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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was mostly steady in all areas. Retail demand was moderate at best with limited feature activity. Food service was light to instances good into fast food outlets, catering services, and festivals in parts of the Midwest. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient with smaller sizes often fully adequate; floor stocks were balanced to long. In the parts structure, demand was fair to no better than moderate for midweek trading. Breast items were at least adequate with boneless skinless cuts more available and cautious. Wings and dark meat items were balanced to well cleared and moving satisfactorily. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed weights.

**GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 81.25 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 70.00 cents last year on July 12, 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	201.50
BREASTS - B/S	181.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	108.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	114.00
LEG QUARTERS	52.00
WINGS	131.50

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

**SOUTHERN REGION** Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was light to instances moderate where features were active. Food service was fair to moderate, best into fast food outlets. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, demand was mostly moderate at best for mid-week trading. Breast items were readily available, dark meat was adequate to close balanced, and wings were mixed, but obtainable. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST REGION** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers ranged light to moderate. Offerings of 3 pound and smaller sizes were at least adequate to available; heavier sizes were usually sufficient for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was mostly steady. In the parts complex, breast items were at least adequate with some cautiousness noted for boneless skinless breasts. Wings and most dark meat cuts were in good balance and clearing satisfactorily.

**MIDWEST REGION** Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady on fully adequate offerings. Retail trade activity was moving more slowly with only light to moderate demand noted. In the food service sector, moderate demand was the norm with instances of good trade in some locales centered on current fast food promotions, and fairs and festivals. Floor stocks adequate to more than desired. Weights were mixed. Parts trade inquiry was slow and limited as buyers remained cautious and generally satisfied to wait on further market developments. Supplies of breast cuts were building and discounted at times to help clear, while wings and leg quarters were in balance. Trade sentiment was generally steady on all parts with a cautious undertone on breast cuts.

**WESTERN REGION** The market tone was generally steady on whole fryers and WOGs. Retail demand slowed in some parts of the region and ranged light to moderate, with some noting demand not up to expectations. Offerings mostly adequate. Floor stocks ranged from mostly desirable to instances longer than desired. Trade sentiment on boneless skinless breasts was steady to barely steady, balance of items mostly steady. Demand slow to moderate. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts adequate to instances fully adequate, balance of parts items mostly adequate.

## BROILER -TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 215 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 7, 2007. This was up 2 percent 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 UP 3 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 179 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 7, 2007. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2006 through July 7, 2007 were 4.77 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

WEEK ENDING 07/07/07	2007	2006	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	215,455	211,044	+02
CHICKS PLACED	179,395	173,487	+03

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 18-Aug-07 is estimated at 166.1 million head. This compares to 167.1 million head the previous week and to 164.3 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 162.6 million head and the composite weighted average price was 69.04 cents per pound.

JULY 10

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

JULY 11

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	646	152.00-205.00	-	160.78	BREAST - B/S	572	145.00-210.00	-	159.85
TENDERLOINS	268	113.00-218.00	-	127.25	TENDERLOINS	175	110.00-215.00	-	131.01
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	208	60.00-73.00	60-61	60.88	LEGS	251	54.00-74.00	59-61	60.94
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	558	42.00-48.00	45-46	45.42	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	570	42.00-48.00	44-46	45.15
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	614	46.00-53.00	49-50	49.11	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	789	45.00-51.00	48-50	48.92
WINGS (WHOLE)	280	100.00-129.00	-	121.25	WINGS (WHOLE)	280	105.00-128.00	-	121.55
WINGS (CUT)	108	128.00-139.00	-	131.59	WINGS (CUT)	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
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			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR F.O.B. DOCK

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
60.50 - 67.00	63.96	56.00 - 64.00	60.08	63.49

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 was fair to no better than moderate for midweek trading. Supplies of boneless skinless breasts were noted as slightly more available and was at least adequate for current needs; bone-in breast were more than sufficient for current needs. Wings and most dark meat cuts remained adequate to well cleared. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair. The market tone was generally steady for the majority of items.

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

JULY 10	CURRENT NEG	WTD	JULY 11	CURRENT NEG	WTD
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG	ITEM	TRADING*	AVG
BREAST - B/S	175	169.15	BREAST - B/S	175	164.30
TENDERLOINS	140-145	142.44	TENDERLOINS	140-145	142.37
BREAST - WITH RIBS	92-93	96.39	BREAST - WITH RIBS	92-93	102.63
BREAST - LINE RUN	93	92.89	BREAST - LINE RUN	93	93.21
LEGS	63-64	66.36	LEGS	63-64	64.27
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	50-51	51.22	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	50-51	49.44
DRUMSTICKS	66-67	67.64	DRUMSTICKS	66-67	66.15
THIGHS	53-54	62.95	THIGHS	53-54	63.33
B/S THIGHS	110-111	111.36	B/S THIGHS	110-111	109.87
WINGS (WHOLE)	129-130	127.32	WINGS (WHOLE)	129-130	127.63
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	10.80	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.04
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	35.88	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	37.36
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	50.15	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	50.60

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.

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL		AVG	
	(1,000)	07/11	(1,000)	07/06	07/09	07/06	(1,000)	07/04	WTS	
Alabama	3,947	3,992	3,887	4,741	5.55	5.33	1,482	5.47		
Arkansas	5,359	5,452	5,037	5,571	5.40	5.12	1,328	5.28		
Delmarva	2,281	2,288	2,092	2,178	5.86	5.65	(A)	5.68		
KY-LA-TN	2,357	2,383	2,290	3,438	5.04	4.88	1,109	5.08		
Mississippi	3,143	3,153	3,087	4,415	5.39	5.31	(A)	5.54		
North Carolina	2,767	2,771	2,632	3,191	6.91	6.99	997	6.77		
Texas	2,449	2,496	2,455	2,344	5.26	5.06	2,000	5.27		
Total	22,303	22,535	21,480	25,878	5.60	5.43	8,216	5.55		
Mon-Wed	67,092 (B)						52,370 (B)			

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 11-Jul-07 is estimated to be 33,368,000 head up 170.65 percent from a week ago and up 6.11 percent from a year ago. (Last week 12,329,000, last year 31,446,000)

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)**

**PROCESSED POULTRY, DLVRD TO RETAILERS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	92-102
ROASTERS 4# & UP	109-118
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 124
	DRY PACK 123
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 135
	DRY PACK 111
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 109
	DRY PACK 95
DUCKS	185-204

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

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 14-Jul-07

Class	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	07/14/07 (1)	Thousand head	07/07/07	Thousand head
Broiler/fryer	168,371 (2)		150,681	
Light hens	1,231		1,136	
Heavy hens	1,593		1,192	
Total	171,195		153,009	

(1)ESTIMATED

2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 14-Jul-07 is 170.0 million head compared to 162.4 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 168.7 million head or 1.3 million less than estimated available. For the week of 21-Jul-07 the estimated available is 170.8 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 07/09/07	102,190		69,280	
AM 07/02/07	94,301		66,753	
CHG	7,889		2,527	
PCT CHG	8		4	

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)**

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	07/09/07	07/02/07	07/10/06	07/09/07	07/02/07	07/10/06
<b>PACIFIC COAST</b>	2,368	2,374	612	4,621	4,720	8,267
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>	116	124	238	1,360	1,337	3,020

**CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS**

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS,U.S.GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5LBS AND UP, FOR WEEK OF JULY 9, 2007

HENS	RANGE	
	ICE PACKED(12 PER BOX)	VACUUM PACKED(6-9 PER BOX)
	69-76	70-80

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES FOR 07/10/07**

	LOW HIGH AVG			LOW HIGH AVG		
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	-	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	2.75
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.	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	4.00
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	1.20	1.40	1.34	RABBITS ea.	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.50	6.00
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	104					

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY**

Cents per pound for the week ending July 6,2007

	Whole Chickens		Legs	Necks,Backs & Wings	Livers	Gizzards Hens	
	Breasts	W/Thighs					
<b>RAYON</b>							
Low	79.96	168.33	96.79	12.62	8.42	54.71	
High	86.27	176.74	109.41	16.83	12.62	54.71	
Mostly	79.96	168.33	105.21	16.83	8.42	54.71	
<b>SAN JUAN</b>							
Low	79.96	168.33	96.79	16.83	10.52	58.91	
High	88.37	176.74	105.21	21.04	12.62	58.91	
Mostly	79.96	172.54	101.00	16.83	10.52	58.91	
<b>NEW SAN JUAN</b>							
Low	80.80	168.33	101.00	16.83	12.62	56.81	
High	89.21	176.74	109.41	21.04	16.83	56.81	
Mostly	84.16	172.54	105.21	16.83	12.62	56.81	
<b>BECERRA</b>							
Low	81.22	168.33	105.21	16.83	12.62	58.91	
High	90.48	180.95	117.83	21.04	16.83	58.91	
Mostly	81.22	172.54	109.41	16.83	12.62	58.91	

**DELMARVA** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds slowed in some areas and ranged light to moderate for midweek activity. Seller offerings were usually sufficient for current trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were noted as mostly desirable to light. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 81 to 92 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, breast cuts were adequate to at least adequate and more readily available on boneless/skinless. Wings and most dark meat parts remained balanced to well cleared.

RANGE		BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)	75-93	
NO. OF BOXES	(A)		

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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