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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices for next week were trending higher in the West, but unchanged in the East and Midwest. Trade sentiment was firm in the West, steady elsewhere. Demand was light to moderate; however, in the Midwest, retail was stronger in areas affected by snow storms, and good into sports bars, fast food, and restaurants in areas close to sporting events. Supplies of all sizes were usually more than sufficient to satisfy trade needs. Floor stocks were in a full range. In the parts structure, movement was light to fair, slightly better where weekend needs increased. Breast items were at least adequate with limited interest. Wings were mixed with smaller sizes in the best balance, and larger cuts more available. Dark meat was adequate to well cleared and moving satisfactorily. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, but mostly desirable.

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 10-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	67.00-85.75	76.88	26
New York	77.00-80.00			
Los Angeles	89.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	80.00-82.00	74.00-85.00	80.92	91

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broiler/fryers for this week's trading is 80.75 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
937	77.25-81.00	79.74

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	175.00	1,098
BREASTS - B/S	147.50	4,947
BREASTS - WHOLE	83.00	1,099
THIGH MEAT - B/S	120.00	1,004
LEG QUARTERS	43.00	7,613
WINGS	126.50	2,411

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

SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYER Trade sentiment was steady to about steady. Retail and food service demand entering the weekend was mostly fair at best, instances moderate for active ads and promotions. Supplies of all sizes were readily available for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was light to fair, best where weekend needs increased. Breast items were at least adequate to available with limited interest. Wings were adequate to fully adequate, but dark meat items were in good balance to well cleared and moving well. 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 generally fair entering the weekend. Offerings of most sizes were mostly adequate for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was limited. Fast food interest was normal. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, breast items and tenders were at least sufficient. Wings were mixed with the larger sizes in the longest position. Dark meats cuts were about adequate to adequate with thighs, drums and legs well cleared.

WESTERN REGION Preliminary majority prices were 2 cents higher throughout the region. The market tone was generally firm. Trading reported at mainly higher prices for next week deliveries. Offerings were tight to at least adequate. Sizes continued to trend heavy. Retailer demand was fair to fairly good. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances. Market tone, although mixed, was generally steady on parts.

MIDWEST REGION Preliminary majority delivered prices into the Chicago area on next week's trade were unchanged. Whole broiler/fryer market tone remained steady. Offers and interest were light with heavier birds more available. Disruptions continued in the St. Louis and Ohio areas as a major winter storm moved into the areas. Retail and food service was light to good; best trade noted in food service led by sports bars, fast food outlets, in Ohio retail centers and downtown restaurants in St. Louis. Floor stocks were in a full range; weights desirable to heavy. Trade activity on parts was light; best call noted on small wings. Supplies of small wings and dark meat cuts were tight and the balance of parts was sufficient. Trade sentiment was steady to firm on small wings and leg items and steady to weak on breast lines.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to moderate entering the weekend. Offerings were at least adequate for present trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights varied, but were mostly desirable. Processing schedules ranged moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 79 to 89 cents. The market tone was mostly steady. In the parts complex, breast items were at least adequate. Wings were adequate to fully adequate. 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 FROM DELMARVA.

	BRANDED U.S.GRADE A
RANGE	73-91
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	03/03/08 - 03/07/08 (A)
	03/05/07 - 03/09/07 (A)
NO. OF BOXES	03/03/08 - 03/07/08 (A)
	03/05/07 - 03/09/07 (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.

MAR 06, 2008

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	410	124.00-189.00	-	130.29
TENDERLOINS	176	120.00-186.00	-	134.85
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	255	58.00-68.00	60-61	60.63
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	392	39.00-44.00	40-41	40.97
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	887	40.00-46.00	42-43	42.35
WINGS (WHOLE)	196	100.00-125.00	-	114.02
WINGS (CUT)	115	110.00-122.00	-	118.35
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR MAR 06, 2008 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
50.50 - 56.00	52.49

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 and was noted as mostly fair entering the weekend. Offerings of breast items and tenders were at least sufficient for current needs. Wings were mixed with the smaller sized wings in the better balance and the larger wings available and slow to clear. Most dark meat cuts were adequate to well cleared with drums and thighs in the best position. Movement through retail and distributive channels was limited. The market tone was about steady for breast items, tenders and wings; fully steady to instances firm for leg items.

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

MAR 06, 2008

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS
BREAST - B/S	145	143.18	681,099
TENDERLOINS	135	133.91	159,640
BREAST - WITH RIBS	78-79	91.84	64,240
BREAST - LINE RUN	78	80.39	68,400
LEGS	62-63	64.52	100,640
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	42-43	43.60	225,240
DRUMSTICKS	52-53	61.33	79,356
THIGHS	56-57	64.84	67,360
B/S THIGHS	118-119	120.91	60,720
WINGS (WHOLE)	123-124	120.44	153,200
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-14	11.47	23,920
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	37.35	11,400
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	50.03	19,360

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	03/07	03/06	03/05	03/04	03/05	03/04	02/29	02/27		
Arkansas	4,093	4,251	3,954	3,710	5.48	5.71	3,743	5.33		
Delmarva	4,463	5,316	4,879	4,803	5.38	5.37	5,278	5.35		
KY-LA-TN	2,295	2,270	2,167	2,214	5.79	5.65	2,237	5.66		
Mississippi	1,998	2,405	2,445	2,434	5.04	5.13	2,409	5.07		
North Carolina	3,099	3,101	3,026	2,935	5.87	5.93	3,064	5.78		
Texas	3,421	2,948	2,730	2,676	7.12	7.14	2,825	7.12		
Total	2,565	2,566	2,619	2,556	5.10	5.41	2,790	5.28		
Mon-Fri	21,934	22,857	21,820	21,328	5.65	5.73	22,346	5.63		
Saturday	112,252	(A)					110,660	(A)		
	840	(included in total for date shown)					791			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 07-Mar-08 and 08-Mar-08 is estimated to be 32,816,000 head down 2.14 percent from a week ago and up 6.09 percent from a year ago. (Last week 33,532,000, last year 30,932,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 08-Mar-08 is estimated to be 165,019,000 head down 0.54 percent from a week ago, and up 2.28 percent from a year ago. (Last week 165,910,000, last year 161,346,000) Actual data incorporated when available.

MAR 07, 2008

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	WEEKLY (000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	305	125.00-189.00	-	132.70	2,185		-	133.11	2,185	133.11
TENDERLOINS	141	125.00-155.00	-	133.57	900		-	132.44	900	132.44
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT				430			81.14	430	81.14
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				330			66.36	330	66.36
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				929			61.35	929	61.35
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	347	38.00-44.00	40-41	40.84	1,850			40.83	1,850	40.83
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	763	40.00-46.00	42-43	42.51	4,023			42.39	4,023	42.39
WINGS (WHOLE)	205	105.00-125.00	110-115	115.49	1,041			113.42	1,041	113.42
WINGS (CUT)	TOO FEW TO REPORT				1,204			120.03	1,204	120.03
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				333			53.54	333	53.54
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				104			54.12	104	54.12
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				447			116.73	447	116.73

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

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
50.00 - 56.50	53.59	53.54

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 01-MAR-2008 Under Federal Inspection (Preliminary)

	-----Thousands-----				
	A	B	C	D	
	4.25 lbs & down	4.26 - 6.25 lbs	6.26 - 7.75 lbs	7.76 lbs & up	Total
Head	45,295	78,836	26,178	15,601	165,910
Avg Live Wgt	3.85	5.44	6.89	8.24	5.49
% of total /1	27%	48%	16%	9%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	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%
Year Ago 2/	46,238	82,757	15,903	15,127	160,025
Avg Live Wgt	3.70	5.46	7.03	8.22	5.37
% of total /1	29%	52%	10%	9%	100%
To date/2008	392,476	698,732	218,648	150,733	1,460,589
To date/2007	383,748	741,415	165,867	105,192	1,396,222

/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 01-MAR-2008	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	165,910	1,409	1,542	2,951	431
Avg Wt	5.49	3.48	8.02	5.85	6.28
Last week	166,700	1,204	1,546	2,750	443
Same wk yr ago	160,025	1,085	1,465	2,550	528
Avg Wt	5.37	3.16	8.05	5.97	6.39
To-date/2008	1,460,589	12,388	13,319	25,707	4,086
To-date/2007	1,396,222	9,820	12,367	22,187	4,642

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 168.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 167.9 million head, or 0.5 million less than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

Week Ending	Million Head Slaughtered	Million Head Available	Pct	Avg Wt
Jan 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
Mar 1	167.9	168.4	100%	5.49
Year to date	1478.3	1496.1	99%	
Mar 8		167.6		
15		166.4		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection

W/E	-----Thousands-----				
	03/08/08	03/01/08	%CHG	03/10/07	%CHG
Broilers	165,019	165,910 *	-0.54	161,346 *	+2.28
Cattle	640	630	+02	634 *	+01
Hogs	2,227	2,187	+02	2,123 *	+05

*Actual

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR DELIVERY THE WEEK OF MAR 03, 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)	71.00-83.75	78.00-83.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	71.00-86.00	78.00-85.00

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 for the week, however a firm undertone was noted. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand remained good to very good. Supplies were noted as adequate. 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: MARCH 10, 2008

PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.00 - 1.05 ea.
Kid Goats	29.00 - 35.00 ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.40 - .70
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.55 - .80
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.50 - .60
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	1.00 - 1.05
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.60 - .70
Guinea Fowl	6.00 - 9.00 ea.
Banty Roosters	2.75 - 3.10 ea.
Banty Hens	1.75 - 2.35 ea.
Leghorn Hens	1.25 - 2.00 ea.
Leghorn Roosters	- .75 ea.
Geese 9-14 LBS	.30 - .35
Pigeons	3.50 - 3.90 ea.
White Pigeons	4.25 - 5.10 ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	2.70 - 2.99
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	1.90 - 2.20
Bunnies	4.00 - 11.50 ea.
Guinea Pigs	3.00 - 6.00 ea.
Goats	37.00 - 40.00 ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.95 - 1.05 ea.

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Sales of both light and heavy canners were too few to report. Offerings were mostly adequate for current needs with most available supplies being used internally. Demand was at least moderate. Processing schedules were normal to less than normal. The undertone was at least steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

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

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
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 10-MAR-08

SOUTH CENTRAL Trading of spent hens was TFEWR. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of heavy hens from primary users. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slowing, but at least moderate. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
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 about adequate to adequate offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules were normal to less than normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	3-12	5-8

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

	RANGE	MAJORITY
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 Salvage values were TFEWR. Demand was light for at least adequate offerings of light fowl. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
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.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-10.5	0-5

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