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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were unchanged in the West, but higher in the East and Midwest when compared to previous week. Trade sentiment was steady to firm, mostly fully steady to firm. Retail and food service demand was generally light to moderate. Supplies of all sizes were in good balance to tight. Floor stocks were balanced to tight. In the parts structure, trading was moderate to fairly good following the weekend. Wings were in good balance to short and moving seasonally well. Breast items were adequate to well cleared, and dark meat was sufficient, at times tight for boneless cuts. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, but 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 07-JAN-2008 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Boston/New England	TFEWR		:	72.85	20
Chicago	70.00-73.00	73.16	33 :	74.06	68
Ohio Cities	TFEWR		:	72.91	11
Denver	83.50	83.50	14 :	84.47	17
Detroit	70.00-72.00	71.95	10 :	73.56	51
Los Angeles	84.00	83.34	62 :	83.60	117
New York	73.00-76.00	74.90	21 :	73.97	47
Philadelphia	72.50-74.00	73.59	11 :	73.28	23
Pittsburgh	72.00-75.00	74.45	11 :	76.34	56
St. Louis	71.50-72.75	71.91	19 :	73.45	30
San Francisco	84.50	84.77	32 :	87.81	51
Composite Weighted Average					
Loads	01/07/08	Change Last Wk	12/31/07	01/08/07	
491	77.53	2.93	74.60	70.31	

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	76.00-78.00	77.24	31
Central	71.00-79.00	75.49	71
Western	76.00-81.00	79.12	47
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent			
Mississippi	75.00-77.00	75.56	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
1,084	69.00-78.50		76.43
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed FINAL weighted average price on ice-packed parts:			
LINE RUN TENDERS		161.50	1,383
BREASTS - B/S		133.00	5,775
BREASTS - WHOLE		77.50	1,412
THIGH MEAT - B/S		114.50	1,140
LEG QUARTERS		42.00	9,086
WINGS		112.50	2,712

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 fairly good entering the week. Offerings of all sizes were in good balance to tight. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, breast items and tenders were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Wings well cleared to short of current needs.

SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was at least steady to firm. Demand following the weekend was fair to moderate, best where retail ads, fast food service, and first of the month business was active. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to short of full trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair to good. Wings were close balanced to tight and moving well. Breast items were adequate to well cleared, and dark meat was sufficient to closely cleared. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The final majority prices were unchanged from last week. The market tone was about steady. Regular commitments reported traded at mainly unchanged prices with new negotiations at unchanged to higher prices. Buyer's interest was moderate at best. Retailer demand moderate overall, best on parts and WOGs. Dealers reported moderate to close weekend carryovers. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was up 6.83 to 79.97 with the volume reported at 35 loads up 6 percent from the previous week.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices increased 4 cents into Chicago, 3 cents into St. Louis, and 2 cents into Detroit; TFEWR into Ohio cities. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady to firm on limited offerings. Retail and distributive demand was light to moderate. Best movement on breasts, wings, and features. Floor stocks were balanced to short with weights desirable to heavy. Supplies of boneless dark meat were tight, close to barely adequate 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 fairly good entering the week. Offerings were balanced to tight for immediate trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but noted as mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were one cent higher at 75 to 89 cents. Trade sentiment ranged fully steady to mostly firm. In the parts complex, breast items were sufficient to well cleared. Wings were closely balanced to tight and 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	72-90
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 fairly good as dealers assess market conditions entering the week. Offerings of bone-in breasts were adequate to well cleared; boneless skinless breasts and tenders were generally sufficient for current needs. Wings were in good balance to short of current needs; other dark meat cuts were mostly adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair. The market tone was firm for wings; fully steady on drums and bone-in breast; at least steady for the balance of items.

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		135	124.38	500,822
TENDERLOINS		115	112.03	100,880
BREAST - WITH RIBS		70-71	79.22	71,480
BREAST - LINE RUN		70	71.11	81,000
LEGS		60-61	64.34	74,360
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)		41-42	41.47	212,880
DRUMSTICKS		52-53	60.28	43,960
THIGHS		55-56	61.89	50,920
B/S THIGHS		116-117	118.51	48,800
WINGS (WHOLE)		117-118	118.80	137,200
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)		10-12	11.32	15,360
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)		35-40	38.24	3,400
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)		60-65	59.54	17,240

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	1,209	102.00-134.00	112-126	118.82
TENDERLOINS	287	104.00-150.00	108-124	115.63
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	601	39.00-49.00	40-41	40.34
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	778	38.50-44.00	41	40.43
WINGS (WHOLE)	621	90.00-125.00	110-119	113.31
THIGHS	897	50.00-56.00	-	50.20

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (In thousands)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	01/07	01/03	01/03	12/31	12/27
Alabama	4,235	4,126	5.46	3,635	5.61
Arkansas	5,003	5,133	5.41	3,438	5.39
Delmarva	2,300	2,314	5.88	1,325	5.90
KY-LA-TN	2,423	2,427	5.06	2,075	4.95
Mississippi	3,145	2,757	5.68	2,891	5.76
North Carolina	2,904	2,786	7.15	2,257	7.00
Texas	2,555	2,531	5.39	2,564	5.22
Total	22,565	22,074	5.68	18,185	5.66
Mon	22,565	(A)		18,185	(A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 07-Jan 2008 is estimated to be 33,760,000 up 23.72 percent from a week ago and up 5.9 percent from a year ago. (last week 27,288,000 last year 31,873,000)

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	673	117.00-192.00	-	126.34
TENDERLOINS	171	109.00-133.00	114-118	114.67
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	223	52.00-64.00	54-56	55.12
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	485	34.00-42.00	37-38	37.42
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	986	37.00-45.00	39-41	39.77
WINGS (WHOLE)	375	102.00-117.00	110-114	111.31
WINGS (CUT)	105	119.00-131.00	-	127.00
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	48.71	49.29

Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for Jan 07, 2008 -- F.O.B. Dock
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 07-JAN-2008 TO 11-JAN-2008, CENTS PER POUND

	Price per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	113.00-134.00	119.00 -127.00
TENDERLOINS	108.00-124.00	108.00 -114.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	59.00- 89.00	68.00 - 80.00
LEGS	57.00- 64.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	39.00- 47.00	41.00 - 43.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	41.00- 48.00	43.00 - 45.00
DRUMSTICKS	50.00- 65.00	-
THIGHS	52.00- 64.00	-
B/S THIGHS	117.00-125.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	107.00-119.00	110.00 -114.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00- 25.00	-
LIVERS	30.00- 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	110
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	109
	DRY PACK	105
DUCKS		204-207

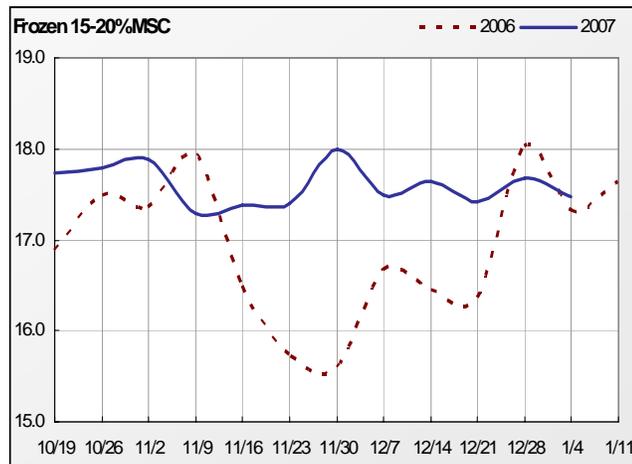
National Mechanically Separated Chicken

(F.O.B. Shipper Dock or equivalent; negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand lb quantities, cents/lb; delivery within 2 weeks.)

MSC trade sentiment continues steady with prices unchanged. Supplies were adequate for current needs. Domestic movement was light to fair. Export demand was fair to moderate. Many having smooth transitions into 2008 contracts starting this week. Schedules were reduced for the holiday this week.

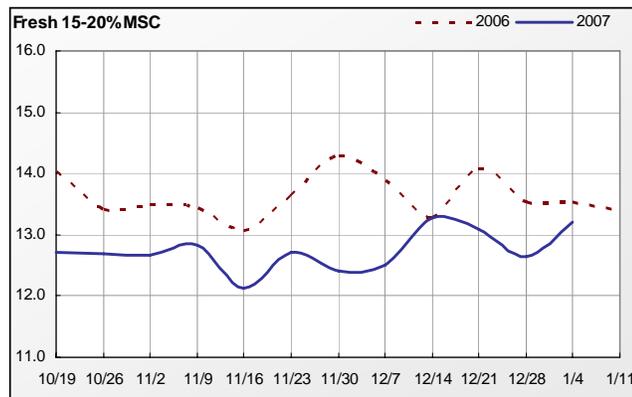
Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	4-Jan-08	Last Week	Last Year	4-Jan-08	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range	15.50	15.75	20.00	15.00-16.00	15.00-16.00	16.00-17.50
Wtd Avg Price	15.50	15.75	20.00	15.67	15.64	16.86
Volume Traded	54	54	40	361	221	434
Volume Exported	54	54	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	16.00-21.00	16.00-21.00	14.25-21.00	11.00-16.00	11.00-16.00	12.00-16.00
Wtd Avg Price	17.47	17.68	17.33	13.21	12.65	13.53
Volume Traded	1,663	1,240	1,068	2,420	1,804	2,103
Volume Exported	1,543	1,240	988	216	367	365
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	-	-	14.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	-	-	14.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	-	120
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



Monthly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	Nov 2007	Oct 2007	Nov 2006	Nov 2007	Oct 2007	Nov 2006
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	16.76	18.12	16.55	15.67	15.82	16.57
Volume Traded	1,234	1,141	292	2,494	2,160	1,346
Volume Exported	1,234	1,101	54	104	428	-
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	17.53	18.04	16.67	12.54	12.68	13.40
Volume Traded	12,989	6,330	8,406	15,504	9,634	6,437
Volume Exported	12,305	5,490	7,604	5,429	3,347	653
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	14.00	13.91	13.42
Volume Traded	-	-	-	240	442	480
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



Note: Volume exported refers to that portion of the total volume that is destined for export markets.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HENS Prices were generally unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was fair to moderate for the about adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were normal. Sales of finished product was mostly moderate. The undertone was steady.

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

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-12		9.43
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 Trading levels were generally unchanged compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of heavy fowl to secondary users. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were light to fair. Trade sentiment was only steady.

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

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-12.5		9.34

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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