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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices for next week were trending unchanged in the West, but two cents lower in the East and Midwest when compared to early week's values. Trade sentiment was steady in the West, but about steady to instances weak elsewhere. Retail and food service demand entering the weekend was mostly slow to moderate at best. Supplies were sufficient to readily available, longest for heavier weights. Floor stocks were balanced to long. Processing schedules were mixed with some plants down Monday in observance of the King Holiday, and spot locations running Saturday. In the parts structure, trading was fair to moderate. Breast items were adequate to better balanced and moving satisfactorily. Dark meat was sufficient with drums and thighs well cleared, and boneless cuts tight. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, but mostly desirable.



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 21-JAN-2008 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	68.00-71.00	56.00-80.25	69.67	26
New York	71.00-74.00			
Los Angeles	84.00			

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	75.00-77.00	70.00-79.00	75.65	89
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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 77.25 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
882	76.17-78.50	77.03

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	161.00	1,129
BREASTS - B/S	131.00	5,098
BREASTS - WHOLE	77.00	1,164
THIGH MEAT - B/S	116.50	1,021
LEG QUARTERS	42.00	7,884
WINGS	116.00	2,447

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

SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYER Trade sentiment was about steady to weak. Demand entering the holiday weekend was light to moderate with limited retail features, but slightly better for active fast food promotions. Supplies of all sizes were at least sufficient for trade needs. Processing schedules for next week are mixed with some plants down Monday for the King Holiday, and spot locations running Saturday shifts. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate. Wings were adequate to barely adequate for smaller sizes, but readily available for larger cuts. Breast items were sufficient to closer balanced, and dark meat was adequate to well cleared, tight for boneless cuts. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was generally no better than fair entering the holiday weekend. Offerings of all sizes were more than sufficient for current needs. Retail and distributive was light to fair. Fast food interest was fair to moderate at best. The market tone was barely steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts and wings were in good balance to well cleared. The balance of items was about adequate to adequate for immediate needs.

WESTERN REGION Preliminary majority prices were unchanged. Early trading reported at mainly unchanged prices. Offerings were generally adequate, with heavy weights in the longest position. Buyers' interest was moderate. Retailer demand improved to cover the 3-day weekend needs, otherwise moderate. Dealers anticipated adequate to close weekend carryovers. The market tone was mainly steady on parts.

MIDWEST REGION Preliminary delivered prices into the Chicago market were lower. The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was steady to barely steady. Limited offerings on small weight birds and plentiful on heavy weights. Sluggish trade activity continued into all channels; noted as slow to moderate at best. Floor stocks adequate to ample; weights desirable to heavy. Part trade was very light; boneless dark meat and small wings received best call. Supplies of dark boneless meat and small wings were in close balance, remainder of parts available. Market tone was mostly steady with small wings rated fully steady to firm.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to moderate entering the weekend. Offerings were at least adequate to readily available for immediate trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights varied, but were reported as mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy as a few plants planned to operate on Saturday and some closed on Monday in observance of the MLK, Jr holiday. Less than trucklot asking prices were one cent lower at 73 to 87 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady to instances weak. In the parts complex, breast items were adequate and moving into a better balance. Wings were balanced to well cleared and most dark meat cuts were sufficient to well cleared.

*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	64-91
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	01/14/08 - 01/18/08 (A)
	01/15/07 - 01/19/07 (A)
NO. OF BOXES	01/14/08 - 01/18/08 (A)
	01/15/07 - 01/19/07 (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.

Jan 17, 2008

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	588	115.00-188.00	-	123.88
TENDERLOINS	186	109.00-185.00	-	119.56
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	230	54.00-64.00	55-57	56.57
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	471	37.00-42.00	38-39	38.54
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	917	38.00-45.00	40-41	41.02
WINGS (WHOLE)	270	110.00-121.00	-	116.24
WINGS (CUT)	100	127.00-132.00	-	130.25
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR Jan 17, 2008 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
47.50 - 53.50	50.61

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 entering the holiday weekend and was noted as fair to moderate. Offerings of breast items and tenders were about adequate to adequate and clearing satisfactorily; wings were in close balance to well cleared with the smaller sizes in the best balance. Leg items were adequate with drums and thighs well cleared. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair. The market tone was fully steady for wings; steady to fully steady for the balance of items.

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

Jan 17, 2008

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS
BREAST - B/S	135	129.42	549,636
TENDERLOINS	115	109.18	157,160
BREAST - WITH RIBS	70-71	73.10	73,160
BREAST - LINE RUN	70	70.70	90,000
LEGS	60-61	65.54	78,880
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	41-42	41.94	219,080
DRUMSTICKS	52-53	56.81	55,000
THIGHS	55-56	58.44	85,640
B/S THIGHS	117-118	118.47	54,360
WINGS (WHOLE)	120-121	116.11	169,342
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.43	25,280
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	35.83	8,160
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	46.87	25,880

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	3,826	4,206	3,860	4,051	5.59	5.57	4,108	5.56		
Arkansas	5,407	5,253	5,193	5,261	5.38	5.42	5,663	5.43		
Delmarva	2,324	2,233	2,252	2,280	5.76	5.80	2,716	5.81		
KY-LA-TN	2,353	2,386	2,413	2,295	5.08	5.11	2,607	5.19		
Mississippi	3,251	3,154	3,072	3,102	5.67	5.66	3,751	5.66		
North Carolina	3,305	2,901	2,802	2,816	7.05	6.88	3,472	7.08		
Texas	2,350	2,330	2,305	2,291	5.44	5.45	2,708	5.44		
Total	22,816	22,463	21,897	22,096	5.68	5.68	25,025	5.71		
Mon-Fri	113,244	(A)					113,489	(A)		
Saturday	664	(included in total for date shown)					1,978			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 18-Jan-08 and 19-Jan-08 is estimated to be 34,135,000 head down 9.10 percent from a week ago and up 1.39 percent from a year ago. (Last week 37,553,000, last year 33,668,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 19-Jan-08 is estimated to be 167,106,000 head down 0.61 percent from a week ago, and up 11.11 percent from a year ago. (Last week 168,128,000, last year 150,392,000) Actual data incorporated when available.

JAN 18, 2008

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	WEEKLY (000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	621	115.00-188.00	-	124.18	3,138			123.80		
TENDERLOINS	199	109.00-185.00	-	120.55	888			118.14		
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT				385			75.94		
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				335			60.97		
LEGS	220	54.00-64.00	55-57	56.59	1,045			56.35		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	488	37.00-42.00	38-39	38.53	2,337			38.37		
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,009	39.00-45.00	40-41	40.91	4,611			40.60		
WINGS (WHOLE)	246	110.00-121.00	-	116.36	1,513			115.02		
WINGS (CUT)	105	127.00-132.00	-	130.48	510			130.31		
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				332			58.59		
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				131			52.57		
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				382			109.20		

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR Jan 18, 2008 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
47.00 - 53.50	49.89	49.66

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
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

	RANGE
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

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED

W/E 12-JAN-2008 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	41,635	84,443	23,608	18,442	168,128
Avg Live Wgt	3.88	5.48	6.89	8.25	5.58
% of total /1	25%	50%	14%	11%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	33,605	68,778	18,202	15,442	136,027
Avg Live Wgt	3.86	5.46	6.94	8.32	5.59
% of total /1	25%	51%	13%	11%	100%
Year Ago 2/	42,431	83,697	24,265	10,016	160,409
Avg Live Wgt	3.84	5.44	6.94	8.21	5.42
% of total /1	27%	52%	15%	6%	100%
To date/2008	75,240	153,221	41,810	33,884	304,155
To date/2007	77,640	153,152	42,550	21,384	294,726

/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 Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
W/E 12-JAN-2008	-----Thousands-----				
Head	168,128	1,581	1,524	3,105	450
Avg Wt	5.58	3.30	7.91	5.56	6.76
Last week	136,027	1,105	1,123	2,228	450
Same wk yr ago	160,409	1,141	1,285	2,426	544
Avg Wt	5.42	3.21	7.77	5.51	6.68
To-date/2008	304,155	2,686	2,647	5,333	900
To-date/2007	294,726	2,027	2,611	4,638	1,067

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 163.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 170.2 million head, or 6.7 million more than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

Week Ending	Million Head Slaughtered	Million Head Available	Pct	Avg Wt
Dec 8	171.3	162.1	106%	5.61
15	170.5	163.0	105%	5.56
22	176.5	159.6	111%	5.45
29	124.9	156.2	80%	5.52
Jan 5	137.7	157.0	88%	5.59
12	170.2	163.5	104%	5.58
Year to date	307.9	320.5	96%	
Jan 19		167.1		
26		167.6		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection

W/E	-----Thousands-----				
	01/19/08	01/12/08	%CHG	01/20/07	%CHG
Broilers	167,106	168,128 *	-0.61	150,392 *	+11.11
Cattle	651	634	+03	620 *	+05
Hogs	2,419	2,444	+17	2,063 *	+17

*Actual

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR DELIVERY THE WEEK OF JAN 14, 2008

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	166-170	172-176
MIDWEST MOSTLY	144-154	152-162

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)	71.00-80.00	73.00-79.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	71.00-86.00	78.00-84.00

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	64.80-89.91
14 OZ.	71.28-101.25
16 OZ.	77.04-112.08

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

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

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS

Prices were slightly higher on the lower end due to the increased cost of production. The trade sentiment remained firm. Demand was very good. With the nearing of the Chinese New Year, supplies were adequate to barely adequate. Schedules were full time for the most part. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.50-5.40, 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 14-JAN-2008

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	133-156	130-165

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION -

DATE OF AUCTION: JANUARY 15, 2008

PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.60 - .70
Goats	25.00 - 30.00 ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.40 - .45
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.50 - .60
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.60 - .70
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.90 - 1.00
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.60 - .70
Guinea Fowl	6.00 - 7.00 ea.
Banty Roosters	3.50 - 4.10 ea.
Banty Hens	1.75 - 2.25 ea.
Silkies	- 1.25 ea.
Pigeons	2.50 - 3.00 ea.
White Pigeons	4.00 - 4.50 ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.75 - 2.20
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	1.20 - 1.50
Bunnies	.50 - 1.50 ea.
Guinea Pigs	1.00 - 2.50 ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.40 - .65

Total Coops Sold 288

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Sales for both light and heavy canners were too few to report. Offerings of light and heavy canners were at least sufficient for current needs with most available supplies being used internally. Demand was fair to moderate. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was steady to at least steady.

Cents per pound, current negotiations, without freight cost

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
TOO FEW TO REPORT	TOO FEW TO REPORT

Cents per pound, current negotiation, freight cost included

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
TOO FEW TO REPORT	TOO FEW TO REPORT

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 moderate to fairly good for the generally adequate offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	3-12	5-8

SOUTH CENTRAL Trading was TFEWR. Demand was fair from processors for at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL Prices were unchanged. Demand was good, with offerings adequate. Schedules will be full time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-10.5	0-5

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
PRELIMINARY PRICE,CENTS PER LB. GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 21-JAN-08

SOUTH CENTRAL Trading was light and of insufficient volume to establish pricing. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of heavy hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales had slowed and were as expected. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	RANGE MAJORITY
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 mostly fair to moderate for the adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules for next week were normal. Sales of finished product was moderate. The undertone was steady.

	RANGE MAJORITY
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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