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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were trending unchanged in all areas when compared to Monday's final majority prices. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Retail and food service demand entering the weekend was slow to moderate. Supplies were mixed and varied by size, but was overall available to satisfy trade needs. Floor stocks were in balance to long. In the parts structure, demand was mostly fair to moderate, best where weekend needs increased. Breast items were adequate with boneless skinless breasts and tenders well cleared. Dark meat was sufficient, and wings were in good balance and moving satisfactorily. In production areas, live supplies were mostly moderate to light where mortality rates increased due to intense summer heat. Weights were in a full range, but were lighter in areas also affected by hot temperatures.

Preliminary Report Prices negotiated for truck lot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 13-AUG-2007 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	70.00-73.00	65.00-84.00	72.64	28
New York	71.00-74.00			
Los Angeles	88.00			

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	80.00-82.00	73.00-88.00	81.04	85
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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 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	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG	VOLUME
958	77.00-84.00	80.78	
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice-packed parts:			
LINE RUN TENDERS		194.50	1,181
BREASTS - B/S		170.50	4,918
BREASTS - WHOLE		105.00	1,114
THIGH MEAT - B/S		111.00	1,011
LEG QUARTERS		51.00	7,617
WINGS		129.50	2,390

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

SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYER Trade sentiment was mixed, but mostly steady. Demand entering the weekend was fair to moderate, best for fast food promotions and active retail ads. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, demand was mostly light to moderate. Breast items were adequate to well cleared, wings were in good supply and moving, and dark meat was available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at lighter weights due to extremely hot weather affecting mortality rates and bird sizes.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers increased slightly and was mostly fair entering the weekend. Offerings of 3.5 and smaller sizes were adequate to available; heavier sizes were noted as in good balance to well cleared as high temperatures and humidity continued to affect sizes and mortality in production areas. Retail and distributive movement was fair. Fast food interest was moderate. The market tone was generally steady. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breasts and tenders were well cleared and held with confidence; bone-in breasts were in better balance and clearing satisfactorily. Wings were adequate to about adequate with good movement.

WESTERN REGION Preliminary majority prices were unchanged from last week. Reported trading for next week's delivery was at mainly unchanged prices. Offerings were adequate to ample. Early buying activity had increased, somewhat. Retailer demand was moderate overall. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend carryovers. The market tone was steady to fully steady on parts, with boneless white meat in the strongest position.

MIDWEST REGION Preliminary majorities were unchanged in Chicago and too few to report elsewhere. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady on sufficient offerings. Retail and food service demand was slow to moderate, fast food and restaurants outlets normal. Floor stocks were in balance to long. Weights were in a full range with many birds from south and east trending light, other areas normal to at times heavy. Parts trade inquiry was improved on tenderloins and boneless skinless breast, wings mixed other items saw hand to mouth interest. Supplies of whole and split breast, whole legs and front halves were fully adequate; tenderloins were more in balance, wings and boneless/skinless breast were moving and in close balance, and dark meat cuts were adequate. The trade sentiment was steady to firm on wings, boneless skinless breasts and tenderloins, and steady to about steady on the balance of parts.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to fair with high temperatures prevalent within the production and terminal markets. Offerings were at least sufficient to available for current trade needs. Mortality rates varied from plant to plant. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable to light. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 73 to 88 cents. Trade sentiment was generally steady. In the parts complex, breast items were adequate to well cleared. Wings were moving satisfactorily and in good supply. Dark meat was reported as mostly adequate.

*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	68-89
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	08/06/07 - 08/10/07 (A)
	08/07/06 - 08/11/06 (A)
NO. OF BOXES	08/06/07 - 08/10/07 (A)
	08/07/06 - 08/11/06 (A)

(A) NOT REPORTED TO AVOID DISCLOSING INDIVIDUAL OPERATIONS.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

AUG 10

ITEM	POUNDS			WTD	POUNDS			WTD	WEEKLY	WEEKLY
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	502	145.00-205.00	-	155.83	622	146.00-205.00	-	156.38	2,940	153.90
TENDERLOINS	139	115.00-200.00	-	133.42	188	127.00-208.00	-	157.13	885	135.83
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				428	94.10
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				270	80.13
LEGS	270	49.00-74.00	54-56	55.02	183	50.00-74.00	54-55	55.20	1,001	54.72
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	535	42.00-49.00	-	44.04	525	41.00-49.00	43-44	43.67	2,716	43.57
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,025	43.00-52.00	-	45.71	1,285	42.00-52.00	45-47	45.77	4,924	45.73
WINGS (WHOLE)	280	115.00-131.00	-	126.14	280	115.00-131.00	123-127	124.71	1,300	123.84
WINGS (CUT)	100	131.00-138.00	-	135.55	170	131.00-138.00	132-136	135.15	565	135.46
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				286	60.83
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				112	57.39
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				435	99.91
WHOLE BODY INDES BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR AUG 09, 2007 - F.O.B. DOCK.										
	RANGE		TODAY'S AVERAGE		RANGE		TODAY'S AVERAGE		5-DAY AVERAGE	
	60.50 - 65.00		62.02		60.50-65.50		62.38		61.82	

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 and was noted as fair to moderate entering the weekend. Supplies of boneless skinless breasts were well cleared and where available held with confidence; bone-in breasts and most dark cuts were mostly adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Wings were in good balance. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair. The market tone was fully steady to firm for boneless skinless breast and tenders, at least steady for wings and thighs. 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.

AUG 09

AUG 10

ITEM	CURRENT NEG	WTD	VOL /LBS	CURRENT NEG	WTD	VOL /LBS	WEEKLY	
	TRADING*	AVG**		TRADING*	AVG**		WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	160	159.12	496,177	160-165	156.00	566,793	155.73	3,263,491
TENDERLOINS	140	144.30	130,480	140-145	143.75	126,240	143.70	695,210
BREAST - WITH RIBS	92-93	96.69	89,520	92-93	100.51	66,560	99.15	478,200
BREAST - LINE RUN	92	93.00	99,000	92	92.93	100,800	92.98	443,080
LEGS	60-61	65.00	72,600	60-61	65.00	83,600	64.99	419,720
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	48-49	50.49	231,400	48-49	49.64	267,880	50.26	1,109,580
DRUMSTICKS	66-67	67.92	105,200	66-67	63.31	115,603	66.48	533,983
THIGHS	53-54	61.07	83,822	53-54	62.36	75,139	61.78	398,736
B/S THIGHS	110-111	112.95	77,160	110-111	109.68	56,880	111.45	361,040
WINGS (WHOLE)	129-130	128.59	167,560	129-130	129.64	145,400	128.41	804,407
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.04	4,800	10-12	11.10	12,600	11.04	58,120
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	36.11	9,200	35-40	37.24	7,240	36.64	52,984
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	50.90	17,920	55-60	53.54	21,400	50.12	152,120

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 WTS
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	
Alabama	4,101	3,982	3,932	3,923	5.40	5.47	4,310	5.47	
Arkansas	4,827	5,536	4,758	5,094	5.33	5.26	5,075	5.39	
Delmarva	2,260	2,182	2,137	2,237	5.61	5.84	2,219	5.79	
KY-LA-TN	2,593	2,463	2,395	2,400	4.90	4.88	2,663	4.96	
Mississippi	3,068	3,100	2,884	3,144	5.56	5.61	3,354	5.54	
North Carolina	2,778	2,708	2,526	2,575	6.63	6.67	3,012	6.95	
Texas	2,527	2,525	2,414	2,538	5.20	5.21	2,233	5.27	
Total	22,154	22,496	21,046	21,911	5.50	5.50	22,866	5.58	
Mon-Fri	111,827(A)						109,450 (A)		
Saturday	543 (included in total for date shown)						2,743		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 10-Aug-07 and 11-Aug-07 is estimated to be 33,145,000 head down 3.40 percent from a week ago and up 0.57 percent from a year ago. (Last week 34,313,000, last year 32,957,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 11-Aug-07 is estimated to be 164,594,000 head up 0.52 percent from a week ago, and up 1.56 percent from a year ago. (Last week 163,741,000, last year 162,061,000) Actual data incorporated when available.

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#		70-79
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

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED

Week ending 4-Aug-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	48,698	78,813	26,860	9,370	163,741
Avg Live Wgt	3.75	5.38	6.93	8.27	5.31
% of total /1	30%	48%	16%	6%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	38,373	83,911	31,220	10,914	164,418
Avg Live Wgt	3.83	5.36	6.89	8.20	5.48
% of total /1	23%	51%	19%	7%	100%
Year Ago 2/	46,038	81,721	25,726	8,607	162,092
Avg Live Wgt	3.81	5.36	6.93	8.05	5.31
% of total /1	28%	50%	16%	5%	100%
To date/2007	1,330,893	2,490,310	775,732	358,218	4,955,153
To date/2006	1,445,725	2,431,321	697,783	413,309	4,988,138

/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 04-Aug-2007 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
Head	163,741	1,115	1,659	2,774	460
Avg Wt	5.31	3.30	8.09	6.16	6.73
Last week	164,418	1,075	1,730	2,805	532
Same wk yr ago	162,092	1,028	1,561	2,589	488
Avg Wt	5.31	3.42	8.22	6.31	6.08
To-date/2007	4,955,154	34,557	44,500	79,057	15,756
To-date/2006	4,988,138	34,955	45,550	80,505	15,703

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 170.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 165.7 million head, or 4.5 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
June 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	98%	5.46
28	166.4	170.3	98%	5.48
Aug 4	165.7	170.2	99%	5.31
Year to date	5,015.2	5,093.0	98%	
Aug 11		170.5		
18		169.5		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER Under Federal Inspection

W/E	08/11/07	08/04/07	%CHG	08/12/06	%CHG
-----THOUSANDS-----					
Broilers	164,594	163,741	+0.52	162,061	+1.56
Cattle	674	671	0	679	-1
Hogs	2,013	1,985	+1	1,888	+7

*ACTUAL

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 06-AUGUST-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)	71.00-85.25	74.00-80.00
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,PA,RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS

Prices remained unchanged.

Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to balanced 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: August 07, 2007

AI PAPERS REQUIRED FOR ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

Prices paid per pound, except as noted.

	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.10 - 1.15
Pullets 4-6 LBS	- .85
Pekin Ducks	1.75 - 2.00 ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.40 - .50
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.50 - .60
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.50 - .70
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.60 - .65
Guinea Fowl	6.00 - 8.00 ea.
Banty Roosters	2.00 - 3.00 ea.
Banty Hens	1.00 - 1.25 ea.
Silkie	2.00 - 2.25 ea.
Geese 9-14 LBS	.30 - .50
Pigeons	2.90 - 3.25 ea.
White Pigeons	3.50 - 4.00 ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	.70 - 1.00
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	.45 - .80
Bunnies	1.50 - 3.00 ea.
Guinea Pigs	.25 - 1.00 ea.
Goats	- 40.00 ea.
Kid Goats	25.00 - 30.00 ea.
Doves	3.00 - 4.50 ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.10 - 1.15

Total Coops Sold 375

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

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST
LIGHT CANNER HENS **HEAVY CANNER HENS**
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) **(WITHOUT NECKS)**
 23-31 MAJORITY 26-27 TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED
LIGHT CANNER HENS **HEAVY CANNER HENS**
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) **(WITHOUT NECKS)**
 24-33 MAJORITY 28-30 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 generally unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was light to no better than fair for the adequate to fully adequate offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules were normal to heavy. Trade sentiment was steady.
RANGE MAJORITY
 REMOVAL COST 3-12 5-8

SOUTH CENTRAL Salvage costs were TFEWR. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent leghorn hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was generally steady.
RANGE MAJORITY
 REMOVAL COST TOO FEW TO REPORT

NORTH CENTRAL Prices were unchanged with mostly levels narrowing. Demand was light to moderate with offerings light to ample. Trade sentiment steady.
RANGE MAJORITY
 REMOVAL COST 0-9 3-5

LIVE HEAVY TYPE HENS
 (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
 PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB.,
 GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER
 THE WEEK OF 13-AUG-07

SOUTH CENTRAL Trading levels were too few to report. Demand for spent hens was fair with offerings sufficient for needs. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were sluggish. Trade sentiment was about steady.
RANGE MAJORITY
 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 moderate to at least 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.
RANGE MAJORITY
 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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