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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was mixed, but at least steady to firm. Retail demand was mostly slow to fair; food service was in a full range, mostly moderate at best. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to well cleared for trade needs. Floor stocks were balanced to close. Processing schedules were part time with many plants down yesterday for Christmas. In the parts structure, movement was at least moderate with market conditions being monitored following the extended holiday weekend. Breast items were in good balance to well cleared, dark meat was balanced to tight, and wings were adequate and moving satisfactorily. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, but mostly desirable. The Composite Weighted Average price for 12/24/07 was 72.35 compared to 70.52 a week earlier, and 67.63 a year ago.



**FINAL BROILER FRYER** Prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook & ice-packed (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 24-DEC-2007 (cents per lb)

Areas	US grade A		Lds	Composite	
	Majority	Wtd Avg		Wtd Avg	Lds
Boston/New England	TFEWR			68.43	21
Chicago	63.00-66.00	66.83	32	66.54	60
Ohio Cities	TFEWR			65.43	14
Denver	83.50	83.50	12	84.55	16
Detroit	66.00-67.00	68.63	8	68.01	43
Los Angeles	84.00	82.20	54	77.96	139
New York	67.00-70.00	68.71	21	69.31	42
Philadelphia	66.50-68.00	67.55	11	66.72	23
Pittsburgh	66.00-69.00	68.27	11	72.18	58
St. Louis	65.25-66.50	65.52	20	66.59	32
San Francisco	84.50	83.86	28	86.51	51

### Composite Weighted Average

Loads	12/24/07	Change Last Wk	12/17/07	12/25/06
499	72.35	1.83	70.52	67.63

**WOG Broilers** - (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and 1tl quantities:

Marketing Regions	Majority	Wtd Avg	Lds
Eastern	69.00-70.50	69.18	34
Central	61.00-71.00	66.44	65
Western	69.00-72.00	73.49	48
<b>Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent</b>			
Mississippi	74.00-77.00	75.36	82

**GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES** – Based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/12 to 3 pound birds.

### MONDAY DEC 24, 2007

This week's trading is **76.75** cents

### MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG

LOADS	RANGE	FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
845	63.00-78.00	76.38

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

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	158.50	1,037
BREASTS - B/S	131.00	4,171
BREASTS - WHOLE	76.50	1,052
THIGH MEAT - B/S	117.00	876
LEG QUARTERS	111.00	1,965

### WEDNESDAY DEC 26, 2007

Next week's trading remains unchanged at **76.75** cents. This compares to 70.00 cents last year on December 27, 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	159.00
BREASTS - B/S	132.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	75.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	117.50
LEG QUARTERS	42.00
WINGS	111.00

Data Source: Georgia Dept of Agriculture, Poultry Market News Service

**SOUTHERN REGION** Trade sentiment was mixed, but at least steady. Demand was mixed with trade mostly refilling needs and monitoring further market developments. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to well cleared, at times short due to reduced plant schedules for the holiday. In the parts structure, movement was fair to fairly good following the extended holiday weekend with supplies balanced to well cleared. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST REGION** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was moderate to fairly good as dealers monitored market developments as they refilled the pipelines following the extended holiday weekend. Offerings of all sizes were in good balance to well cleared. Retail and distributive movement was seasonally fair. The market tone was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, breasts items were sufficient and clearing satisfactorily. Tenders were well cleared and held with confidence. Other items were about adequate to adequate.

**MIDWEST REGION** The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was steady to firm on light offerings. Retail demand was very slow overall, instances fair for some. Food service varied, slow to good, mostly moderate to fairly good. Floor stocks adequate to limited; weights desirable. Parts offerings were light to moderate on like trade call. The market tone was generally steady on parts with a firm undertone on boneless dark meat, tenders, and boneless/skinless breast; all other parts were steady.

**WESTERN REGION** The market tone on whole broiler fryers was generally steady and WOGs were steady to fully steady. Retail demand light to instances moderate, best where featured. Restaurant and food service demand light with some anticipating improved activity as the weekend approaches in response to the upcoming New Year's Holiday. Weights were desirable for the light to adequate floor stocks. The market tone on parts was steady to fully steady. Demand light with offerings ranging from held with confidence to adequate.

**The Eggs Set/Broilers Placed & Fryers Available Reports are on page 4.**

**DELMARVA** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light and spotty, but sufficient in keeping offerings in manageable balance following the Christmas holiday. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 69 to 83 cents. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, breast items were balanced to well cleared. Wings were adequate and most dark meat items were adequate to tight.

**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	67-85
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying interest was at least moderate as dealers assess market requirements following the extended Christmas holiday weekend. Offerings of breast items were in good balance to well cleared. Tenders, thighs and thigh meat were no better than adequate to tight. Wings were noted as sufficient for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was seasonally fair. The market tone was fully steady for breast items and tenders. The balance of items were steady to fully steady. ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DLVRD TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S		125-130	120.55	334,710
TENDERLOINS		115	110.02	93,080
BREAST - WITH RIBS		67-68	76.03	56,880
BREAST - LINE RUN		67	68.44	81,000
LEGS		59-60	63.27	72,960
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)		41-42	42.34	136,440
DRUMSTICKS		50-51	61.63	58,636
THIGHS		54-55	61.52	53,840
B/S THIGHS		116-117	111.93	49,680
WINGS (WHOLE)		110-111	116.70	111,440
BACKS & NECKS (STRIPPED)		10-12	10.84	23,760
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)		35-40	35.96	5,200
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)		60-65	57.99	20,520

NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, RI, & 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.

**ARKANSAS 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	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	2,058	105.00-170.00	105-111	113.86
TENDERLOINS	368	102.00-192.00	108-112	115.00
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
LEG QRTRS (BULK)	923	37.00-42.00	39-40	39.40
LEG QRTRS (4/10)	1,705	38.00-45.00	38.5-41	39.42
WINGS (WHOLE)	666	88.00-136.00	105-114	107.71
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
THIGHS	1,570	48.00-54.00	48	48.06

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS**

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL		AVG WTS	
	(1,000)	12/25	(1,000)	12/24	12/20	12/20	(1,000)	12/19	12/17	12/17
Alabama	3,501	Holiday	(A)	4,802	(A)	5.40	3,851	5.56		
Arkansas	5,288	Holiday	(A)	5,444	(A)	5.16	5,197	5.39		
Delmarva	2,339	Holiday	(A)	3,165	(A)	5.63	3,306	5.89		
KY-LA-TN	2,276	Holiday	(A)	2,658	(A)	5.51	2,301	5.09		
Mississippi	2,909	Holiday	(A)	3,791	(A)	5.61	2,976	5.77		
N. Carolina	2,603	Holiday	(A)	4,185	(A)	6.98	2,805	7.23		
Texas	2,604	Holiday	(A)	2,585	(A)	5.21	2,590	5.23		
Total	21,520	0	7,249	26,630	5.75	5.65	23,026	5.71		
Mon-Wed	28,631(B)						66,987(B)			

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 26-Dec-07 is estimated to be 32,196,000 head down 6.82 percent from a week ago and down 4.82 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 34,553,000, last year 33,825,000)

**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	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	622	110.00-189.00	-	121.18
TENDERLOINS	156	107.00-182.00	-	114.59
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	259	52.00-67.00	54-56	59.01
LEG QRTERS (BULK)	527	35.00-42.00	37-38	38.05
LEG QRTRS (4/10)	382	38.00-45.00	40-41	40.80
WINGS (WHOLE)	313	98.00-114.00	106-108	107.14
WINGS (CUT)	100	115.00-121.00	-	118.90
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for Dec 26, 2007 -- F.O.B. Dock

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
44.00 - 51.50	47.75	47.19

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.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DLVRD TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 24-DEC-2007 TO 28-DEC-2007, CENTS PER POUND

	Price per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	109.00 - 130.00	111.00 - 121.00
TENDERLOINS	105.00 - 122.00	105.00 - 112.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	58.00 - 88.00	65.00 - 78.00
LEGS	57.00 - 64.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	39.00 - 50.00	41.00 - 43.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	41.00 - 48.00	43.00 - 45.00
DRUMSTICKS	46.00 - 56.00	-
THIGHS	54.00 - 67.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	92.00 - 114.00	106.00 - 113.00
BACKS & NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 25.00	-
LIVERS	32.00 - 47.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 75.00	-

**SOUTHERN CA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED PLTRY DLVRD TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	89.25-105.25
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	92.75-109.75

**FROZEN HENS 5# & UP FROZEN DUCKS FROZEN SQUABS DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

FRESH FRYERS	94-100
ROASTERS 4# & UP	109-118
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	67-78
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

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

BROILER/FRYER 2# & OVER	ICE PACK	126-126
	DRY PACK	112-112
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	130-130
	DRY PACK	109
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	109
	DRY PACK	105
DUCKS		204-207

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

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 29-DEC-07

Class	Current Week	Previous Week
	12/29/07 (1)	12/22/07
	----- Thousand head -----	
Broiler/fryer	120,576 (2)	175,791
Light hens	827	1,590
Heavy hens	977	1,544
Total	122,380	178,925

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 29-Dec-07 is 156.2 million head compared to 135.5 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 120.8 million head or 35.4 million less than estimated available. For the week of 05-Jan-08 the estimated available is 157.0 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -**

Selected Centers	(Inc. Gov't Stocks)	(In Thousands)	
		Processed Turkeys	Processed other Poultry
		Lbs	Lbs
AM 12/25/07	40,045	86,837	
AM 12/01/07	37,974	89,689	
CHG	2071	-2852	
PCT CHG	5%	-3%	

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT - (In Thousands)**

	Processed Turkeys			Processed other Poultry		
	12/24/07	12/17/07	12/25/06	12/24/07	12/17/07	12/25/06
<b>PACIFIC COAST</b>	3,207	3,158	1,595	7,982	8,032	8,677
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>	120	104	198	1,636	1,476	2,399

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES FOR 12-26-07**

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

	LO			HI			AVG		
	LO	HI	AVG	LO	HI	AVG	LO	HI	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	-	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	.75	-	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	-	-	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-	-	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	.80	2.00	1.42	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	1.40	2.20	1.73	RABBITS ea.	-	-	-	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	-	-	-	-	-
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 29**

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - MEXICO CITY**

Cents per pound for the week ending December 21, 2007

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/Gizzards	Hens
	<b>RAYON</b>					
Low	62.99	151.17	96.58	12.60	8.40	62.99
High	73.48	159.57	109.18	16.80	12.60	62.99
Mostly	68.87	155.37	100.78	12.60	8.40	62.99

**SAN JUAN**

Low	63.83	146.97	92.38	12.60	4.20	62.99
High	74.32	159.57	104.98	16.80	8.40	62.99
Mostly	68.03	155.37	100.78	12.60	4.20	62.99

**NEW SAN**

Low	66.35	151.17	96.58	16.80	8.40	67.19
High	74.74	163.77	109.18	21.00	12.60	67.19
Mostly	70.13	159.57	100.78	16.80	8.40	67.19

**BECERRA**

Low	69.29	155.37	100.78	16.80	8.40	71.39
High	75.58	167.96	113.38	21.00	12.60	71.39
Mostly	71.39	163.77	104.98	21.00	12.60	71.39

**CENTRAL REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, CENTS PER POUND FOR THE WEEK OF DEC 24, 2007

		RANGE
HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	73-81
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	71-94

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On January 4, 2008 - The Central and Eastern Region MSC reports will be combined into the new National Mechanically Separated Chicken report and will no longer be available as a separate report. Until then, the new National MSC report will run concurrently and may be viewed at: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/poultry/mnsc/PDF%20Reports/MSC/msc.htm>

**MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN** PRICES NEGOTIATED, FOB SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

**EASTERN REGION**

December 21, 2007				
CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED				
---- PRICES ----			---- VOLUME ----	
FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS RANGE	15.75	15.00-16.00	530,000	210,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.75	15.68		
15-20% RANGE	16.00-21.00	11.00-16.00	3,626,000	2,186,000
WTD AVERAGE	17.47	13.82		
20% OR MORE RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

**CENTRAL REGION**

December 21, 2007				
CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED				
---- PRICES ----			---- VOLUME ----	
FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS RANGE	17.50	16.00	123,600	42,000
WTD AVERAGE	17.50	16.00		
15-20% RANGE	16.50-20.00	11.00-14.50	1,324,800	917,600
WTD AVERAGE	17.18	11.87		
20% OR MORE RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

**LIVE HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)**

\*FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 24-DECEMBER-2007

**SOUTH CENTRAL** Trading levels were slightly higher compared to last report. Demand was moderate for adequate supplies of spent hens. Schedules were reduced for the holiday week. Sales of dressed product were active in retail outlets. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.75-12.75 CENTS/LB.		9.28

**SOUTHEAST** Prices were generally unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was fair to moderate for the adequate to least adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were reduced due to the holiday. Sales of finished product was mostly moderate. The undertone was at least steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-13.25 CENTS/LB.		9.50
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**BROILER -TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES**

**UP 4 PERCENT**

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 219 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 22, 2007. This was up 4 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 3 PERCENT**

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 179 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 22, 2007. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2006 through December 22, 2007 were 8.97 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

**BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED**

	TOTAL		PERCENT CHANGE
	19 SELECTED STATES		
	2007	2006	PREVIOUS YEAR
WEEK ENDING 12/22/07			
EGGS SET	218,631	209,627	+04
CHICKS PLACED	179,279	173,573	+03

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 02-Feb-08 is estimated at 165.2 million head. This compares to 164.2 million head the previous week and to 162.8 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 157.5 million head and the composite weighted average price was 72.58 cents per pound.