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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices were trending higher in the West, but mostly lower in the remaining areas when compared to last week's values. Trade sentiment was about steady to instances barely steady. Demand into all channels was light to moderate with few features. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to handle trade needs. Floor stocks were adequate to long. In the parts structure, trading was mostly no better than fair following the weekend. Breast items and wings were at least adequate to readily available with limited movement. Dark meat was sufficient to well cleared and moving satisfactorily. 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		:	72.35	15
Chicago	75.00-78.00	77.11	34 :	75.20	65
Ohio Cities	TFEWR		:	76.25	18
Denver	86.50	86.50	14 :	86.28	17
Detroit	78.00-79.00	79.75	8 :	77.83	46
Los Angeles	87.00	86.62	58 :	87.62	128
New York	77.00-80.00	78.65	20 :	78.86	53
Philadelphia	76.50-78.00	77.41	11 :	77.68	22
Pittsburgh	76.00-79.00	78.09	11 :	80.37	56
St. Louis	76.00-77.25	76.50	19 :	75.72	32
San Francisco	87.50	87.73	35 :	88.83	68

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	02/25/08	Change Last Wk	2/18/08	02/26/07
520	80.78	-17	80.95	80.01

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	79.00-82.00	80.63	34
Central	69.00-83.00	75.74	71
Western	83.00-87.00	85.44	46
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent			
Mississippi	77.00-80.00	78.61	86

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broiler/fryers for this week's trading is 79.75 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
1,132	73.00-80.25	78.30
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	172.50	1,386
BREASTS - B/S	149.00	5,740
BREASTS - WHOLE	83.00	1,417
THIGH MEAT - B/S	120.00	1,145
LEG QUARTERS	43.00	9,045
WINGS	126.00	2,691

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 mostly fair as dealers assess market developments for early week trading. Offerings of most sizes were more than sufficient for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items and tenders were noted as fully adequate and wings were readily available and slow to clear. Dark meat cuts were generally sufficient for current needs.

SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was mixed, but overall steady at best. Demand following the weekend was light to fair, instances moderate for active fast food promotions and retail ads. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was light to fair for early week trading. Breast items and wings were at least adequate to readily available, and dark meat was sufficient to closely cleared. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The final majority prices were 1 cent higher throughout the region. Trading reported, although mixed, were at higher prices overall. Offerings in close balance on weights under 3 pounds and at least adequate to ample on heavy weights. Buying activity had decreased on whole body bagged product, with increased noted in parts and WOGs. Retailer demand was moderate to good. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was up .56 to 84.29 and the volume reported was down 6 percent at 31 loads.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices moved lower in all markets; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady to weak. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate, at times fairly good. Floor stocks were in close balance to long; weights desirable. Parts trade was intermittent. Light offerings on dark meat cuts noted; wings mixed from tight to available and breast cuts were sufficient. The market tone was steady to fully steady on small wings and leg items; large wings and breast cuts steady to weak.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds improved slightly during the weekend and ranged fair to moderate. Seller offerings were at least adequate to available for immediate trade requirements. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but reported as mostly desirable. Processing schedules were usually moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 79 to 89 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady to steady. In the parts complex, breast items and wings were unsettled and in an at least adequate to readily available position. Dark meat cuts were adequate to in close balance.

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

RANGE	68-92
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operation.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying interest was generally no better than fair entering the weekend. Offerings of breast items and tenders were more than sufficient current needs. Wings were readily available and slow to clear. Legs and leg quarters were in good balance to well cleared. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair. The market tone was about steady to barely steady for breast items and tenders; barely steady to weak for wings and fully steady for legs.

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		145-150	141.80	493,665
TENDERLOINS		135-140	137.92	100,320
BREAST - WITH RIBS		78-79	83.83	82,040
BREAST - LINE RUN		78	80.75	57,600
LEGS		62-63	65.91	69,400
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)		42-43	44.09	132,400
DRUMSTICKS		52-53	61.86	46,280
THIGHS		55-56	62.58	50,120
B/S THIGHS		118-119	119.63	42,640
WINGS (WHOLE)		125-126	129.09	146,720
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)		12-14	11.16	31,000
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)		35-40	39.02	7,520
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)		45-50	49.20	19,680

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	2,144	130.00-194.00	137-145	141.12
TENDERLOINS	222	138.00-225.00	138-142	152.80
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
FRONT HALVES	250	60.00-78.00	77-78	72.20
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
LEG QRTRS (BULK)	1,332	39.00-42.00	40-42	41.28
LEG QRTRS (4/10)	1,176	39.00-46.00	41-43	41.16
WINGS (WHOLE)	633	105.00-129.00	126-127	125.97
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
THIGHS	1,854	52.00-53.00	52	52.13

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (In thousands)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	02/25	02/21	02/21	02/18	02/14
Alabama	4,266	3,831	5.44	3,963	5.40
Arkansas	5,257	5,264	5.27	4,903	5.35
Delmarva	1,978	2,272	5.58	2,246	5.69
KY-LA-TN	2,389	2,405	5.04	2,399	5.01
Mississippi	3,063	3,038	5.69	2,942	5.63
North Carolina	2,786	2,855	6.96	2,809	6.91
Texas	2,551	2,532	5.39	2,547	5.37
Total	22,290	22,197	5.59	21,809	5.60
Mon	22,290 (A)			21,809 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 25-Feb 2008 is estimated to be 33,348,000 up 1.90 percent from a week ago and up 2.8 percent from a year ago.

(last week 32,727,000 last year 32,427,000)

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	700	122.00-200.00	-	141.54
TENDERLOINS	201	134.00-198.00	-	144.03
BREAST - LINE RUN	105	82.00-90.00	-	83.19
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	183	59.00-67.00	60-61	60.66
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	372	38.00-44.00	40	40.32
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	585	40.00-46.00	42	42.44
WINGS (WHOLE)	303	115.00-128.00	119-122	121.55
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 25, 2008 -- F.O.B. Dock

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
50.00 - 58.00	52.56	55.17

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 25-FEB-2008 TO 29-FEB-2008, CENTS PER POUND

	Price per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	127.00 - 154.00	130.00 - 141.00
TENDERLOINS	116.00 - 154.00	130.00 - 140.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	70.00 - 103.00	80.00 - 91.00
LEGS	59.00 - 67.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	38.00 - 48.00	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	117.00 - 127.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	114.00 - 136.00	127.00 - 133.00
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	92.25-108.25
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	95.75-112.75
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

FRESH FRYERS	97-107
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	135-142
	DRY PACK	122-127
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	130-139
	DRY PACK	115-120
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	109
	DRY PACK	105-109
DUCKS		199-207

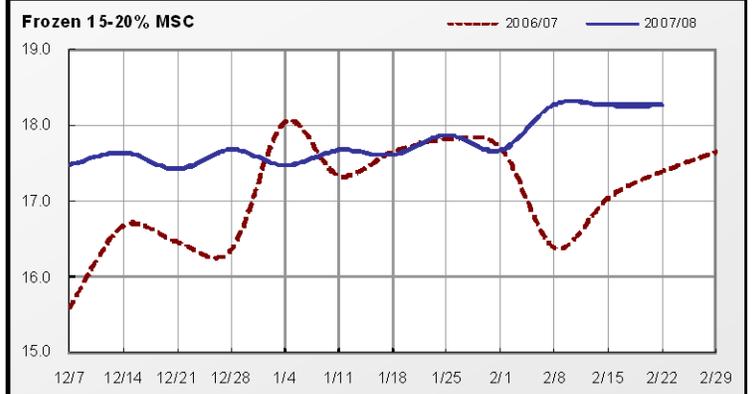
National Mechanically Separated Chicken

(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.)

MSC trade sentiment continues irregular, barely steady to fully steady. Supplies were adequate to well cleared on fresh 15-20% and close on the remainder for current needs; best call on frozen. Good demand on raw materials with supplies generally close with a little more available this week. Domestic movement was moderate. Export demand was moderate to fairly good with best inquiry from Central and South American countries; Mexico seasonal. Schedules were mostly normal. Frame values generally ranged 5 to 9 cents FOB, mostly 7 to 9 cents FOB. Trading on Fresh 15-20% without kidneys or sex glands at 22 cents FOB.

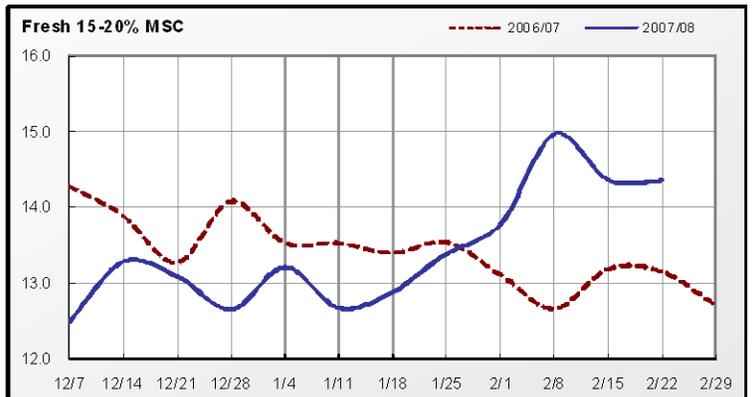
Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	22-Feb-08	Last Week	Last Year	22-Feb-08	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range	18.00	18.00 - 24.00	16.50-20.00	18.00 - 19.00	17.00 - 19.00	16.00-17.00
Wtd Avg Price	18.00	22.10	16.97	18.47	18.00	16.24
Volume Traded	53	293	301	341	342	342
Volume Exported	53	53	261	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	16.50 - 23.00	16.25 - 23.00	14.00-21.00	11.00 - 19.00	11.50 - 19.00	11.00-16.00
Wtd Avg Price	20.11	18.26	17.65	14.88	14.36	12.70
Volume Traded	2,049	1,784	914	2,047	2,901	1,926
Volume Exported	1,809	1,544	674	163	654	531
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	18.00 - 18.50	18.00 - 18.50	14.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	18.28	18.33	14.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	367	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 offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Sales of finished product was fair to moderate. The undertone was steady to at least steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HENS Trading levels were generally unchanged compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were as desired. Finished sales were moderate. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER
THE WEEK OF 25-FEB-07

	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-12		9.47
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER
THE WEEK OF 25-FEB-07

	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-12.5		9.24

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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