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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was mixed, but overall ranged no better than steady to weak. Retail demand was slow to instances moderate for active features. Food service was also slow to moderate with best movement for fast food and special events. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate to readily available with heavier weights ample in the West. Floor stocks were adequate to ample. In the parts structure, demand was mostly light to fair at best for midweek trading. Wings were adequate to well cleared and continued to move well. Breast items and dark meat cuts were at least sufficient to ample with limited interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading declined .25 cents to 81.00 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 26, 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	196.50
BREASTS - B/S	173.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	104.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	113.50
LEG QUARTERS	52.00
WINGS	130.00

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

**SOUTHERN REGION** Trade sentiment was no better than steady to weak. Demand was slow to fair with limited trading which is not unusual for this time of the month. Supplies of all sizes were at least sufficient to handle light trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was usually fair at best. Wings were adequate to close and moving satisfactorily. Dark meat and breast items were at least sufficient or available with mixed interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST REGION** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light and generally unaggressive during midweek trading as dealers kept floor stocks in close balance with immediate needs. Offerings of all sizes were readily available and slow to clear. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair. The market tone was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breasts were fully adequate to readily available; bone-in breasts and most dark meat cuts were at least sufficient for current needs. Wings were adequate to well cleared.

**MIDWEST REGION** Whole broiler/fryer market tone was barely steady to steady. Offerings and trade activity was light; fill-in noted at 65 and 68 cents on 3 up wogs. Retail movement was slow to moderate; a few locales noted fairly good demand on attractive features. Food service movement was slow to moderate; best into fast food, festivals or special events. Floor stocks were in close balance to ample; weights mostly desirable. Parts trade continued light. Supplies of all parts were available with wings in tightest position. The market tone was steady to weak on boneless/skinless breast, generally steady all other parts.

**WESTERN REGION** Trade sentiments about steady. Offerings of small sized product about adequate with heavyweights ample. Sharp discounts noted on excess product with little immediate interest noted. Retailer demand was moderate overall best to cover specials. Floor stocks adequate to somewhat heavier than desired by some. Trade sentiments were generally steady on parts.

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

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 218 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 21, 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 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 21, 2007. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2006 through July 21, 2007 were 5.12 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

## BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED TOTAL

	<u>19 SELECTED STATES</u>		<u>PERCENT CHANGE</u>
WEEK ENDING 07/21/07	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>PREVIOUS YEAR</u>
EGGS SET	217,967	214,110	+02
CHICKS PLACED	175,379	171,142	+02

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 01-Sep-07 is estimated at 163.4 million head. This compares to 165.2 million head the previous week and to 162.6 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 170.3 million head and the composite weighted average price was 69.69 cents per pound.

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER PARTS** 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.

JUL 24, 2007	POUNDS		MAJ	WTD
ITEM	(000)	RANGE		AVG
BREAST - B/S	552	133.00-195.00	-	152.05
TENDERLOINS	144	110.00-205.00	-	132.29
BREAST - LINE RUN	94	97.00-110.00	-	98.38
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	203	44.00-70.00	47-48	48.25
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	525	41.00-48.00	-	43.72
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	924	43.00-51.00	-	46.48
WINGS (WHOLE)	220	105.00-128.00	-	119.23
WINGS (CUT)	145	131.00-139.00	-	134.45
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR JUL 24, 2007 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
58.00 - 65.00	60.32

JUL 25, 2007	POUNDS		MAJ	WTD
ITEM	(000)	RANGE		AVG
BREAST - B/S	612	131.00-198.00	-	148.43
TENDERLOINS	139	105.00-200.00	-	131.69
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	223	49.00-70.00	56-58	56.93
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	550	40.00-48.00	-	43.85
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	843	42.00-51.00	-	46.78
WINGS (WHOLE)	280	100.00-129.00	118-122	118.95
WINGS (CUT)	156	128.00-140.00	131-134	133.62
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR JUL 25, 2007 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
60.50 - 65.00	62.09	61.07

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 light to fair at best as dealers saw no need to extend floor stocks beyond regular commitments. Supplies of boneless skinless breasts were readily available and competitively priced in most instances; bone-in breast were at least adequate. Wings were adequate to well cleared and dark meat cuts were at least sufficient for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair. The market tone was weak for boneless skinless breast; at least steady for wings. The balance of items were generally steady.

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

JUL 24, 2007	CURRENT	WTD	VOLUME
ITEM	NEGOTIATED TRADING*	AVG**	/LBS
BREAST - B/S	160	153.31	656,919
TENDERLOINS	140	141.88	204,480
BREAST - WITH RIBS	92-93	94.32	179,200
BREAST - LINE RUN	92	93.10	75,600
LEGS	63-64	63.50	178,360
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	50-51	51.01	331,498
DRUMSTICKS	66-67	67.66	110,510
THIGHS	53-54	63.05	81,760
B/S THIGHS	110-111	110.69	98,340
WINGS (WHOLE)	129-130	132.17	327,708
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	10.79	18,440
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	35.48	12,200
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	53.45	39,360

JUL 25, 2007	CURRENT	WTD	VOLUME
ITEM	NEGOTIATED TRADING*	AVG**	/LBS
BREAST - B/S	155-160	153.22	471,282
TENDERLOINS	140	142.85	68,240
BREAST - WITH RIBS	92-93	101.99	58,200
BREAST - LINE RUN	92	93.16	79,200
LEGS	63-64	63.09	182,600
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	50-51	52.48	193,680
DRUMSTICKS	66-67	70.17	65,080
THIGHS	53-54	63.84	50,480
B/S THIGHS	110-111	111.18	47,460
WINGS (WHOLE)	129-130	128.94	176,360
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.07	24,080
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	36.74	6,800
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	54.51	26,640

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, RI, AND PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS**

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL		AVG
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	WTS	
	07/25	07/24	07/23	07/20	07/23	07/20	07/18	07/16	
Alabama	4,087	3,996	3,942	3,780	5.60	5.23	3,837	5.57	
Arkansas	5,177	5,449	5,184	4,961	5.43	5.12	5,219	5.39	
Delmarva	2,246	2,203	2,222	2,480	5.87	6.03	2,251	5.84	
KY-LA-TN	2,378	2,276	2,401	2,359	4.99	5.04	2,369	5.07	
Mississippi	2,994	3,052	3,144	3,496	5.55	5.61	2,958	5.33	
North Carolina	2,712	2,734	2,624	2,998	6.84	6.93	2,733	6.87	
Texas	2,491	2,436	2,419	2,388	5.21	5.05	2,505	5.24	
Total	22,085	22,146	21,936	22,462	5.62	5.50	21,872	5.58	
Mon-Wed	66,560 (A)						65,576 (A)		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 25-Jul-07 is estimated to be 33,042,000 head up 0.67 percent from a week ago and up 2.73 percent from a year ago. (Last week 32,821,000, last year 32,164,000)

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	92-102
ROASTERS 4# & UP	109-118
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	70-79
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

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

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

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 28-Jul-07

Class	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	07/28/07 (1)	Thousand head	07/21/07	Thousand head
Broiler/fryer	166,412 (2)		166,811	
Light hens	1,162		1,212	
Heavy hens	1,679		1,640	
Total	169,253		169,663	

(1)ESTIMATED

2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 28-Jul-07 is 170.3 million head compared to 163.2 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 166.7 million head or 3.6 million less than estimated available. For the week of 04-Aug-07 the estimated available is 170.2 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE**

CENTERS

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 07/23/07	105,944		78,874	
AM 07/01/07	94,301		66,753	
CHG	11,643		12,121	

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)**

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	07/23/07	07/16/07	07/24/06	07/23/07	07/16/07	07/24/06
<b>PACIFIC COAST LOS ANGELES</b>	2,185	2,359	554	5,372	4,986	8,332
	138	112	198	1,220	1,285	2,781

**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 23, 2007

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

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES FOR 07/24/07**

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.	-	5.25
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	2.75	3.75
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	1.40	1.70	1.48	RABBITS ea.	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.00	4.25
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	85					

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY**

Cents per pound for the week ending July 20,2007

	Whole Chickens		Legs	Necks,Backs & Wings	Livers Gizzards	Hens
	Breasts	W/Thighs				
<b>RAYON</b>						
Low	78.69	168.33	92.58	16.83	4.21	54.71
High	87.11	176.74	101.00	21.04	8.42	54.71
Mostly	81.64	168.33	92.58	16.83	8.42	54.71
<b>SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	78.27	168.33	96.79	16.83	8.42	52.60
High	86.27	180.95	105.21	21.04	12.62	52.60
Mostly	79.96	176.74	96.79	16.83	8.42	52.60
<b>NEW SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	79.96	168.33	96.79	16.83	8.42	54.71
High	87.11	176.74	105.21	25.25	12.62	54.71
Mostly	79.96	176.74	101.00	21.04	8.42	54.71
<b>BECERRA</b>						
Low	81.64	172.54	101.00	16.83	8.42	58.91
High	89.21	180.95	109.41	25.25	12.62	58.91
Mostly	81.64	176.74	105.21	25.25	12.62	58.91

**DELMARVA** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to fair for midweek business. Offerings were adequate to available for immediate trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent lower at 79 to 90 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, breast items were at least adequate to available. Wings were in close balance to well cleared. Dark meat was at least sufficient.

**BRANDED U.S. GRADE A**

RANGE  
WEIGHTED AVERAGE  
NO. OF BOXES

70-92  
(A)  
(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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