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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices for next week's trading were trending higher in all areas when compared to early week's values. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Retail demand was moderate to good, strongest where features were present. Food service was light to moderate, best into fast food channels. Supplies of all sizes were in balance to well cleared, and often moving at premium levels, particularly wogs. Floor stocks were adequate to close. In the parts structure, trading was moderate to good entering the weekend. Breast items and wings were in good balance to tight with good movement. Dark meat was generally sufficient and clearing satisfactorily. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.



**PRELIMINARY REPORT** Prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 04-FEB-2008 (cents per lb)

US Grade A

(Including branded product)

Areas	Majority	Range	Wtd Avg	Loads
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	73.00-76.00	70.00-83.75	75.51	25
New York	74.00-77.00			
Los Angeles	86.00			
<b>Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent</b>				
Mississippi	77.00-79.00	65.00-82.00	77.16	91

**GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is **78.50** cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

### PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT PRELIM. WTD AVG

LOADS	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD AVG
934	77.00 - 80.10	77.57

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	165.00	1,149
BREASTS - B/S	144.00	5,108
BREASTS - WHOLE	81.00	1,164
THIGH MEAT - B/S	118.50	1,041
LEG QUARTERS	42.00	7,894
WINGS	123.50	2,465

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

**NORTHEAST REGION** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was at least moderate to good entering the weekend. Offerings of 3 pound and heavier sizes were well cleared and held with confidence; other sizes were in good balance and clearing satisfactorily. Retail and distributive was moderate. Fast food interest was at least moderate. The market tone was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, breast items, wings and tenders were in close balance to tight with good movement. Dark meat cuts were generally sufficient for immediate needs.

**MIDWEST REGION** Preliminary majority prices moved higher into the Chicago area for next week's deliveries. The whole broiler/fryer market tone was fully steady to firm on continued very limited offers. Retail movement continued to be fairly decent on feature ads, otherwise some slowing noted and generally no better than moderate. Food service trade was mostly light to moderate with some promotions showing good clearance. Floor stocks were short to adequate; weights mixed. Parts supplies were limited, leg quarters were adequate. The trade sentiment was fully steady to firm on wings and breast cuts; steady on the balance of parts.

**WESTERN REGION** Preliminary majority prices were 1 cent higher throughout the region. The market tone was firm with early trading reported at higher to sharply higher prices. New negotiations were in the strongest position. Offerings were in close balance to adequate. Buyers' interest was best for parts. Retailer demand was moderate to good. Dealers anticipated desirable weekend carryovers. The market tone on parts was generally steady to firm. Boneless meat items and breasts were in the strongest position.

**SOUTHERN REGION** Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Demand into all channels was light to moderate, best for retail features and fast food promotional activity. Supplies of all sizes were sufficient to short of full trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair to good entering the weekend. Breast items were close balanced to tight and moving at or above market levels. Wings were adequate to closely cleared, and dark meat was sufficient with boneless thighs often tight. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**DELMARVA** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds remained moderate to good entering the weekend. Offerings were in fairly good balance to well cleared for 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 unchanged to 1 cent higher at 76 to 88 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, breast items and wings were in good balance to tight and held with confidence. Dark meat cuts were usually sufficient and clearing satisfactorily.

\*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	73-90
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	02/04/08-02/08/08 (A)
	02/05/07-02/09/07 (A)
NO. OF BOXES	02/04/08-02/08/08 (A)
	02/05/07-02/09/07 (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.

FEB 07, 2008					FEB 08, 2008					
ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	WEEKLY (000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	600	135.00-200.00	-	143.61	585	138.00-207.00	-	142.66	2,950	141.43
TENDERLOINS	171	125.00-202.00	-	133.11	236	127.00-205.00	-	135.01	936	131.54
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT				115	80.00-98.00	90-95	91.35	488	84.43
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				365	67.75
LEGS	181	53.00-65.00	55-57	56.05	211	53.00-66.00	56-58	57	779	56.81
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	445	36.00-42.00	39	39.42	455	38.00-43.00	39-40	39.55	2,275	39.25
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	887	38.00-45.00	41-42	41.43	1,020	40.00-46.00	41-42	41.64	4,547	41.41
WINGS (WHOLE)	260	121.00-128.00	122-125	123.21	305	120.00-128.00	121-124	123.48	1,484	122.36
WINGS (CUT)	100	132.00-136.00	-	134.60	110	134.00-139.00	-	137.32	520	135.41
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				301	56.62
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				93	52.27
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				90	112.00-120.00	-	116.06	446	114.38

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR Feb 07, 2008 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR Feb 08, 2008 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
51.50 - 56.50	54.32

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
53.00 - 59.00	54.48	53.62

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 remained at least moderate to fairly good entering the weekend. Offerings of breast items, wings and tenders were in close balance to tight with good movement. Dark meat cuts were generally sufficient for current needs and clearing satisfactorily. Movement through retail and distributive channels was moderate. The market tone was fully steady to firm for breast items, wings and tenders; at least steady for the balance of items.

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

Feb 07, 2008				Feb 08, 2008			
ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	WEEKLY VOL/LBS	WEEKLY VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	155-160	142.44	684,700	155-160	144.76	549,338	2,569,500
TENDERLOINS	130-135	123.99	103,960	130-135	127.83	126,280	661,580
BREAST - WITH RIBS	80-81	85.42	89,520	80-81	92.80	35,400	348,000
BREAST - LINE RUN	80	82.36	75,600	80	82.10	90,000	423,000
LEGS	60-61	60.21	109,200	60-61	62.87	103,800	709,080
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	41-42	42.52	225,440	41-42	42.71	169,560	991,000
DRUMSTICKS	52-53	61.66	52,560	52-53	61.76	57,160	286,680
THIGHS	55-56	62.42	54,040	55-56	62.58	54,240	336,960
B/S THIGHS	117-118	118.98	54,680	117-118	121.85	68,480	350,080
WINGS (WHOLE)	125-126	129.32	180,926	126-127	128.89	120,120	736,446
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	10.81	28,600	10-12	11.73	18,040	111,240
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	36.54	11,560	35-40	37.32	7,080	44,960
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	46.13	22,240	45-50	46.56	31,240	115,480

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 (1,000)		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WTS		ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS
Alabama	02/08	02/07	02/06	02/05	02/06	02/05	02/01	01/30
Arkansas	4,060	4,283	4,154	4,145	5.51	5.50	3,889	5.57
Delmarva	4,558	5,304	4,794	5,246	5.32	5.31	4,974	5.41
KY-LA-TN	2,181	2,248	2,258	2,216	5.70	5.80	2,236	5.71
Mississippi	2,059	2,384	2,396	2,419	4.99	5.08	2,630	4.99
North Carolina	3,783	3,101	2,607	2,946	5.88	5.68	3,660	5.64
Texas	2,862	2,894	2,755	2,822	6.96	6.99	2,812	6.91
Total	2,535	2,531	2,620	2,534	5.42	5.50	2,545	5.43
Mon-Fri	22,038	22,745	21,584	22,328	5.65	5.65	22,746	5.64
Saturday	110,618	(A)					111,076	(A)
	885	(included in total for date shown)					1,542	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 08-Feb-08 and 09-Feb-08 is estimated to be 32,971,000 head down 3.40 percent from a week ago and up 4.68 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 34,133,000, last year 31,498,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 09-Feb-08 is estimated to be 165,464,000 head down 0.38 percent from a week ago, and up 5.06 percent from a year ago. (Last week 166,095,000, last year 157,501,000) Actual data incorporated when available.

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

	RANGE
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**

	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 02-FEB-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	47,515	76,928	27,102	14,551	166,096
Avg Live Wgt	3.89	5.45	6.83	8.22	5.47
% of total /1	29%	46%	16%	9%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	45,951	72,822	23,833	17,377	159,983
Avg Live Wgt	3.81	5.42	6.85	8.28	5.48
% of total /1	29%	45%	15%	11%	100%
Year Ago 2/	39,542	83,768	21,587	10,713	155,610
Avg Live Wgt	3.64	5.38	6.99	8.49	5.37
% of total /1	25%	54%	14%	7%	100%
To date/2008	216,558	387,033	114,491	80,703	798,785
To date/2007	199,226	405,402	101,499	54,486	760,613

/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)

W/E 02-FEB-2008	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	166,095	1,457	1,524	2,981	463
Avg Wt	5.47	3.12	8.05	5.64	6.84
Last week	159,983	1,370	1,474	2,844	453
Same wk yr ago	155,610	1,202	1,309	2,511	536
Avg Wt	5.37	3.27	8.05	5.76	6.35
To-date/2008	798,784	7,140	7,087	14,227	2,255
To-date/2007	760,613	5,367	6,713	12,080	2,607

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 169.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 168.1 million head, or 1.2 million less than estimated available.

**ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

Week Ending	Million Head Slaughtered	Million Head Available	Pct	Avg Wt
Dec 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
19	170.6	167.1	102%	5.35
26	161.9	167.6	97%	5.48
Feb 2	168.1	169.3	99%	5.47
Year to date	808.5	824.5	98%	
Feb 9		167.7		
16		167.0		

**BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**

Under Federal Inspection

W/E	-----Thousands-----				
	02/09/08	02/02/08	%CHG	02/10/07	%CHG
Broilers	165,464	166,095 *	-0.38	157,501 *	+5.06
Cattle	620	613	+01	621 *	0
Hogs	2,210	2,270	-03	1,958 *	+13

\*Actual

**EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

FOR DELIVERY THE WEEK OF FEB 04, 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	146-156	154-164

**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)	71.00-80.75	73.00-80.00
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 unchanged. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady. Demand was good to very good. Supplies were adequate to instances close. Schedules were full-time. 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 04-FEB-2008

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

**GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION -**

DATE OF AUCTION: FEBRUARY 05, 2008

PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

\*\*AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY\*\*

	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.80 - .95 ea.
Kid Goats	25.00 - 30.00 ea.
Pekin Ducks	4.00 - 4.50 ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.25 - .30
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.50 - .55
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	1.00 - 1.20
Crossbred Roosters 7-11	.70 - .80
Guinea Fowl	6.00 - 8.00 ea.
Banty Roosters	3.50 - 4.00 ea.
Banty Hens	2.00 - 2.75 ea.
Leghorn Roosters	- 2.00 ea.
Silkie	- 1.00 ea.
Pigeons	3.00 - 3.50 ea.
White Pigeons	4.50 - 5.00 ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.60 - 2.00
Rabbits 6-9	1.05 - 1.90
Bunnies	2.00 - 4.00 ea.
Guinea Pigs	1.00 - 6.00 ea.
Goats	35.00 - 45.00 ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.70 - .85 ea.

Total Coops Sold 316

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET**

Sales of both light and heavy cannery were too few to report. Offerings were generally sufficient for current needs with most available supplies being used internally. Demand was fair to moderate. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was steady.

Cents per Pound, Current Negotiations, Without Freight Cost

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

**HEAVY CANNER HENS  
(WITHOUT NECKS)**  
TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

Cents per Pound, Current Negotiations, Freight Cost Included

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

**HEAVY CANNER HENS  
(WITHOUT NECKS)**  
TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

**HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)**

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR  
SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 11-FEB-2008

**SOUTH CENTRAL**

Trading was TFEWR. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were moderate in selected areas. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	TOO FEW TO REPORT

**SOUTHEAST**

Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was fair to moderate for the adequate to at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules for next week were noted as normal. Sales of finished product was fair. The undertone was steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	TOO FEW TO REPORT
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	TOO FEW TO REPORT
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT	TOO FEW TO REPORT

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**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 generally unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was fairly good for the adequate to about to adequate offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	3-12	5-8

**SOUTH CENTRAL**

Trading levels for spent leghorn fowl were TFEWR. Demand was light for adequate offerings of spent fowl. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were static. Salvage costs were expected to remain steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	TOO FEW TO REPORT

**NORTH CENTRAL**

Prices unchanged. Demand was fairly good to good, with offerings mostly adequate. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	0-10.5	0-5

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