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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were generally unchanged in all areas when compared to previous week's values. Trade sentiment was steady in the East, fully steady in the West, and steady to firm in the Midwest. Retail and food service demand was in a full range, best for active ads and promotions. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. Floor stocks were short to adequate. In the parts structure, trading was moderate to fairly good following the weekend. Breast items and wings were in good balance to tight and moving well. Dark meat was available with drums in the longest balance, and boneless skinless often close. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

FINAL BROILER FRYER 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 04-FEB-2008 (cents per lb)

Areas	US grade A			: Composite		
	Majority	Wtd Avg	Lds	:Wtd Avg	Lds	
Boston/New England	TFEWR			: 72.53	22	
Chicago	68.00-71.00	70.97	32	: 69.92	62	
Ohio Cities	TFEWR			: 67.22	17	
Denver	84.50	84.50	13	: 84.13	16	
Detroit	72.00-75.00	73.38	8	: 73.24	46	
Los Angeles	85.00	84.45	58	: 83.58	121	
New York	71.00-74.00	72.65	20	: 72.70	47	
Philadelphia	70.50-72.00	71.54	12	: 71.25	24	
Pittsburgh	70.00-73.00	72.33	12	: 75.63	58	
St. Louis	70.00-71.25	70.39	19	: 71.63	31	
San Francisco	85.50	85.76	31	: 85.43	68	

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	02/04/08	Change Last Wk	01/28/08	02/05/07
512	76.12	1.92	74.20	73.08

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

Marketing Regions	Majority	Wtd Avg	Lds
Eastern	74.00-75.50	74.68	32
Central	63.00-76.00	70.54	69
Western	70.00-77.00	75.51	44
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent			
Mississippi	76.00-78.00	76.75	88

GEORGIA FOB DOCK Price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is **78.00** cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/12 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,115	68.00-78.75	76.86

GA 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	161.50	1,403
BREASTS - B/S	137.00	5,825
BREASTS - WHOLE	79.50	1,437
THIGH MEAT - B/S	116.50	1,155
LEG QUARTERS	42.50	9,186
WINGS	121.00	2,727

GA DEPT OF AGRICULTURE'S POULTRY MARKET NEWS SERVICE.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly moderate as dealers assess market developments entering the week. Offerings of most sizes were sufficient for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone was mostly steady. In the parts complex, breast items, tenders and wings were in close balance to well cleared. Dark meat cuts were generally sufficient for current needs.

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand into all channels was light to fair, at times moderate where retail ads and fast food promotions were active. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair to fairly good following the weekend. Breast items and wings were barely adequate to tight and continued to move well. Dark meat was sufficient to closer balanced with drums more available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION Final majority prices were unchanged from last week levels. The market tone was steady to firm. Reported trading on truck lot whole body product was at unchanged to higher prices. Offerings were in fair to adequate balance. Sellers held product with confidence. Buying activity decreased on whole body product with some interest switched to WOGs and whole body cut-up. Retailer demand was fairly good overall. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. The market tone on parts was steady to firm, with white meat items in the strongest position. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was 71.35 up 2.32 with the volume reported unchanged at 31 loads.

MIDWEST REGION Final majority prices unchanged overall; higher in St. Louis market area; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady to firm on very light offerings. Retail demand was mixed, light to mostly good, while food service demand was slow to moderate. Floor stocks were short to adequate; weights desirable. Supplies of boneless dark meat, boneless/skinless breast, and wings were in close balance and clearing; all other parts were available. The market tone was steady to firm on wings, breast boneless/skinless and whole, boneless dark meat, and thighs; tenderloins and bone-in leg cuts were steady.

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds ranged fair to moderately good entering the week. Offerings were usually sufficient for current trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but noted as mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 73 to 87 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. In the parts complex, breast items and wings were in close balance to tight. Most dark meat cuts were generally adequate with drums in the longest position.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FORM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	66-89
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.	

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying interest was fairly good as dealers assess market conditions entering the week. Offerings of breast items, wings and tenders were in good balance to tight. Dark meat cuts were generally sufficient for current needs with the exception of drums which were noted as slightly more available. Movement through retail and distributive channels was at least moderate. The market tone was fully steady to firm for breast items, wings and tenders; 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	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT	WTD	VOLUME
	TRADING*		AVG**	/LBS
BREAST - B/S	150		137.42	394,960
TENDERLOINS	125		120.77	117,120
BREAST - WITH RIBS	79-80		87.01	70,440
BREAST - LINE RUN	79		80.80	90,000
LEGS	60-61		61.76	126,160
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	41-42		42.99	167,600
DRUMSTICKS	52-53		63.67	36,200
THIGHS	55-56		63.45	67,280
B/S THIGHS	117-118		119.25	28,080
WINGS (WHOLE)	125-126		126.06	145,920
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12		10.83	22,080
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40		39.06	6,360
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50		46.48	8,920

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	RANGE	MAJ	WTD
	(000)			AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,534	111.00-172.00	130-137	133.16
TENDERLOINS	567	104.00-200.00	119-122	120.14
BREAST - WITH RIBS	172	62.00-76.00	75-76	72.44
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	867	37.00-39.00	38-39	38.22
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	795	35.00-46.00	40-41	40.00
WINGS (WHOLE)	407	90.00-136.00	119-123	119.27
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
THIGHS	1,176	52.00-56.00	53-56	54.78

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (In thousands)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	02/04	01/31	01/31	01/28	01/24
Alabama	4,202	4,137	5.45	4,160	5.53
Arkansas	5,319	5,152	5.29	5,133	5.30
Delmarva	2,237	2,226	5.62	1,774	5.83
KY-LA-TN	2,315	2,380	4.97	2,394	5.09
Mississippi	2,841	3,134	5.63	3,073	5.61
North Carolina	2,773	2,833	6.76	2,617	6.92
Texas	2,511	2,580	5.33	2,550	5.31
Total	22,198	22,442	5.56	21,701	5.62
Mon	22,198 (A)			21,701 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 04-Feb 2008 is estimated to be 33,211,000 up 1.98 percent from a week ago and up 5.3 percent from a year ago. (last week 32,565,000 last year 31,542,000)

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	RANGE	MAJ	WTD
	(000)			AVG
BREAST - B/S	560	133.00-198.00	-	138.82
TENDERLOINS	157	122.00-192.00	-	129.19
BREAST - LINE RUN	112	78.00-90.00	-	82.71
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	226	54.00-66.00	56-58	56.66
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	450	37.00-42.00	39	39.02
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	914	39.00-45.00	41-42	41.44
WINGS (WHOLE)	305	120.00-124.00	-	121.03
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
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 Feb 04, 2008 -- F.O.B. Dock

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
50.50 - 56.00	53.51	52.22

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 04-FEB-2008 TO 08-FEB-2008, CENTS PER POUND

	Price per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	122.00 - 145.00	134.00 - 141.00
TENDERLOINS	115.00 - 130.00	119.00 - 129.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	72.00 - 97.00	76.00 - 89.00
LEGS	57.00 - 64.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	38.00 - 47.00	41.00 - 43.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	41.00 - 47.00	43.00 - 45.00
DRUMSTICKS	48.00 - 68.00	-
THIGHS	56.00 - 66.00	-
B/S THIGHS	107.00 - 121.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	118.00 - 135.50	122.00 - 129.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 25.00	-
LIVERS	32.00 - 47.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 55.00	-

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

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	90.5-106.5
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	94-111

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

FRESH FRYERS	97-104
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

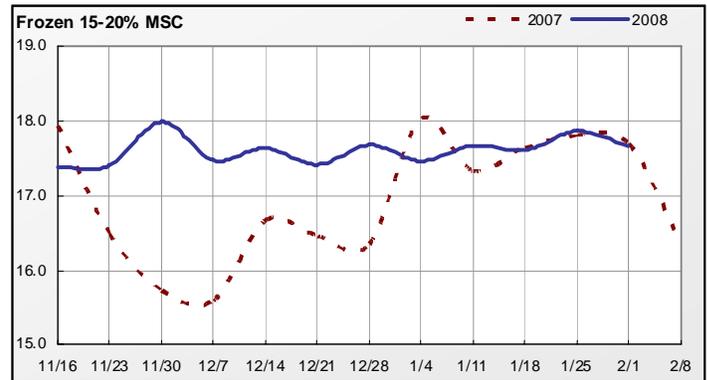
NATIONAL MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

(FOB Shipper Dock or equiv., 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 fully steady to instances firm with prices slightly higher. Supplies were barely adequate on fresh 15-20% and close on the remainder for current needs; best call on Frozen 15-20%. Raw materials were tight due to a variety of reasons ranging from higher rendering prices to slightly lighter weight birds as a result of feed formula changes. Domestic movement was fair to moderate. Export demand was fairly good with good inquiry from Mexico and Central and South American countries. Schedules were light to normal due to a few mechanical disruptions and lack of raw materials. Frame values ranged 5 to 9 cents FOB.

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

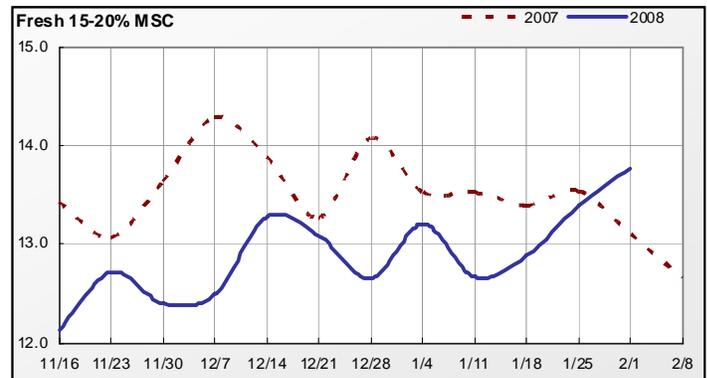
Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	1-Feb-08	Last Week	Last Year	1-Feb-08	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range	16.00	15.75	16.50	15.00 - 16.00	15.00 - 16.00	17.00-18.00
Wtd Avg Price	16.00	15.75	16.50	15.65	15.70	17.21
Volume Traded	52	54	262	341	402	383
Volume Exported	52	54	262	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	16.00 - 21.00	16.00 - 21.00	14.00-21.00	11.00 - 16.00	11.00 - 16.00	11.00-16.00
Wtd Avg Price	17.67	17.87	16.38	13.78	13.39	12.66
Volume Traded	1,426	1,143	1,316	1,826	2,655	2,658
Volume Exported	1,386	980	1,196	515	857	608
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	-	12.00	14.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	-	12.00	14.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	82	120
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	Dec 2007	Nov 2007	Dec 2006	Dec 2007	Nov 2007	Dec 2006
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	16.31	16.76	17.57	15.79	15.67	16.26
Volume Traded	897	1,234	1,682	1,534	2,494	2,121
Volume Exported	897	1,234	1,322	54	104	-
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	17.48	17.53	16.43	12.89	12.54	13.78
Volume Traded	9,209	12,989	7,785	11,946	15,504	7,855
Volume Exported	8,640	12,305	6,402	3,085	5,429	1,194
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	-	14.00	14.10
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	240	1,087
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

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



LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)* FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 04-FEB-08

SOUTH CENTRAL Trading levels were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair at best. Schedules were reduced. Trade sentiment was steady at best.

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

**RANGE MAJORITY WTD
AVG**

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AT FARM BUYER LOADING 6-12 CENTS/LB. 8.92

AT FARM BUYER LOADING 7-12 CENTS/LB. 9.34

AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT
FOB PLANT TOO FEW TO REPORT

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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