were clearing satisfactorily. Wings were at least adequate.

**WESTERN REGION** The preliminary majority prices were unchanged. Light trading reported for next week's delivery and at mainly unchanged prices. Offerings were adequate on lightweights and fully adequate on heavy. Buying activity was fair. Buyers were assessing their needs for the approaching Fourth of July holiday. Retailer demand was moderate overall, best for parts. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers.

**MIDWEST REGION** Preliminary majority delivered prices into the Chicago market area for next week decreased 2 cents. Whole fryer trade sentiment was steady to barely steady on continued light trade and light to moderate offerings. Weekend draw was improved into all channels; moderate for the most part. Best movement was noted into catering, some fast food and a few retail features. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate; weights desirable. Supplies of drums and leg quarters were available, but in close balance, while the balance of parts was more than sufficient for current trade needs. The trade sentiment was fully steady on drums and leg quarters, and steady to weak on the balance of items.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds continued light to moderate entering the weekend. Offerings were closely balanced to instances barely adequate to handle trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices remained unchanged at 83 to 94 cents. Trade sentiment was generally steady. In the parts complex, breast items and tenders were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Drumsticks and leg quarters were in good balance to well cleared, except thighs were which in the longest position.

\*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	81-95
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	06/11/07 - 06/15/07 (A)
	06/12/06 - 06/16/06 (A)
NO. OF BOXES	06/11/07 - 06/15/07 (A)
	06/12/06 - 06/16/06 (A)

(A) NOT REPORTED TO AVOID DISCLOSING INDIVIDUAL OPERATIONS.

JUNE 14					SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS					JUNE 15	
ITEM	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG	POUNDS (000)	RANGE		MAJORITY	WTD AVG	WEEKLY (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG
	(000)	RANGE				RANGE					
BREAST - B/S	617	130.00-200.00	-	140.43	362	131.00-174.00	-	142.73	2,665	140.47	
TENDERLOINS	269	113.00-195.00	-	137.90	189	113.00-190.00	121-145	134.80	1,173	136.57	
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT				144	94.00-110.00	-	101.75	481	100.53	
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT						
LEGS	191	52.00-74.00	58-59	58.35	208	59.00-74.00	59-60	59.58	1,008	58.74	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	740	42.00-48.00	45-46	45.47	570	42.00-48.00	45-48	46.05	3,290	45.60	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	729	47.00-50.00	47-48	47.63	909	46.00-50.00	46-49	47.46	3,700	47.66	
WINGS (WHOLE)	349	105.00-128.00	-	118.44	120	110.00-129.00	-	123.08	1,418	119.67	
WINGS (CUT)	196	128.00-142.00	-	132.41	535	131.00-143.00	131-140	136.29	1,361	134.22	
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT						
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT						
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT						
WHOLE BODY INDES BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR JUNE 14, 2007 - F.O.B. DOCK.					WHOLE BODY INDES BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR JUNE 15, 2007 - F.O.B. DOCK.						
<u>RANGE</u>					<u>TODAY'S AVERAGE</u>					<u>5-DAY AVERAGE</u>	
63.50 - 69.00					66.67					67.14	

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 entering the weekend and was noted as mostly moderate. Supplies of breast items were adequate to well cleared; tenders were at least sufficient for current needs. Most dark meat cuts were in good balance and held with confidence. Wings were in better balance and clearing satisfactorily. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair. The market tone was steady to at least steady for breast items; fully steady for dark meat cuts. Tenders and wings were generally steady.

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

JUNE 14				JUNE 15				
ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS	WEEKLY	
							WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	150-155	144.39	556,491	150-155	145.22	626,303	148.09	3,295,768
TENDERLOINS	140-145	145.82	113,280	140-145	143.57	117,600	139.28	672,526
BREAST - WITH RIBS	98-99	102.42	85,480	98-99	105.54	45,200	104.46	341,880
BREAST - LINE RUN	98	99.09	77,400	98	99.11	81,000	98.37	461,040
LEGS	62-63	66.26	78,680	62-63	67.07	113,720	63.97	640,560
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	49-50	45.77	255,800	49-50	47.65	230,440	45.99	1,573,560
DRUMSTICKS	67-68	70.25	68,869	67-68	69.59	90,484	66.65	473,454
THIGHS	53-54	60.48	76,859	53-54	61.88	75,445	60.51	390,059
B/S THIGHS	110-111	110.76	68,640	110-111	110.46	46,640	108.77	469,620
WINGS (WHOLE)	129-130	127.78	187,160	129-130	129.80	122,040	123.73	971,378
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	10.75	14,400	10-12	10.91	15,400	11.00	85,000
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	36.74	5,520	35-40	39.13	2,520	37.21	23,200
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35-40	39.24	19,800	35-40	39.61	18,800	38.67	119,080

INCLUDES NY CITY METRO. AREA, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, RI, & PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). \* TODAY'S 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.

<u>ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)</u>								<u>AVG</u>
	<u>ESTIMATED</u>		<u>ACTUAL</u>		<u>AVG WTS</u>		<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>WTS</u>
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)
Alabama	06/15	06/14	06/13	6/12	06/13	06/12	06/08	06/06
Arkansas	3,595	3,992	3,858	3,865	5.46	5.49	4,181	5.56
Delmarva	5,326	5,416	5,259	5,302	5.28	5.29	4,642	5.29
KY-LA-TN	2,249	2,268	2,202	2,202	5.79	5.82	2,115	5.73
Mississippi	2,543	2,419	2,340	2,319	5.13	5.16	2,591	5.25
North Carolina	3,113	3,144	3,012	3,176	5.45	5.41	2,993	5.61
Texas	2,732	2,731	2,438	2,600	6.86	6.89	2,744	6.96
Total	22,010	22,416	21,613	21,888	5.55	5.58	22,035	5.61
Mon-Fri	111,160 (A)							109,189 (A)
Saturday	200 (included in total for date shown)							909

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 15-Jun-07 and 16-Jun-07 is estimated to be 32,929,000 head down 0.41 percent from a week ago and down -3.69 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 33,066,000, last year 34,191,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 16-Jun-07 is estimated to be 164,375,000 head up 0.20 percent from a week ago, and up 0.41 percent from a year ago. (Last week 164,047,000, last year 163,708,000)

<u>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)</u>		<u>RANGE</u>
<u>PROCESSED POULTRY, DLVRD TO RETAILERS</u>		
FRESH FRYERS		92-102
ROASTERS 4# & UP		109-118
HENS UNDER 5#		
HENS OVER 5#		65-74
DUCKS		
RABBITS-WHOLE		
RABBITS-CUT UP		

<u>SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DLVRD TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS</u>		
		<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	124
	DRY PACK	121
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	135
	DRY PACK	111
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	109
	DRY PACK	95
DUCKS		185-204

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED**

Week ending 14-JUNE-07 Under Federal Inspection (Preliminary)

	-----Thousands-----				
	(A) 4.25 lbs & down	(B) 4.26 - 6.25 lbs	(C) 6.26 - 7.75 lbs	(D) 7.76 lbs & up	Total
Head	50,439	73,663	27,348	12,597	164,047
Avg Live Wgt	3.63	5.43	7.01	8.76	5.39
% of total /1	31%	44%	17%	8%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	38,079	80,084	23,145	13,924	155,232
Avg Live Wgt	3.79	5.36	6.9	9%	100%
Year Ago 2/	43,248	87,628	20,805	14,633	166,314
Avg Live Wgt	3.75	5.37	6.91	8.14	5.38
% of total /1	26%	52%	13%	9%	100%
To date/2007	985,483	1,841,448	544,355	275,279	3,646,565
To date/2006	1,065,592	1,790,417	521,865	324,940	3,702,814

/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**

WEEK ENDING 09-JUNE-2007 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
Head	164,047	1,157	1,562	2,719	514
Avg Wt	5.39	3.32	8.18	6.11	6.62
Last week	155,232	1,080	1,295	2,375	481
Same wk yr ago	166,314	1,068	1,492	2,560	538
Avg Wt	5.38	3.34	8.04	6.08	6.69
To-date/2007	3,646,565	25,697	31,847	57,544	11,890
To-date/2006	3,702,814	26,743	33,546	60,289	11,880

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 168.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 166.0 million head, or 2.8 million less than estimated available.

**ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING. MILLION HEAD**

WEEK ENDING	SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
May	5	167.9	164.6	102%
	12	163.8	165.3	99%
	19	166.5	166.6	102%
	26	169.7	166.6	102%
June	2	157.1	167.3	98%
	9	166.0	168.8	98%
Year to date		3,690.8	3,732.7	99%
June	16		170.1	
	23		170.3	

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

W/E	06/16/07	06/09/07	%CHG	06/17/06	%CHG
Broilers	164,375	164,047	+0.20	163,708	+0.41
Cattle	711	701	+1	708	NC
Hogs	1,924	1,903	+1	1,821	+6

\*ACTUAL

**EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 11-JUNE-07

**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	159-163	163-167
MOSTLY		
MIDWEST	136-146	138-148
MOSTLY		

**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)	75.00-85.25	77.00-83.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	75.00-87.00	78.00-84.00
<b>SQUABS:</b> 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 were unchanged.

Trade sentiment steady. Demand was moderate to 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 \$.60-.70, livers at \$.95-1.70, and feet at \$.55-.90.

PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 04-JUNE-2007

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

**GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION SALE**

DATE OF AUCTION: June 12, 2007

\*\*AI PAPERS REQUIRED FOR ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY\*\*

	RANGE
Prices paid per pound, except as noted.	
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.40 - .70
Pullets 4-6 LBS	.90 - 1.50
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.70 - .90
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.90 - 1.00
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.60 - .80
Guinea Fowl	4.00 - 7.00
Banty Roosters	3.00 - 3.25 ea.
Banty Hens	2.00 - 3.25 ea.
Leghorn Hens	- 3.00 ea.
Silkie	1.50 - 2.50 ea.
Geese 9-14 LBS	.35 - .45
Pigeons	3.50 - 4.00 ea.
White Pigeons	4.90 - 5.25 ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.95 - 2.05
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	1.50 - 1.70
Bunnies	1.00 - 5.00 ea.
Guinea Pigs	4.00 - 5.00 ea.
Goats	50.00 - 60.00 ea.
Kid Goats	35.00 - 40.00 ea.
Doves	3.75 - 6.00 ea.
Chukars	1.40 - 2.00 ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.70 - .90

Total Coops Sold 560

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

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
23-31 MAJORITY 26-28	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
24-33 MAJORITY 29-31	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

**LIVE 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** Prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to moderate for the mostly adequate offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules were normal to instances heavy. Trade sentiment was steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	4-12	6-8

**SOUTH CENTRAL** Disposal cost were too few sales to report. Demand was light to moderate for adequate offerings. Schedules were at least normal. Finished product movement was fair. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

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

**NORTH CENTRAL** Removal costs were unchanged. Demand was fair to fairly good. Offerings were adequate. Trade sentiment steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	0-9	4-8

**LIVE HEAVY TYPE HENS**

(7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB.,  
GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER  
THE WEEK OF 18-JUN-07

**SOUTH CENTRAL** Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand was seasonal but usually reported as moderate for the adequate offerings. Processing schedules were normal. Finished product movement was fair. Sales were too few to report.

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

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTHEAST** Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was mostly moderate for the at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules for next week were noted as mostly normal. Sales of finished product was moderate. The undertone was at least 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.

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