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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices in the West were unchanged, but in the East and Central regions values were lower when compared to a week earlier. Retail and food service demand increased slightly under normal weekend needs, although interest was reported as light to moderate, but slightly better were promotions were in progress. Supplies were fully adequate for trade needs, but lighter sizes were in the best position. Trade sentiment was mixed at current levels, but usually no better than steady. In the parts structure, demand was mostly light to fair. Wings were reported as well cleared to spot availability, cutlets were noted as available, other breast items and leg quarters were at least sufficient with limited interest. 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 30-JUL-2007 (cents per lb)

US Grade A

(Including branded product)

Areas	Majority	Range	Wtd Avg	Loads
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	72.00-75.00	61.00-84.00	74.66	29
New York	75.00-78.00			
Los Angeles	88.00			
<b>Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent</b>				
Mississippi	79.00-82.00	72.00-82.50	80.67	86

**SOUTHERN REGION** Trade sentiment was steady to weak in the major terminal markets, with values generally unchanged in the West, but lower in the Midwest and Eastern region when compared to a week earlier. Demand going into the weekend improved but only slightly and was reported as light to occasionally good. Supplies were sufficient for current trade needs, although lighter weights in the best position. In the parts structure, demand again improved but was still only fair for weekend trading. Wings were balanced to slightly more available. B/S breast remain available, other breast items were at least adequate and dark meat items were available with mixed interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights in a range of desirable to heavy but mostly desirable.

**GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 81.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

### **PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT**

LOADS	RANGE	WTD AVG
911	79.50 – 83.00	80.84
GA f.o.b. dock confirmed PRELIMINARY WTD AVG price on ice-packed parts:		
ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000) POUNDS
LINE RUN TENDERS	196.50	1,019
BREASTS - B/S	170.50	4,897
BREASTS - WHOLE	103.00	1,138
THIGH MEAT - B/S	111.50	801
LEG QUARTERS	51.00	7,668
WINGS	129.00	2,330

This information is supplied by the GA Dept of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

**NORTHEAST REGION** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light to fair at best entering weekend as dealers were content to limit orders to regular commitments. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate to available. Retail and distributive movement was light. Fast food interest was mostly moderate. The market tone was barely steady. In the parts complex, breast items were at least adequate to fully adequate. Dark meat cuts were more than sufficient for current needs and wings were clearing satisfactorily.

**MIDWEST REGION** Chicago area preliminary majority delivered prices for next week moved lower. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady to weak; light to moderate offerings. A mixed retail and food service movement was noted; slight surge for weekend needs, especially for active retail features, festivals or special events. Floor stocks were in full range; weights mostly desirable. Parts offerings were light to moderate on lackluster and cautious buyer activity. The market tone was steady to weak on boneless/skinless breast and leg quarters, steady to firm on wings and steady on remainder of parts.

**WESTERN REGION** Preliminary majority prices were unchanged. Early trading reported on regular commitments at mainly unchanged prices. Trading reported on new commitments at unchanged to higher prices for lightweight WOGs and unchanged to lower for heavy weights. Buying activity was only moderate. Retailer demand was moderate overall with best interest where promotions in progress. Dealers anticipated desirable weekend carryovers. Trade sentiment was about steady on parts with wings showing some strength.

**DELMARVA** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds increased slightly entering the weekend, but was generally noted as no better than fair with limited interest beyond standing commitments. Seller offerings were adequate to available to handle trade requirements. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent lower at 77 to 88 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, breast items were at least adequate to available with b/s breasts in the longest position. Wings were adequate to well cleared. Dark meat cuts were available.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FORM DELMARVA

### **BRANDED U.S. GRADE A**

RANGE	65-91
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	(A)
	07/23/07-07/27/07 (A)
	07/24/06-07/28/06 (A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
	07/23/07-07/27/07 (A)
	07/24/06-07/28/06 (A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

**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.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	572	134.00-195.00	-	147.41
TENDERLOINS	219	105.00-200.00	-	130.71
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	211	52.00-69.00	56-58	57.17
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	525	41.00-49.00	43-45	43.90
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	899	43.00-51.00	47-48	47.25
WINGS (WHOLE)	310	110.00-128.00	120-125	121.32
WINGS (CUT)	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
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 26, 2007 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
58.00 - 65.00	60.45

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	WEEKLY (000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	597	135.00-200.00	-	145.82	2,940	148.67
TENDERLOINS	221	110.00-210.00	-	130.72	961	129.96
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT					
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT					
LEGS	184	52.00-70.00	56-58	56.93	1,054	55.30
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	515	41.00-49.00	43-45	44.11	2,745	43.76
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,099	43.00-51.00	47-48	47.31	4,674	46.76
WINGS (WHOLE)	280	105.00-128.00	-	121.20	1,370	120.45
WINGS (CUT)	100	131.00-137.00	-	134.90	651	134.04
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 27, 2007 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
57.00 - 65.00	60.56	60.75

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 and was noted as no better than fair. Supplies of boneless skinless breasts were fully adequate to instances ample; bone-in breast were at least sufficient for current needs. Leg and leg quarters were available and slow to clear. Wings were adequate to well cleared. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair. The market tone was about steady to barely steady 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 PER POUND.

ITEM	Jul 26, 2007			Jul 27, 2007		
	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	155-160	153.44	617,581	155-160	155.28	519,975
TENDERLOINS	140	143.26	109,760	140	143.12	102,320
BREAST - WITH RIBS	92-93	97.50	88,120	92-93	96.46	83,360
BREAST - LINE RUN	92	93.39	91,800	92	93.33	82,800
LEGS	63-64	66.46	76,760	61-62	65.32	127,240
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	50-51	51.12	219,200	48-49	51.53	250,640
DRUMSTICKS	66-67	70.42	56,440	66-67	68.04	89,640
THIGHS	53-54	62.07	41,840	53-54	61.60	58,560
B/S THIGHS	110-111	109.76	91,840	110-111	112.05	52,360
WINGS (WHOLE)	129-130	124.89	173,015	129-130	129.59	124,220
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	10.68	8,000	10-12	11.12	8,600
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	36.49	9,960	35-40	36.15	13,440
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	54.80	6,840	50-55	54.61	24,480

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 WTS	
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)
	07/27	07/26	07/25	07/24	07/25	07/24	07/20	07/18		
Alabama	3,917	4,035	3,899	3,891	5.50	5.55	3,780	5.54		
Arkansas	4,994	5,463	5,130	5,288	5.50	5.37	4,961	5.36		
Delmarva	2,204	2,234	2,211	2,190	5.79	5.94	2,480	5.78		
KY-LA-TN	2,459	2,418	2,193	2,177	4.87	4.72	2,359	5.03		
Mississippi	3,494	3,109	2,862	3,055	5.36	5.61	3,496	5.61		
North Carolina	2,767	2,595	2,654	2,602	6.87	6.78	2,998	6.71		
Texas	2,496	2,490	2,478	2,391	5.26	5.22	2,388	5.17		
Total	22,331	22,344	21,427	21,594	5.59	5.56	22,462	5.58		
Mon-Fri	111,235(A)								109,854(A)	
Saturday	719(included in total for date shown)								1,868	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 27-Jul-07 and 28-Jul-07 is estimated to be 33,410,000 head down 0.88 percent from a week ago and up 0.63 percent from a year ago. (Last week 33,706,000, last year 33,201,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 28-Jul-07 is estimated to be 164,414,000 head down 0.84 percent from a week ago, and up 1.95 percent from a year ago. (Last week 165,807,000, last year 161,268,000) Actual data incorporated when available.

**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**

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

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED**

W/E 21-July-07 Under Federal Inspection (Preliminary)

	-----Thousands-----				
	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>4.25 lbs &amp; down</b>	<b>4.26 - 6.25 lbs</b>	<b>6.26 - 7.75 lbs</b>	<b>7.76 lbs &amp; up</b>	
Head	45,086	77,774	31,448	11,499	165,807
Avg Live Wgt	3.78	5.38	7.02	8.28	5.46
% of total /1	27%	47%	19%	7%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	43,108	76,785	33,473	13,589	166,955
Avg Live Wgt	3.70	5.41	6.98	8.16	5.51
% of total /1	26%	46%	20%	8%	100%
Year Ago 2/	47,404	83,099	24,413	7,927	162,843
Avg Live Wgt	3.87	5.33	7.01	8.21	5.29
% of total /1	29%	51%	15%	5%	100%
To date/2007	1,243,822	2,327,586	717,652	337,934	4,626,994
To date/2006	1,350,736	2,267,730	649,380	396,932	4,664,778

/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**

(PRELIMINARY) YOUNG LIGHT HEAVY TOTAL

W/E 21-Jul-2007 CHICKENS HENS HENS HENS DUCKS

	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	165,807	1,045	1,677	2,722	504
Avg Wt	5.46	3.35	8.01	6.22	6.73
Last week	166,955	1,149	1,666	2,815	483
Same wk yr ago	162,843	1,083	1,460	2,543	487
Avg Wt	5.29	3.33	8.09	6.06	6.43
To-date/2007	4,626,995	32,367	41,111	73,478	14,764
To-date/2006	4,664,778	32,887	42,502	75,389	14,717

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 170.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 167.8 million head, or 3.0 million less than estimated available.

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

MILLION HEAD					
WEEK ENDING	SLTRD	AVAIL	PCT	AVG WT	
June 16	166.2	170.1	98%	5.42	
23	170.9	170.3	100%	5.40	
30	168.3	169.5	99%	5.55	
July 7	150.1	169.1	89%	5.29	
14	169.0	170.0	99%	5.51	
21	167.8	170.8	99%	5.46	
Year to date	4683.1	4752.5	99%		
July 28		170.3			
Aug 4		170.2			

**BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**

Under Federal inspection

	-----Thousands-----				
W/E	07/28/07	07/21/07	%CHG	07/29/06	%CHG
Broilers	164,414	165,807 *	-0.84	161,268 *	+1.83
Cattle	668	678	-01	650*	+03
Hogs	1,977	1,961	+01	1,898 *	+04

\*Actual

**EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

For delivery the week of JULY 23, 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	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)	73.00-83.25	77.00-83.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	71.00-88.00	76.00-84.00

**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, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

**CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS** Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to in balance. 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 23-JULY-2007

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

**GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION -**

DATE OF AUCTION: JULY 24, 2007

PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

\*\*AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY\*\*

	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.20 - 1.25
Doves	7.00 - 9.00 ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.70 - .80
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.80 - 1.00
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.75 - .90
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.50 - .60
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.50 - .70
Guinea Fowl	7.00 - 8.00 ea.
Banty Roosters	3.00 - 3.10 ea.
Banty Hens	1.50 - 1.75 ea.
Leghorn Hens	- 2.00 ea.
Leghorn Roosters	- 1.75 ea.
Silkie	2.00 - 2.50 ea.
Geese 9-14 LBS	.30 - .40 ea.
Pigeons	2.90 - 3.00 ea.
White Pigeons	3.75 - 4.00 ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.30 - 1.45
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	1.10 - 1.30
Bunnies	2.00 - 5.00 ea.
Guinea Pigs	.90 - 2.50 ea.
Goats	40.00 - 45.00 ea.
Kid Goats	20.00 - 30.00 ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.20 - 1.25

**Total Coops Sold 464**

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Trading for heavy cannery were too few to report; generally unchanged on lights when compared to a week earlier. Supplies of both light and heavy cannery were least sufficient for current needs with most available supplies of heavy cannery being used internally. Demand was fair to moderate. Processing schedules were noted as normal to heavy. The undertone was 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 TO REPORT

Cents per pound, current negotiation, 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 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** Prices were unchanged when compared to the previous week. 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 costs were TFEWR. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

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

**NORTH CENTRAL** Prices unchanged. Demand was light with offerings light to adequate. Trade sentiment steady.

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

**HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\***  
PRELIMINARY PRICE,CENTS PER LB. GENERALLY FOR  
SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 30-Jul-07

**SOUTH CENTRAL** Trading levels were TFEWR. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was steady at best.

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

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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

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

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT

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