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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices for next week were trending unchanged in all areas. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Retail and food service demand was fair to good with hopes that weekend holiday business will increase movement. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to at times well cleared for trade needs. Floor stocks were adequate to long. In the parts structure, trading was fair to moderate entering the holiday weekend. Breast items were in good balance to well cleared and moving satisfactorily. Dark meat was readily available, and wings were mixed with larger cuts in the best position. In production areas, live supplies were moderate 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 03-SEP-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	68.00-84.75	76.09	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	82.52	90
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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 81.75 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
862	75.88-84.00	81.39

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	200.00	1,150
BREASTS - B/S	182.00	4,921
BREASTS - WHOLE	108.50	1,092
THIGH MEAT - B/S	111.50	958
LEG QUARTERS	50.50	7,602
WINGS	129.00	2,378

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. Retail demand entering the extended Labor Day weekend was fair to moderate, best for features and where holiday needs increased. Food service was also fair to moderate, best into fast food channels. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to well cleared for trade needs. In the parts structure, demand was light to active for end of the week trading. Breast items were in balance to tight, dark meat was available, and wings were mostly sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to light weights.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair to mostly moderate entering the holiday weekend. Offerings of all sizes were generally sufficient to well cleared for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. Fast food interest was at least moderate. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, breast items were about adequate to adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Wings were adequate to at least adequate with larger sizes in the better balance. Dark meat cuts were more than sufficient for current needs.

**WESTERN REGION** Preliminary majority prices were unchanged. Trading reported for next week's deliveries were at generally unchanged prices. Offerings were easily adequate to cover trade needs. Buying activity was moderate but not as aggressive as expected for the Labor Day holiday needs. Retailer demand was fair to fairly good. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers.

**MIDWEST REGION** Preliminary majority delivered prices into the Chicago market for next week were unchanged. Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment ended the week steady. Retail and food service draw entering the weekend was moderate to fairly good with most trade participants were optimistic of good holiday movement due to weather and first of month. Floor stocks mostly in close balance to instances fully adequate; weights desirable. Trade offerings on parts were light for current production and moderate out-front; tenderloins and large wings were in tightest position. The market tone was steady to firm on front half cuts and steady to cautiously steady on dark meat items.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was mostly moderate to at times good entering the holiday weekend. Seller offerings were adequate to well cleared for current trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to light. Processor schedules were very heavy when combined with operations open on Saturday. Most plants planned to close Monday in observance of Labor Day. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 77 to 91 cents. Trade sentiment was generally steady. In the parts complex, breast items were in good balance to well cleared. Wings were mostly sufficient with the larger sizes in the best position. Dark meat cuts were noted as 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	73-92
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	(A)
	08/27/07 - 08/31/07
	08/28/06 - 08/01/06
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
	08/27/07 - 08/31/07
	08/28/06 - 08/01/06
	(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 30, 2007					Aug 31, 2007				
ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	(000) WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	581	171.00-225.00	-	176.04	576	171.00-227.00	-	177.25	3,140 175.58
TENDERLOINS	208	142.00-217.00	149-155	152.34	183	148.00-211.00	150-155	155.54	1,019 153.57
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				417 98.45
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				245 85.90
LEGS	143	52.00-74.00	55-56	56.31	TOO FEW TO REPORT				606 56.41
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	615	40.00-49.00	43-44	43.64	440	40.00-49.00	43-44	43.83	2,566 43.56
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	828	41.00-52.00	45-46	45.82	949	42.00-52.00	45-47	45.93	4,863 45.88
WINGS (WHOLE)	280	120.00-131.00	123-128	126.68	270	120.00-131.00	124-127	125.54	1,390 126.44
WINGS (CUT)	100	138.00-142.00	-	140.60	TOO FEW TO REPORT				642 139.62
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				249 61.94
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				160 56.31
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				347 107.46
WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS					WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS				
TRADING FOR Aug 30, 2007 -- F.O.B. DOCK.					TRADING FOR Aug 31, 2007 -- F.O.B. DOCK.				
RANGE		TODAY'S AVERAGE			RANGE		TODAY'S AVERAGE		5-DAY AVERAGE
61.50 - 68.00		64.47			62.00 - 68.50		65.25		64.80

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 mostly moderate entering the Labor Day holiday weekend. Supplies of boneless skinless breasts were in good balance to well cleared; bone-in breasts were generally sufficient for current needs. Wings were adequate to at least adequate with larger size wings in the best balance. Dark meat cuts were more than sufficient. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone was steady to fully steady for breast items. Wings and most dark meat cuts were about steady to steady.

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

Aug 30, 2007				Aug 31, 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	185	173.15	724,995	185	175.93	554,296	173.07	2,990,328
TENDERLOINS	155-160	156.29	121,840	155-160	155.03	118,720	153.82	669,795
BREAST - WITH RIBS	99-100	102.99	103,680	99-100	103.40	81,880	102.42	405,280
BREAST - LINE RUN	99	101.85	95,400	99	101.81	113,400	100.86	514,880
LEGS	61-62	67.10	88,080	61-62	66.10	79,600	65.12	503,840
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	48-49	49.97	191,640	48-49	48.79	323,840	49.11	1,244,560
DRUMSTICKS	65-66	61.54	123,360	65-66	60.56	140,216	61.31	590,573
THIGHS	53-54	61.04	88,823	53-54	61.17	91,017	59.37	367,044
B/S THIGHS	110-111	114.45	59,280	110-111	116.99	89,600	114.64	303,400
WINGS (WHOLE)	128-129	132.28	141,600	128-129	134.28	98,600	130.01	700,778
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.21	9,880	10-12	11.17	17,800	11.14	84,640
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	36.43	8,120	35-40	38.67	8,840	37.10	34,680
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	59.68	19,720	55-60	60.29	25,920	59.84	106,640

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)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)
Alabama	08/31	08/30	08/29	08/28	08/29	08/28	08/24	08/22		
Arkansas	4,214	4,021	3,744	3,953	5.39	5.41	3,984	5.41		
Delmarva	5,168	5,389	5,389	5,316	5.26	5.24	5,359	5.26		
KY-LA-TN	2,971	2,297	2,268	2,220	5.80	5.85	2,441	5.83		
Mississippi	3,437	2,462	2,180	2,333	4.99	4.96	2,490	4.94		
North Carolina	3,828	3,173	2,919	3,070	5.52	5.61	2,820	5.51		
Texas	3,507	2,763	2,679	2,661	6.68	6.76	3,179	6.67		
Total	2,507	2,501	2,492	2,543	5.24	5.23	2,479	5.19		
Mon-Fri	25,632	22,606	21,671	22,096	5.52	5.52	22,752	5.50		
Saturday	115,566 (A)					110,516 (A)				
	4,223	(included in total for date shown)				1,659				

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 31-Aug-07 and 01-Sep-07 is estimated to be 38,348,000 head up 12.32 percent from a week ago and up 2.67 percent from a year ago. (Last week 34,142,000, last year 37,350,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 01-Sep-07 is estimated to be 171,019,000 head up 2.53 percent from a week ago, and up 1.62 percent from a year ago. (Last week 166,796,000, last year 168,295,000) 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	126	130
ROASTERS 4# & UP	111	135
HENS OVER 5#	95	109
DUCKS	185-204	

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED**

W/E 25-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	51,355	78,502	32,450	4,489	166,796
Avg Live Wgt	3.86	5.38	6.99	8.21	5.30
% of total /1	31%	47%	19%	3%	100%

**Comparisons**

Last week	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%
Year Ago 2/	44,621	88,120	26,791	6,900	166,432
Avg Live Wgt	3.80	5.33	6.97	8.08	5.30
% of total /1	27%	53%	16%	4%	100%

To date/2007 1,472,206 2,736,024 871,664 373,165 5,453,059  
 To date/2006 1,586,751 2,685,526 774,016 431,020 5,477,313  
 /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 25-AUG-2007 CHICKENS HENS HENS HENS DUCKS  
 -----THOUSANDS-----

Head	166,796	1,155	1,622	2,777	498
Avg Wt	5.30	3.38	8.07	6.12	6.71
Last week	165,682	1,045	1,524	2,569	474
Same wk yr ago	166,432	955	1,553	2,508	461
Avg Wt	5.30	3.30	8.19	6.33	6.67
To-date/2007	5,453,059	38,022	49,314	87,336	17,168
To-date/2006	5,477,313	37,787	50,448	88,235	17,116

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 168.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 168.8 million head, or 0.1 million less than estimated available.

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

MILLION HEAD					
WEEK ENDING	SLTRD	AVAIL	PCT	AVG WT	
July 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	
25	168.8	168.9	100%	5.30	
Year to date	5519.1	5601.9	99%		
Sept 1		165.9			
8		164.8			

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

Under Federal inspection

	-----Thousands-----				
W/E	09/01/07	08/25/07	%CHG	09/02/06	%CHG
Broilers	171,019	166,796 *	+2.53	168,295 *	+1.62
Cattle	698	683	+02	684*	+02
Hogs	2,093	2,065	+01	2,054 *	+02

\*Actual

**EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

For delivery the week of AUG 27, 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 MOSTLY	159-163	163-167

MIDWEST MOSTLY	136-146	138-148
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**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)	71.00-82.25	75.00-81.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	71.00-88.00	78.00-86.00

**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 remained unchanged.

Trade sentiment mostly steady. Demand was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were balanced to 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 27-AUG-2007

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

**GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION -**

DATE OF AUCTION: AUG 28, 2007

PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

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

	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.10 - 1.15
Doves	3.50 - 4.00 ea.
Pekin Ducks	.50 - 1.00 ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.25 - .40
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.45 - .50
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.70 - .80
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.75 - .80
Guinea Fowl	7.00 - 9.00 ea.
Banty Roosters	2.00 - 2.25 ea.
Banty Hens	1.00 - 1.25 ea.
Leghorn Roosters	- 1.00 ea.
Silkie	1.50 - 2.00 ea.
Geese 9-14 LBS	.30 - .40
Pigeons	2.85 - 3.10 ea.
White Pigeons	3.25 - 3.50 ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.30 - 1.40
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	1.40 - 1.60
Bunnies	1.25 - 3.00 ea.
Guinea Pigs	1.00 - 9.00 ea.
Goats	35.00 - 45.00 ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.75 - 1.00

**Total Coops Sold 544**

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Trading for heavy cannery were too few to report; unchanged on lights when compared to a week earlier. Supplies of both light and heavy cannery were at 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 mostly normal. The undertone was generally steady.

Cents per pound, current negotiations, without freight cost

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b> 23-31 MAJORITY 26-27	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)</b> TOO FEW TO REPORT
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Cents per pound, current negotiation, freight cost included

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b> 24-33 MAJORITY 29-30	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)</b> TOO FEW TO REPORT
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**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 light to fair for the at least adequate offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules were mostly normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	3-12	5-8

**SOUTH CENTRAL** Disposal costs were TFEWR. Demand was light for at least adequate supplies of light fowl. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was about steady.

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

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

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	0-9	4-6

**HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\***  
PRELIMINARY PRICE,CENTS PER LB. GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 03-SEP-07

**SOUTH CENTRAL** Trading was TFEWR. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was steady at best.

	<b>RANGE 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 moderate for the mostly adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules for next week were reduced due to the Labor day holiday. Sales of finished product was fair to moderate. The undertone was generally steady.

	<b>RANGE 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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