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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices in terminal markets were unchanged in Western areas with Central and Eastern markets trending sharply higher than a week earlier. Trade sentiment in processing areas was fully steady to firm with offerings limited and held confidently. Where product was available, higher values were often the norm. Fast food and food service channels were active with anticipated shipping schedules often the difference between having product and running inventories lower than desired. Processing schedules were down for New Years day with the upcoming weekend showing only a few plants planning to process. White meat parts were stronger on price, dark meat was mixed, but continued to maintain a decent balance between export and domestic sales. Production areas had adequate live supplies. Live weights were mostly desirable.

**Final Report** of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 31-DEC-2007 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Boston/New England	TFEWR		:	71.06	18
Chicago	66.00-69.00	69.61	30 :	69.68	51
Ohio Cities	TFEWR		:	68.76	12
Denver	83.50	83.50	12 :	81.70	14
Detroit	68.00-70.00	69.00	9 :	71.13	44
Los Angeles	84.00	82.66	53 :	80.90	132
New York	69.00-72.00	70.86	21 :	71.28	46
Philadelphia	68.50-70.00	69.55	11 :	69.24	23
Pittsburgh	68.00-71.00	70.27	11 :	73.71	55
St. Louis	68.25-69.50	68.65	19 :	69.49	29
San Francisco	84.50	84.44	27 :	85.79	61

Composite Weighted Average

LOADS	12/31/07	Change Last Wk	12/24/07	01/01/07
485	74.60	2.25	72.35	68.06

**WOG BROILERS** (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delivered to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities:

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
Eastern	73.00-74.00	73.74	31
Central	65.00-73.00	70.26	55
Western	71.00-75.00	73.87	41
<b>Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent</b>			
Mississippi	75.00-77.00	75.50	84

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broiler/fryers for this week's trading is 76.75 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

### MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	VOLUME
1,062	65.00-80.00		76.28
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed FINAL weighted average price on ice-packed parts:			
LINE RUN TENDERS		158.50	1,333
BREASTS - B/S		132.00	5,478
BREASTS - WHOLE		76.00	1,373
THIGH MEAT - B/S		118.00	1,106
LEG QUARTERS		41.50	8,770
WINGS		111.00	2,579

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

**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was noted as moderate to mostly good entering the New Year's Day holiday week. Offerings of all sizes were in close balance to tight. Movement through retail and distributive channels was seasonally fair to moderate. The market tone was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, breast items and tenders were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Drums, thighs and wings were in good balance to well cleared.

**SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment remains fully steady to mostly firm. Due in part to the irregular kill schedules. Demand was fair to moderately good. Supplies of all sizes were balanced to short of full trade needs. Processing schedules are less than normal with many plants down Tuesday for New Year's Day. In the parts structure, movement was fair to fairly good for early week business. Wings were moving and clearing satisfactorily. Breast items were in good supply to tight, and dark meat was adequate to very close balanced. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Final majorities were unchanged from last Monday. The market tone on whole broiler fryers was steady to fully steady; steady to firm on WOGs. Retail demand and distributive demand was light to moderate. Floor stocks were balanced to long with sizes desirable to heavy. Parts supplies were barely adequate to close. The trade sentiment was fully steady to firm on wings and breast cuts and steady to fully steady on the balance of items. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was 73.14 cents up 1.36 cents with a volume of 33 loads down 13% from last Monday.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Final majority prices increased 2 to 3 cents in all market areas; TFEWR into Ohio cities. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady to firm on limited offerings. Retail and distributive demand was light to instances good with many anticipating pick up into the weekend. Best movement on wings and eight piece cut-ups. Floor stocks were mixed, ranging short to instances long; sizes were desirable to heavy. Supplies of boneless dark meat were tight, barely adequate to close on breast cuts and wings, and barely adequate to adequate on the balance. The trade sentiment was steady to firm on all parts.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was moderate to good approaching the New Year's holiday. Offerings were in good balance to well cleared for immediate trade requirements. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but noted as mostly desirable. Processing schedules were light with many plants closed due to the holiday. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 71 to 85 cents. The market tone ranged fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, offerings were well cleared to short on wings. Breast items were balanced to tight. Most dark meat cuts were usually adequate and moving satisfactorily.

\*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	66-87
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operation.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying interest was moderate to good as dealers assess market conditions entering the New Year's Day holiday week. Offerings of breast items and tenders were in good balance to instances tight. Wings were well cleared to short and most dark meat cuts were about adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Movement through retail and distributive channels was seasonally active. The market tone was fully steady to firm on wings and breast items. Dark meat cuts were at least steady to fully steady.

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

ITEM	NEGOTIATED TRADING*	CURRENT	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S		135	122.95	472,320
TENDERLOINS		115	111.90	75,000
BREAST - WITH RIBS	69-70	75.55	44,520	
BREAST - LINE RUN	69	69.90	90,000	
LEGS	60-61	60.50	75,960	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	41-42	41.99	177,840	
DRUMSTICKS	51-52	57.52	39,680	
THIGHS	54-55	59.27	54,040	
B/S THIGHS	116-117	115.89	26,120	
WINGS (WHOLE)	113-114	113.03	140,000	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	10.79	31,280	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	38.08	5,000	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	57.50	26,800	

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.

**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	959	108.00-133.00	110-119	116.25
TENDERLOINS	287	100.00-164.00	112	110.71
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,013	38.00-49.00	39-40	39.09
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	773	38.50-42.00	42	40.73
WINGS (WHOLE)	561	90.00-114.00	108-110	105.11
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (In thousands)**

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	12/31	12/27	12/27	12/24	12/20
Alabama	3,685	4,179	5.61	Holiday	5.51
Arkansas	3,484	5,326	5.39	Holiday	5.24
Delmarva	1,127	2,306	5.90	Holiday	5.81
KY-LA-TN	2,002	2,445	4.95	Holiday	5.06
Mississippi	2,917	3,095	5.76	Holiday	5.64
North Carolina	2,482	2,802	7.00	Holiday	7.00
Texas	2,575	2,590	5.22	Holiday	5.26
Total	18,272	22,743	5.66	Holiday	5.60
Mon	18,272 (A)			7,249 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 31-Dec 2007 is estimated to be 27,337,000 up 151.31 percent from a week ago and up 2596.0 percent from a year ago.

(last week 10,878,000 last year 1,014,000)

**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	627	114.00-197.00	-	124.11
TENDERLOINS	156	109.00-132.00	-	113.72
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	269	53.00-67.00	-	58.88
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	407	36.00-42.00	37-38	38.34
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	622	37.00-45.00	40-41	40.51
WINGS (WHOLE)	275	100.00-115.00	108-110	109.76
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
45.50 - 52.50	49.34	48.46

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 DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 31-DEC-2007 TO 04-JAN-2008, CENTS PER POUND

	Price per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	115.00 - 131.00	119.00 - 127.00
TENDERLOINS	109.00 - 121.00	109.00 - 114.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	60.00 - 88.00	67.00 - 79.00
LEGS	57.00 - 64.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	39.00 - 50.00	41.00 - 43.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	41.00 - 46.00	43.00 - 45.00
DRUMSTICKS	46.00 - 56.00	-
THIGHS	53.00 - 63.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	104.00 - 115.00	106.00 - 110.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 25.00	-
LIVERS	32.00 - 47.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 75.00	-

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED 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, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

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

\*\*\*On January 4, 2008 these 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>.

**EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

DEC 28, 2007

**CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED ---- PRICES ---- VOLUME ----**  
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS RANGE	15.75	15.00-16.00	214,000	54,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.75	15.50		
15-20% RANGE	16.00-21.00	11.00-16.00	1,640,000	1,040,000
WTD AVERAGE	17.81	13.70		
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

**CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

DEC 28, 2007

**CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED ---- PRICES ---- VOLUME ----**  
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS RANGE	-	16.00	61,200	-
WTD AVERAGE		16.00		
15-20% RANGE	17.00	11.00-15.25	1,403,600	567,200
WTD AVERAGE	17.00	12.13		
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

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HENS**

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

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 31-DEC-07

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-12		9.47
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HENS**

Pricing was generally unchanged on spent heavy fowl compared to the past week. Demand was light for adequate offerings from primary users. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 31-DEC-07

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.75-12.5		9.30

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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