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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 mixed, mostly steady to fully steady. Retail demand was light to moderate with limited feature activity. Food service was also light to moderate, but at times fairly good into fast food channels. Supplies of all sizes were usually in good balance to well cleared for trade needs. Floor stocks were adequate to closely balanced. In the parts structure, trading was mostly fair for early week trading with market conditions being monitored. Wings were well balanced, but tight for smaller sizes. Dark meat was sufficient to available with boneless cuts often short. Breast items were adequate to more available. 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 18-FEB-2008 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Boston/New England	TFEWR		:	73.47	17
Chicago	76.00-79.00	78.84	31 :	78.64	61
Ohio Cities	TFEWR		:	77.48	13
Denver	85.50	85.50	14 :	85.41	17
Detroit	78.00-80.00	80.00	8 :	79.35	46
Los Angeles	86.00	85.95	57 :	84.15	149
New York	78.00-81.00	80.10	21 :	79.61	42
Philadelphia	77.50-79.00	78.77	11 :	78.95	22
Pittsburgh	77.00-80.00	79.50	10 :	80.93	55
St. Louis	77.75-79.00	78.29	18 :	78.08	28
San Francisco	86.50	86.98	31 :	87.88	62
Composite Weighted Average					
Loads	02/18/08	Change Last Wk	2/11/08	02/19/07	
512	80.95	2.65	78.30	78.21	

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	81.00-83.00	82.01	35
Central	75.00-83.00	79.52	64
Western	81.00-86.00	84.76	46
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent			
Mississippi	77.00-79.00	77.81	90

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broiler/fryers for this week's trading is 79.25 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
1,120	76.00-80.25	77.86

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	170.50	1,383
BREASTS - B/S	149.00	5,775
BREASTS - WHOLE	82.50	1,412
THIGH MEAT - B/S	119.00	1,140
LEG QUARTERS	43.00	9,086
WINGS	125.50	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 fair to moderate as dealers assess market developments for early week trading. Offerings of most sizes adequate to well cleared. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair. The market tone was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, breast items were noted as more available than last week and were fully adequate to ample for current needs. Tenders and wings were clearing satisfactorily. Dark meat cuts were generally sufficient for trade requirements.

SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was mixed, but mostly steady. Retail and food service demand was light to fair, instances moderate with limited trading. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to more available for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was mostly moderate at best for early week trading. Breast items were adequate, but tenders were in the closest position and boneless skinless readily available. Wings were adequate to close balanced for smaller sizes, and dark meat cuts were sufficient with boneless cuts in the best position. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged from last week's reported levels. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Trading reported on regular commitments at mainly unchanged prices, however new negotiations were at generally higher prices. Offerings began the week in an adequate position. Buying activity was moderate at best. Retailer demand was moderate, with best interest noted where features planned. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. The market tone was barely steady to steady on parts. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was 83.73 up 2.73 with the volume reported at 33 loads up 3 percent.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices in all markets increased; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady to fully steady on limited offerings. Retail demand was light to moderate. Food service demand was light to fairly good, fast food normal. Floor stocks were adequate to balanced; weights desirable to light. Supplies of leg quarters adequate, all other parts were in close balance. The market tone was steady to firm on small wings and boneless dark meat, with the balance of parts steady.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to moderate for mid-week trading. Offerings were usually sufficient for present trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights varied, but were noted as mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 80 to 90 cents. Trade sentiment was mixed. In the parts complex, breast items were adequate with tenders noted in the closest position. Wings were adequate to close with the smaller sizes in the best position. Dark meat cuts were adequate to at least adequate.

BOILER/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	
	FEB 19	FEB 18
RANGE	77-92	78-95
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operation.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying interest was mostly fair as dealers assess market conditions following the extended holiday weekend. Offerings of breast items were at least sufficient for current needs; tenders were mostly adequate and noted as slightly more available. Dark cuts were adequate to at least adequate. Wings were clearing satisfactorily with the smaller sized wings in the best balance. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair. The market tone was barely steady for bone-in breast; generally steady for the balance of items.

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

Monday, Feb 18, 2008	CURRENT	WTD	VOLUME
ITEM	NEGOTIATED TRADING*	AVG**	/LBS
BREAST - B/S	155-160	150.50	433,255
TENDERLOINS	140-145	141.01	111,460
BREAST - WITH RIBS	82-83	91.07	68,640
BREAST - LINE RUN	82	86.33	81,000
LEGS	60-61	58.88	185,560
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	42-43	43.97	141,320
DRUMSTICKS	52-53	62.75	56,120
THIGHS	55-56	64.14	47,760
B/S THIGHS	118-119	117.50	70,760
WINGS (WHOLE)	128-129	130.98	149,200
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-14	11.80	20,200
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	39.22	2,560
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	49.15	8,080

Tuesday, Feb 19, 2008	CURRENT	WTD	VOLUME
ITEM	NEGOTIATED TRADING*	AVG**	/LBS
BREAST - B/S	155-160	152.93	536,661
TENDERLOINS	140-145	142.53	132,460
BREAST - WITH RIBS	81-82	86.55	137,280
BREAST - LINE RUN	81	83.11	81,000
LEGS	60-61	59.45	208,000
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	42-43	43.75	169,800
DRUMSTICKS	52-53	60.83	56,120
THIGHS	55-56	64.14	56,480
B/S THIGHS	118-119	120.48	51,240
WINGS (WHOLE)	128-129	131.08	176,760
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-14	11.54	21,400
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	37.82	9,000
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	48.24	24,360

* 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	1,538	133.00-150.00	136-143	140.88
TENDERLOINS	406	125.00-175.00	130-140	136.90
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
LEG QRTRS (BULK)	1,437	39.00-41.00	41	40.53
LEG QRTRS (4/10)	1,420	39.00-45.00	41-42	40.77
WINGS (WHOLE)	658	112.00-128.00	126-128	126.18
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
THIGHS	2,261	52.00-58.00	-	52.04

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	879	132.00-204.00	-	139.15
TENDERLOINS	171	138.00-197.00	-	145.40
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
LEGS	228	57.00-67.00	58-60	59.30
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	401	38.00-43.00	40-41	40.75
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	760	40.00-46.00	42-43	42.47
WINGS (WHOLE)	303	120.00-130.00	-	124.88
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 19, 2008 -- F.O.B. Dock

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
54.00 - 59.50	56.38

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 18-FEB-2008 TO 22-FEB-2008, CENTS PER POUND

	Price per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	138.00 - 158.00	143.00 - 147.00
TENDERLOINS	138.00 - 172.00	138.00 - 143.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	75.00 - 102.00	82.00 - 93.00
LEGS	59.00 - 64.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	39.00 - 50.00	42.00 - 44.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	42.00 - 49.00	44.00 - 46.00
DRUMSTICKS	48.00 - 60.00	-
THIGHS	55.00 - 66.00	-
B/S THIGHS	116.00 - 127.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	126.00 - 145.00	129.00 - 134.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 25.00	-
LIVERS	32.00 - 47.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 55.00	-

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (In thousands)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	02/19	02/15	02/15	02/12	02/08
Alabama	4,165	4,087	5.28	4,144	5.36
Arkansas	5,287	4,998	5.15	4,837	5.24
Delmarva	2,272	2,286	5.46	2,153	5.59
KY-LA-TN	2,430	2,383	4.89	2,148	5.05
Mississippi	2,623	3,257	5.57	2,872	5.92
North Carolina	2,911	2,741	6.89	2,745	7.08
Texas	2,560	2,412	5.23	2,582	5.34
Total	22,248	22,164	5.46	21,481	5.63
Mon-Tue	44,459 (A)			43,003 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 19-Feb 2008 is estimated to be 33,285,000 up 3.26 percent from a week ago. and up 1.8 percent from a year ago. (last week 32,234,000 last year 32,700,000)

For Southern and San Francisco California Processed Poultry, see page 4.

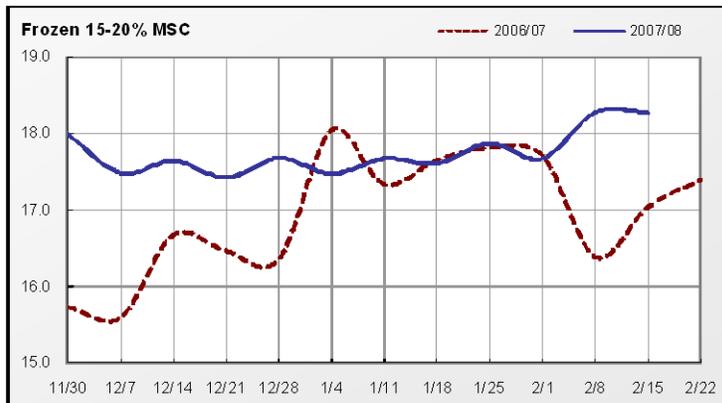
National Mechanically Separated Chicken

(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 irregular, steady to firm with prices higher. Supplies were adequate to well cleared on fresh 15-20% and close on the remainder for current needs; best interest continues on frozen. Raw materials remained tight due to a variety of reasons ranging from higher rendering prices to slightly lighter birds. Domestic movement was moderate. Export demand was moderate to fairly good with good inquiry from Mexico and Central and South American countries. Schedules were mostly normal with some delays due to a lack of raw materials. Frame values generally ranged 5 to 9 cents FOB, mostly 7 to 9 cents FOB.

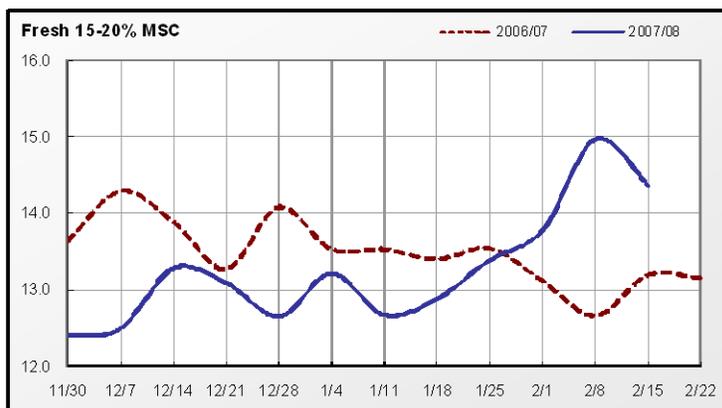
Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	15-Feb-08	Last Week	Last Year	15-Feb-08	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range	18.00 - 24.00	17.75	16.50-20.00	17.00 - 19.00	17.00 - 18.00	15.50-17.00
Wtd Avg Price	22.10	20.33	16.96	18.00	17.30	16.00
Volume Traded	293	132	302	342	201	443
Volume Exported	53	52	262	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	16.25 - 23.00	16.00 - 23.00	13.50-21.00	11.50 - 19.00	12.00 - 19.00	11.00-16.00
Wtd Avg Price	18.26	18.27	17.39	14.36	14.97	13.15
Volume Traded	1,784	1,417	1,156	2,901	2,117	1,965
Volume Exported	1,544	1,137	916	654	622	286
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	18.00 - 18.50	-	14.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	18.33	-	14.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	245	-	120
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	Jan 2008	Dec 2007	Jan 2007	Jan 2008	Dec 2007	Jan 2007
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	15.69	16.31	16.97	15.70	15.79	17.05
Volume Traded	215	897	1,113	1,486	1,534	1,498
Volume Exported	215	897	793	-	54	-
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	17.64	17.48	17.64	13.08	12.89	13.40
Volume Traded	5,922	9,209	4,980	9,007	11,946	7,037
Volume Exported	5,359	8,640	4,260	2,197	3,085	2,803
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	12.00	-	14.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	-	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 moderate for the mostly adequate to at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were noted as 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 18-FEB-07

	WTD	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING		7-12		9.41
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HENS Prices were unchanged to slightly higher. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were as desired. Finished sales remained fairly good. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER
THE WEEK OF 18-FEB-07

	WTD	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING		7-12.5		9.32

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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

	<u>RANGE</u>
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	91.75-107.75
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	95.25-112.25
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

		<u>RANGE</u>
BROILER/FRYER 2# & OVER	ICE PACK	131-136
	DRY PACK	117-122
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	130
	DRY PACK	110
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	109
	DRY PACK	105
DUCKS		204-207