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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were trending one cent higher in the West, but mostly unchanged in the East and Midwest when compared to previous Monday's values. Trade sentiment was firm in the West, and steady to fully steady elsewhere. Retail and food service demand was slow to moderate, best into fast food and restaurants. In parts of the Midwest, business was being affected by heavy rains, flooding, and power outages. Supplies were usually sufficient, but short in areas where extreme heat continued to affect availability and bird sizes. Floor stocks were in a full range. In the parts structure, trading was fair to moderate with some additional interest where weekend needs increased. Breast items were well cleared to tight with boneless skinless and tenders often moving at premium levels. Dark meat was readily available, and wings were adequate to close. In production areas, live supplies were moderate to light at desirable to light weights.

**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 27-AUG-2007 (cents per lb)

### US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	74.00-77.00	69.00-84.50	76.18	28
New York	75.00-78.00			
Los Angeles	89.00			

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	80.00-83.00	79.00-89.00	82.34	87
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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 81.50 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
917	79.00-84.00	81.22

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

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000) POUNDS
LINE RUN TENDERS	195.50	1,240
BREASTS - B/S	176.50	5,108
BREASTS - WHOLE	107.50	1,164
THIGH MEAT - B/S	112.00	1,041
LEG QUARTERS	50.50	7,894
WINGS	128.50	2,465

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

**SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYER** Trade sentiment was at least steady, mostly steady to fully steady. Demand entering the weekend was fair to moderate, best for fast food promotions and where retail ads were active. Supplies were no more than adequate to short with heat still playing an active role in availability. In the parts structure, demand was fair to moderate, best where weekend needs increased. Breast items were well cleared to tight with boneless skinless and tenders often moving at premium levels. Wings were adequate to barely adequate, and dark meat was sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate with weights desirable to light.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers ranged fair to instances good entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes were noted as about adequate to well cleared as constant high temperatures in production areas continued to affect availability. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. Fast food interest was mostly moderate. The market tone was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breasts and tenders were in good balance to tight and frequently trading at premium levels. Wings were about adequate to adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Drums were noted as slightly more available and were slow to clear in some instances.

**WESTERN REGION** The preliminary majority prices for next week up 1 cent throughout the region. Early trading for next weeks delivery reported at mainly higher prices. Offerings were generally adequate. Buyers' continued to contemplate upcoming holiday needs. Retailer demand was moderate overall, best for parts. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady on dark meat items and fully steady to firm on white meat items.

**MIDWEST REGION** Preliminary majority prices were unchanged on whole broiler/fryers delivered next week into the Chicago market. Trade sentiment on whole broiler/fryers was steady to fully steady. Heat advisories continued in the southeast and parts of south central United States, limiting broiler size and availability, along with lighter consumer demand. Much of the upper Midwest region was impacted by strong rain storms, flooding, and power outages, disrupting the flow of product and consumer traffic. Demand into retail and food service remained varied, but mostly slow to moderate. Fast food and restaurants received best call. Floor stocks were in a full range; weights desirable to light. Offerings of breast cuts were limited; small and medium wings were available, large or jumbo size was tight; and leg items were available. The market tone was fully steady to firm on breast cuts and jumbo wings, and steady on the balance of parts.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was mostly moderate to good entering the weekend. Offerings were balanced to well cleared for current trade requirements. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable to light. Processing schedules were heavy due to weekend slaughter. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 77 to 91 cents. Trade sentiment ranged steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, wings were mostly adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Breast items and tenders were well cleared to tight and moving at premiums. Dark meat cuts were slowing and were noted as at least adequate to available. \*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	72-92
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	08/20/07 - 08/24/07 (A)
	08/21/06 - 08/25/06 (A)
NO. OF BOXES	08/20/07 - 08/24/07 (A)
	08/21/06 - 08/25/06 (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.

Aug 23, 2007					Aug 24, 2007				
ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	WEEKLY (000) WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	648	160.00-225.00	168-171	170.06	649	163.00-225.00	170-173	171.39	3,125 167.12
TENDERLOINS	227	142.00-210.00	-	160.71	236	144.00-210.00	-	162.23	1,267 151.87
BREAST - LINE RUN	141	97.00-110.00	97-100	98.74	150	97.00-110.00	97-100	99.29	525 98.81
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				238 85.27
LEGS	163	53.00-75.00	55-56	56.44	166	53.00-75.00	55-56	56.19	889 56.32
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	506	42.00-50.00	44-45	44.55	500	42.00-49.00	44-45	44.49	2,531 44.30
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	923	44.00-52.00	46-48	46.65	886	44.00-51.00	46-48	46.60	4,341 46.60
WINGS (WHOLE)	302	124.00-131.00	-	127.93	279	124.00-131.00	-	128.01	1,426 127.38
WINGS (CUT)	176	134.00-145.00	-	139.11	183	134.00-145.00	-	139.67	827 138.14
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				323 63.14
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				261 52.87
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				220 107.47
WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS					WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS				
TRADING FOR Aug 23, 2007 -- F.O.B. DOCK.					TRADING FOR Aug 24, 2007 -- F.O.B. DOCK.				
RANGE		TODAY'S AVERAGE			RANGE		TODAY'S AVERAGE		5-DAY AVERAGE
63.50 - 69.00		64.81			63.50 - 68.50		64.77		64.82

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 mostly moderate to at least moderate entering the weekend. Supplies of breast items and tenders were well cleared and at times trading at premium levels. Dark meat cuts were at least sufficient for current needs with drumsticks noted as more available. Wings were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair. The market tone was fully steady to firm for breast items and tenders, steady to at least steady for wings and about steady to barely steady for drums.

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

Aug 23, 2007				Aug 24, 2007				
ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	WEEKLY WTD AVG	WEEKLY VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	175-180	163.87	499,088	180	161.78	515,957	163.20	2,614,043
TENDERLOINS	155	151.19	123,440	155-160	152.16	97,720	149.18	630,845
BREAST - WITH RIBS	97-98	103.59	100,160	97-98	101.54	78,200	101.28	421,400
BREAST - LINE RUN	97	99.67	86,400	97	98.66	100,800	97.61	444,600
LEGS	61-62	66.09	72,840	61-62	66.16	76,560	65.30	424,880
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	48-49	49.32	314,360	48-49	50.97	182,500	49.93	1,187,140
DRUMSTICKS	66-67	63.57	69,121	65-66	66.36	109,379	64.56	430,798
THIGHS	53-54	60.94	75,360	53-54	61.81	69,960	61.61	309,360
B/S THIGHS	110-111	111.41	46,240	110-111	110.71	78,080	111.50	277,820
WINGS (WHOLE)	129-130	130.54	166,178	129-130	130.50	132,843	130.45	710,781
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	10.71	9,800	10-12	11.13	15,800	11.02	74,360
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	37.43	7,160	35-40	37.15	6,240	37.37	24,760
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	59.40	26,000	55-60	58.27	31,520	59.13	109,440

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)
Alabama	08/24	08/23	08/22	08/21	08/22	08/21	08/17	08/15		
Arkansas	3,994	4,057	3,899	3,873	5.41	5.39	3,920	5.40		
Delmarva	5,202	5,354	5,090	5,278	5.26	5.24	5,720	5.16		
KY-LA-TN	2,645	2,269	2,272	2,257	5.83	5.92	2,348	5.77		
Mississippi	2,512	2,479	2,416	2,436	4.94	4.97	2,442	4.85		
North Carolina	2,831	3,170	2,947	3,117	5.51	5.61	3,056	5.55		
Texas	3,238	2,786	2,538	2,570	6.67	6.56	3,018	6.77		
Total	2,506	2,506	2,516	2,518	5.19	5.21	2,368	5.17		
Mon-Fri	22,928	22,621	21,678	22,049	5.50	5.50	22,872	5.48		
Saturday	112,136(A)						109,688(A)			
	1,386	(included in total for date shown)					1,538			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 24-Aug-07 and 25-Aug-07 is estimated to be 34,303,000 head down 0.06 percent from a week ago and down -4.82 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 34,322,000, last year 36,040,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 25-Aug-07 is estimated to be 166,972,000 head up 0.78 percent from a week ago, and up 0.32 percent from a year ago. (Last week 165,682,000, last year 166,432,000) 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**

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

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED**

W/E 18-Aug-07 Under Federal Inspection (Preliminary)

	-----Thousands-----				
	A	B	C	D	Total
	4.25 lbs & down	4.26 - 6.25 lbs	6.26 - 7.75 lbs	7.76 lbs & up	
Head	45,607	80,771	33,427	5,877	165,682
Avg Live Wgt	3.84	5.43	6.95	8.38	5.40
% of total /1	28%	48%	20%	4%	100%

**Comparisons**

Last week	44,351	86,441	30,055	4,580	165,427
Avg Live Wgt	3.77	5.37	6.96	8.30	5.31
% of total /1	27%	52%	18%	3%	100%
Year Ago 2/	47,956	81,700	25,542	5,484	160,682
Avg Live Wgt	3.87	5.35	6.98	8.39	5.27
% of total /1	30%	51%	16%	3%	100%
To date/2007	1,420,851	2,657,522	839,214	368,675	5,286,262
To date/2006	1,542,130	2,597,406	747,225	424,120	5,310,881

/1May 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 18-AUG-2007 CHICKENS HENS HENS HENS DUCKS

	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	165,682	1,045	1,524	2,569	474
Avg Wt	5.40	3.19	8.04	6.07	6.16
Last week	165,427	1,265	1,668	2,933	440
Same wk yr ago	160,682	902	1,759	2,661	462
Avg Wt	5.27	3.38	7.74	6.26	6.34
To-date/2007	5,286,263	36,867	47,692	84,559	16,670
To-date/2006	5,310,881	36,832	48,895	85,727	16,655

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 169.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 167.7 million head, or 1.8 million less than estimated available.

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

MILLION HEAD					
WEEK ENDING	SLTRD	AVAIL	PCT	AVG WT	
July 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	97%	5.31	
11	167.4	170.5	98%	5.31	
18	167.7	169.5	99%	5.40	
Year to date	5350.3	5433.0	98%		
Aug 25		168.9			
Sept 1		165.9			

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

Under Federal inspection

	-----Thousands-----				
W/E	08/25/07	08/18/07	%CHG	08/26/06	%CHG
Broilers	166,972	165,682 *	+0.78	166,432 *	+0.32
Cattle	683	667	+02	690*	-01
Hogs	2,065	1,989	+04	2,006 *	+03

\*Actual

**EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

For delivery the week of AUG 20, 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)	71.00-80.25	73.00-77.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	71.00-88.00	76.00-86.00

**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 steady. Demand was moderate to at times good. Supplies were balanced to fully adequate. 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 20-AUG-2007

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

**GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION -**

DATE OF AUCTION: AUG 21, 2007

PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

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

	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.25 - 1.35
Guinea Pigs	2.00 - 8.00 ea.
Pekin Ducks	.35 - 1.00
Red Fowl	.45 - .50
Crossbred Fowl	.60 - .70
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.50 - .70
Guinea Fowl	6.00 - 8.00 ea.
Banty Roosters	2.50 - 3.00 ea.
Banty Hens	1.00 - 1.25 ea.
Silkie	2.00 - 3.00 ea.
Pigeons	2.00 - 3.25 ea.
White Pigeons	3.50 - 4.00 ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.50 - 1.80
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	1.50 - 1.80
Bunnies	1.00 - 3.00 ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.25 - 1.35

**Total Coops Sold 400**

