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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices were higher in the West, but mostly unchanged elsewhere when compared to previous week. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm in the West, steady in all other areas. Retail demand was slow to fair with limited features; food service was fair to fairly good. Supplies of all sizes were at least sufficient to satisfy trade needs. Floor stocks were in a full range. In the parts structure, trading was fair to moderate with some improvements over the weekend. Breast items were in balance to tight, and dark meat was available. Wings were adequate to short with smaller sizes in the strongest position. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.



**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 28-JAN-2008 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Boston/New England	TFEWR		:	70.64	22
Chicago	68.00-71.00	70.48	32 :	68.65	58
Ohio Cities	TFEWR		:	66.06	13
Denver	84.50	84.50	14 :	84.78	16
Detroit	72.00-75.00	72.13	8 :	71.34	46
Los Angeles	85.00	83.95	56 :	78.59	151
New York	71.00-74.00	72.40	20 :	72.59	51
Philadelphia	70.50-72.00	71.41	11 :	71.43	23
Pittsburgh	70.00-73.00	71.73	11 :	75.26	56
St. Louis	68.75-70.00	69.37	19 :	70.71	30
San Francisco	85.50	85.47	30 :	81.10	80
Composite Weighted Average					
Loads	01/28/08	Change Last Wk	1/21/08	01/29/07	
	546	74.20	.38	73.82	72.58

**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	74.00-75.50	74.50	35
Central	61.00-75.00	68.22	64
Western	67.00-77.00	74.22	44
<b>Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent</b>			
Mississippi	76.00-78.00	76.65	91

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broiler/fryers for this week's trading is 77.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,091	68.00-78.50	76.70

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

	WTD. AVG.	VOLUME
	(CENTS PER POUND)	(000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	160.00	1,383
BREASTS - B/S	131.50	5,775
BREASTS - WHOLE	78.50	1,412
THIGH MEAT - B/S	117.00	1,140
LEG QUARTERS	42.00	9,086
WINGS	118.00	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 no better than fair as dealer's assess market developments entering the week. Offerings of most sizes were fully sufficient for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair. The market tone was mostly steady. In the parts complex, breast items and tenders were well cleared to tight and held with confidence. Wings were noted as adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Dark meat cuts were generally sufficient for current needs.

**SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail demand was light to fair with limited features, but optimism for next week's first of the month was noted. Food service was fair to moderate, best into fast food channels. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair to fairly good following the weekend. Wings were balanced to well cleared and moving seasonally well. Breast items were balanced to short and held confidently, and dark meat was available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Final majority prices were 1 cent higher throughout the region when compared to last weeks' level. Trading reported for this weeks' delivery at generally higher prices. Offerings were in close balance to at least adequate. Buying activity had improved in some areas to cover planned feature activity. Retailer demand was moderate to good at best to cover promotions. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. The market tone was firm on white meat and steady to fully steady on dark meat items. Parts reported trading at 43-52 on leg quarters, 78-95 on breasts with bone attached, boneless breasts 123-127 and wings 123-131. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was at 69.03 up 1.54, with the volume reported down 16 percent at 31 loads.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds ranged fair to moderate entering the week. Seller offerings were usually sufficient for immediate trade requirements. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but noted as mostly desirable. Processing schedules were light to mostly moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 73 to 87 cents. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, breast items and wings were balanced to tight. Most dark meat cuts were generally adequate.

\*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	69-89
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operation.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying interest improved as dealers noted fairly good clearances over the weekend and was noted as mostly moderate. Offerings of breast items and wings were in good balance to tight with good movement. Tenders were clearing satisfactorily. Leg items were sufficient for current needs with drums and thighs well cleared. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone was fully steady to firm for breast items and wings; steady to fully 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	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	135-140	130.55	563,014
TENDERLOINS	115-120	116.45	102,240
BREAST - WITH RIBS	74-75	82.06	88,360
BREAST - LINE RUN	74	76.11	81,000
LEGS	60-61	61.76	122,360
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	41-42	42.99	139,120
DRUMSTICKS	52-53	62.76	39,787
THIGHS	55-56	60.81	87,537
B/S THIGHS	117-118	120.69	26,280
WINGS (WHOLE)	121-122	124.43	123,840
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.12	23,880
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	37.65	3,400
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	50.47	16,160

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	1,166	111.00-172.00	119-125	122.15
TENDERLOINS	566	105.00-200.00	111-120	116.17
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,445	39.00-40.00	39-40	39.72
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,157	34.00-45.00	40-41	40.15
WINGS (WHOLE)	616	90.00-136.00	115-121	116.06
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
THIGHS	1,292	52.00-57.00	53-56	55.75

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

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	01/28	01/24	01/24	01/21	01/17
Alabama	4,281	3,962	5.53	3,096	5.40
Arkansas	5,272	5,140	5.30	4,986	5.39
Delmarva	1,797	2,267	5.83	1,092	5.75
KY-LA-TN	2,444	2,412	5.09	1,916	5.13
Mississippi	3,103	3,067	5.61	927	5.66
North Carolina	2,923	2,850	6.92	1,959	7.16
Texas	2,571	2,595	5.31	2,369	5.32
Total	22,391	22,293	5.62	16,345	5.64
Mon	22,391 (A)			16,345 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 28-Jan 2008 is estimated to be 33,499,000 up 36.58 percent from a week ago and up 6.0 percent from a year ago. (last week 24,527,000 last year 31,591,000)

**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	124.00-192.00	-	131.98
TENDERLOINS	191	108.00-185.00	-	119.87
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	183	53.00-66.00	55-57	56.19
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	413	36.00-42.00	38-39	38.73
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	779	38.00-45.00	40-41	40.64
WINGS (WHOLE)	305	112.00-120.00	116-119	117.44
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
48.00 - 53.50	50.33	49.79

Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for Jan 28, 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 28-JAN-2008 TO 01-FEB-2008, CENTS PER POUND

	Price per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	118.00 - 134.00	120.00 - 125.00
TENDERLOINS	109.00 - 126.00	109.00 - 119.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	67.00 - 90.00	72.00 - 84.00
LEGS	57.00 - 63.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	39.00 - 47.00	41.00 - 43.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	41.00 - 46.00	43.00 - 45.00
DRUMSTICKS	45.00 - 60.00	-
THIGHS	53.00 - 64.00	-
B/S THIGHS	111.00 - 125.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	110.00 - 123.00	119.00 - 123.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 25.00	-
LIVERS	32.00 - 47.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 54.00	-

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

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	90-106
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	93.5-110.5
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

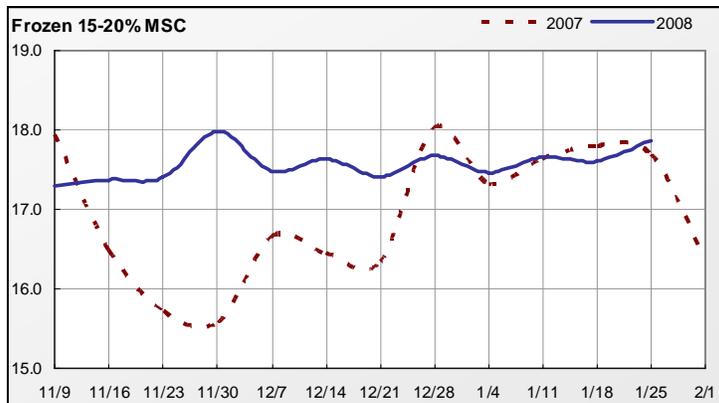
**National Mechanically Separated Chicken**

(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.)

The MSC trade sentiment was mostly steady with prices generally unchanged. Supplies were adequate on fresh 15-20% and about adequate to barely adequate for the balance for current needs. Raw materials remained a little harder to obtained this week. Domestic movement was light to moderate. Export demand was fair to fairly good with inquiry from mostly Mexico and Central American countries. Schedules were normal.

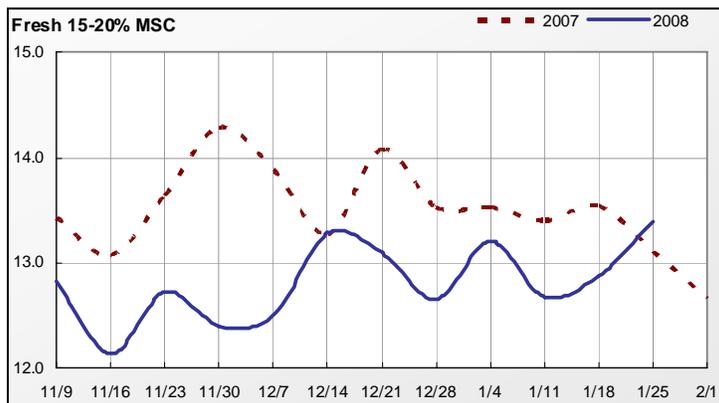
**Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)**

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	25-Jan-08	Last Week	Last Year	25-Jan-08	Last Week	Last Year
<b>15% or Less</b>						
Price Range	15.75	16.00	16.50	15.00 - 16.00	15.00 - 16.00	17.00-18.00
Wtd Avg Price	15.75	16.00	16.50	15.70	15.69	17.22
Volume Traded	54	54	260	402	382	360
Volume Exported	54	54	260	-	-	-
<b>15-20%</b>						
Price Range	16.00 - 21.00	16.00 - 21.00	16.00-21.00	11.00 - 16.00	11.00 - 16.00	11.00-16.00
Wtd Avg Price	17.87	17.61	17.70	13.39	12.88	13.11
Volume Traded	1,143	1,196	1,264	2,655	2,161	1,635
Volume Exported	980	1,036	1,224	857	133	242
<b>20% or More</b>						
Price Range	-	-	-	12.00	-	14.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	12.00	-	14.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	-	80
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
<b>15% or Less</b>						
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	-
<b>15-20%</b>						
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
<b>20% or More</b>						
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 to adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were normal. Sales of finished product was fair. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER  
THE WEEK OF 28-JAN-07

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-11.5		9.25
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 at least adequate offerings of spent hens. 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 28-JAN-07

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.25-12		8.84

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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