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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices for next week were trending unchanged in all areas when compared to early week's values. Trade sentiment was mostly steady to barely steady, at times weak in the Midwest. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate with optimism for next week as first of the month approaches. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to satisfy trade needs. Floor stocks were balanced to long. In the parts structure, movement was light to fair, but slightly better where weekend and first of the month needs increased. Small sized wings were in balance to tight, but larger cuts were ample. Breast items were at least adequate to available, and dark meat was in balance, instances close for boneless cuts. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

**Preliminary Report** Prices negotiated for truck lot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 03-MAR-2008 (cents per lb)

### US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	75.00-78.00	66.00-85.75	76.55	27
New York	77.00-80.00			
Los Angeles	87.00			

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	77.00-80.00	73.00-83.00	78.58	88
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**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broiler/fryers for this week's trading is 80.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

### PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG
923	78.20-80.50	79.16

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	173.50	1,138
BREASTS - B/S	148.00	5,047
BREASTS - WHOLE	82.50	1,149
THIGH MEAT - B/S	119.50	1,034
LEG QUARTERS	43.00	7,813
WINGS	125.50	2,442

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

**SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYER** Trade sentiment was overall no better than steady. Demand entering the weekend was light to moderate with optimism for upcoming first of the month business. Supplies of all sizes were available to fully sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was light to fair for end of the week trading. Wings were short on small sizes, but ample for larger cuts. Breast items were less available, but still at least adequate, and dark meat was adequate to closely balanced. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light and selective but with noted optimism for first of the month business. Offerings of most sizes were fully sufficient for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was light. Fast food interest was fair. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items and tenders were at least adequate to fully adequate. Wings were mixed, with the smaller sizes in close balance to tight and heavier size wings available and slow to clear. Dark meats cuts were adequate and clearing satisfactorily.

**WESTERN REGION** Preliminary majority prices were unchanged, throughout the region. The market tone was generally steady. Light trading reported and at mainly unchanged prices. Offerings were at least adequate to at times ample for immediate needs. Buying activity was fair as buyers' watch market developments. Retailer demand was fair on whole body and fairly good on parts. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances. The market tone was generally steady on parts.

**MIDWEST REGION** Preliminary majority prices into the Chicago market area were unchanged. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady to weak. Trade inquiry and offerings were generally light. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate. Floor stocks balanced to long, weights desirable to instances heavy. Parts trade was intermittent and best on discounted offerings. Supplies of large wings and breast cuts available; dark meat items and smaller wings were generally in balance. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady on leg items and small wings; steady to weak on breast cuts and large wings.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to moderate and slightly better with anticipation entering the first of the month. Offerings ranged adequate to fully adequate for present trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights varied, but were mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 79 to 89 cents. Trade sentiment ranged about steady to steady. In the parts complex, breast items were at least adequate to fully sufficient. Wings were fully adequate to ample on the larger sizes, however, the smaller sizes were snug. Dark meat cuts were generally 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 FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S.GRADE A	
RANGE	68-91
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	(A)
	02/25/08 - 02/29/08
	02/26/07 - 03/02/07
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
	02/25/08 - 02/29/08
	02/26/07 - 03/02/07
	(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 28, 2008					FEB 29, 2008						
ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	WEEKLY (000)	WTD AVG	
BREAST - B/S	439	125.00-195.00	-	136.25	510	125.00-192.00	-	134.35	2,808	137.98	
TENDERLOINS	196	118.00-188.00	-	135.29		TOO FEW TO REPORT			957	140.84	
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			474	82.78	
FRONT HALVES	200	60.00-68.00	-	63.40		TOO FEW TO REPORT			480	64.61	
LEGS	223	58.00-67.00	60-61	60.65		TOO FEW TO REPORT			967	61.16	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	387	39.00-44.00	40	40.47	396	39.00-44.00	40	40.15	1,927	40.32	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	883	40.00-47.00	42-43	42.29	802	40.00-47.00	42-43	42.45	3,577	42.42	
WINGS (WHOLE)	303	100.00-128.00	112-115	115.19	305	101.00-125.00	102-105	108.15	1,514	116.49	
WINGS (CUT)	105	120.00-124.00	-	122.67	100	120.00-125.00	-	121.75	520	126.60	
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			335	51.45	
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			118	52.64	
B/S THIGHS	116	105.00-121.00	-	115.14		TOO FEW TO REPORT			523	116.73	
WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR Feb 28, 2008 -- F.O.B. DOCK.					WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR Feb 29, 2008 -- F.O.B. DOCK.						
RANGE		TODAY'S AVERAGE			RANGE		TODAY'S AVERAGE			5-DAY AVERAGE	
50.00 - 56.00		51.94			49.50 - 56.50		52.91			52.71	

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 increased slightly for first-of-the-month business, however dealers remained cautious and selective. Offerings of breast items and tenders were fully sufficient for current needs. Wings were irregular with the larger sized wings fully adequate to ample; smaller size wings were about adequate to adequate. Legs and leg quarters were mostly adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light. The market tone was about steady for breast items and tenders; barely steady for wings and generally 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 28, 2008				Feb 29, 2008				
ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	WEEKLY WTD AVG	WEEKLY VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	145	142.47	525,580	145	143.27	639,975	143.04	2,779,020
TENDERLOINS	135	139.12	116,720	135	136.52	110,480	137.59	587,110
BREAST - WITH RIBS	78-79	85.11	98,120	78-79	90.22	72,960	86.53	485,520
BREAST - LINE RUN	78	80.64	81,000	78	80.95	79,200	80.70	374,400
LEGS	62-63	65.26	114,480	62-63	64.80	127,160	64.93	566,640
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	42-43	43.64	171,640	42-43	44.93	133,792	44.29	759,512
DRUMSTICKS	52-53	62.25	59,600	52-53	59.42	126,520	60.67	340,419
THIGHS	55-56	61.91	60,360	55-56	63.33	64,760	62.87	285,000
B/S THIGHS	118-119	120.93	69,640	118-119	121.86	68,480	120.86	280,640
WINGS (WHOLE)	123-124	127.11	117,680	123-124	123.53	148,940	126.74	708,181
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-14	10.99	26,800	12-14	12.00	20,960	11.33	140,720
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	37.12	11,960	35-40	39.48	4,600	38.04	38,720
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	50.04	24,480	45-50	50.09	17,360	49.71	100,430

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		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL		AVG WTS	
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)
Alabama	02/29	02/28	02/27	02/26	02/27	02/26	02/22	02/20	5.60	5.60
Arkansas	3,745	4,183	3,698	4,022	5.33	5.53	4,188	5.60	5.60	5.60
Delmarva	5,109	5,322	5,159	5,217	5.35	5.39	5,181	5.30	5.30	5.30
KY-LA-TN	2,254	2,290	2,255	2,250	5.66	5.67	2,188	5.65	5.65	5.65
Mississippi	2,456	2,462	2,085	2,426	5.07	5.05	2,320	5.07	5.07	5.07
North Carolina	3,053	3,055	2,813	3,650	5.78	5.52	3,025	5.78	5.78	5.78
Texas	3,034	2,851	2,745	2,737	7.12	7.15	2,584	7.09	7.09	7.09
Total	2,556	2,542	2,570	2,572	5.28	5.40	2,515	5.14	5.14	5.14
Mon-Fri	22,207	22,705	21,325	22,874	5.63	5.64	22,001	5.63	5.63	5.63
Saturday	111,690	(A)					110,707	(A)	697	697

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 29-Feb-08 and 01-Mar-08 is estimated to be 33,224,000 head up 0.63 percent from a week ago and up 4.31 percent from a year ago. (Last week 33,015,000, last year 31,851,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 01-Mar-08 is estimated to be 165,988,000 head down 0.43 percent from a week ago, and up 3.73 percent from a year ago. (Last week 166,700,000, last year 160,025,000)

Actual data incorporated when available.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)**

PROCESSED POULTRY, DLVRD TO RETAILERS		RANGE
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, DLVRD TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

		RANGE
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

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED**

W/E 23-FEB-2008 Under Federal Inspection (Preliminary)

	-----Thousands-----				
	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	
	<b>4.25 lbs &amp; down</b>	<b>4.26 - 6.25 lbs</b>	<b>6.26 - 7.75 lbs</b>	<b>7.76 lbs &amp; up</b>	<b>Total</b>
Head	43,371	80,947	24,199	18,183	166,700
Avg Live Wgt	3.91	5.40	6.89	8.25	5.54
% of total /1	26%	49%	14%	11%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	42,681	75,855	25,987	19,225	163,748
Avg Live Wgt	3.70	5.39	6.40	8.59	5.57
% of total /1	26%	46%	16%	12%	100%
Year Ago 2/	48,741	81,521	18,231	10,738	159,231
Avg Live Wgt	3.63	5.42	6.81	8.13	5.21
% of total /1	31%	51%	11%	7%	100%
To date/2008	347,181	619,896	192,470	135,132	1,294,679
To date/2007	337,510	658,658	149,964	90,065	1,236,197

/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 23-FEB-2008	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	166,700	1,204	1,546	2,750	443
Avg Wt	5.54	3.70	7.98	6.11	6.84
Last week	163,748	1,315	1,576	2,891	424
Same wk yr ago	159,231	1,142	1,427	2,569	515
Avg Wt	5.21	3.29	7.92	5.86	6.79
To-date/2008	1,294,678	10,979	11,777	22,756	3,655
To-date/2007	1,236,197	8,735	10,902	19,637	4,114

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 168.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 168.7 million head, or 0.2 million more than estimated available.

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

Week Ending	Million Head Slaughtered	Million Head Available	Pct	Avg Wt
Jan 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
9	167.5	167.7	100%	5.52
16	165.7	167.0	99%	5.57
23	168.7	168.5	100%	5.54
Year to date	1310.4	1327.7	99%	
Mar 1		168.4		
8		167.6		

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

Under Federal Inspection

W/E	-----Thousands-----				
	<b>03/01/08</b>	<b>02/23/08</b>	<b>%CHG</b>	<b>03/02/07</b>	<b>%CHG</b>
<b>Broilers</b>	165,988	166,700 *	-0.43	160,025 *	+3.73
<b>Cattle</b>	630	620	-01	623 *	-03
<b>Hogs</b>	2,187	2,228	-02	1,890 *	+16

\*Actual

**EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

FOR DELIVERY THE WEEK OF FEB 25, 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)	71.00-84.75	78.00-84.00
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 were unchanged from the previous week. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand remained good to very good. Supplies were noted as adequate to instances tight. 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 25-FEB-2008

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

**GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION -**

DATE OF AUCTION: FEBRUARY 26, 2008

PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

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

	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.90 - .95 ea.
Doves	- 3.50 ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	- .80
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	- 1.00
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	- .85
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.90 - 1.05
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.80 - .85
Guinea Fowl	6.00 - 7.00 ea.
Banty Roosters	3.25 - 4.50 ea.
Banty Hens	2.00 - 4.00 ea.
Pigeons	5.00 - 6.00 ea.
White Pigeons	4.50 - 5.25 ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	2.30 - 2.70
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	1.80 - 2.00
Bunnies	3.00 - 7.00 ea.
Guinea Pigs	3.00 - 8.00 ea.
Kid Goats	35.00 - 45.00 ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.70 - .75 ea.

Total Coops Sold 288

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Sales of both light and heavy canners were too few to report. Offerings were generally sufficient for current needs with most available supplies being used internally. Demand was moderate to at least moderate. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was at least steady. CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

**LIVE HEAVY TYPE HENS**

(7 POUNDS AND UP) \*

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB.,  
GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER  
THE WEEK OF 14-JAN-08

**SOUTH CENTRAL** Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for no better than adequate offerings of spent fowl. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were moderate but slowing. Trade sentiment was about steady.

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

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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

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

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

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

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTH CENTRAL** Trading levels were TFEWR. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Salvage costs were expected to remain constant.

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

**NORTH CENTRAL** Prices unchanged. Demand was moderate to good, with offerings light to adequate. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment steady.

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

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