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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices were higher in the West, mostly unchanged elsewhere. Trade sentiment was steady to firm in the West, steady in the East and Midwest. Retail and food service demand was mixed, but overall moderate at best. Over the weekend, severe snow storms in parts of the Midwest disrupted deliveries and curtailed consumer traffic. 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 mostly fair to moderate for early week trading. 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.



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 10-MAR-2008 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Boston/New England	TFEWR		:	72.25	16
Chicago	75.00-78.00	77.12	30 :	74.18	57
Ohio Cities	TFEWR		:	77.06	16
Denver	88.50	88.50	13 :	87.19	16
Detroit	78.00-79.00	79.88	8 :	77.24	49
Los Angeles	89.00	88.29	58 :	83.50	169
New York	77.00-80.00	78.65	20 :	78.72	42
Philadelphia	76.50-78.00	77.59	11 :	77.80	22
Pittsburgh	76.00-79.00	78.71	14 :	80.55	60
St. Louis	75.75-77.00	76.23	19 :	77.44	30
San Francisco	89.50	89.48	29 :	87.96	70

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	03/10/08	Change Last Wk	3/03/08	03/12/07
547	79.87	.27	79.60	79.02

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	79.00-82.50	80.21	35
Central	66.00-81.00	74.33	72
Western	82.00-89.75	84.44	46
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent			
Mississippi	80.00-82.00	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.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,141	75.00-81.00	79.12

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	175.50	1,369
BREASTS - B/S	147.50	5,699
BREASTS - WHOLE	83.50	1,394
THIGH MEAT - B/S	120.00	1,131
LEG QUARTERS	43.00	8,985
WINGS	126.50	2,683

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 generally fair as dealers assess market developments entering the week. Offerings of most sizes were sufficient for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair. The market tone was mostly steady. In the parts complex, breast items and tenders were noted as at least adequate and wings were irregular with smaller wings in the best balance. Leg cuts were no more than adequate and clearing satisfactorily.

SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was fair at best, instances moderate for fast food promotions and active retail features. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to handle light trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was light to fair following the weekend. Breast items were readily available with limited interest. Wings were sufficient for small sizes, but ample for jumbo sizes. Dark meat was in the best position with supplies in good balance to well cleared. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were 2 cents higher compared to last week's reported levels. Trade sentiment was steady to firm. Market tone started the week firm on whole body and fully steady on WOGs. Trading reported at unchanged to higher prices. Offerings were generally adequate. Heavy weight product was in the longest position. Retailer demand was fairly good overall. Dealers reported moderate weekend carryovers. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was up .20 to 82.00 and up 7 percent on the volume reported to 32 loads.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged to instances higher; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady. Retail and food service demand was in a full range, overall light to moderate. A major snow storm over the weekend in the Ohio valley delayed deliveries and hurt business as many shut down over weekend. Floor stocks were in close balance to ample; weights desirable to heavy. Parts trade was light; offerings were limited on dark meat cuts and small wings, other items fully adequate. The market tone was steady to fully steady on small wings and leg items; large wings and breast items steady to weak.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to at times moderate entering the week. Seller offerings were generally adequate for full trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but noted as mostly desirable. Processor schedules were mostly moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 79 to 89 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. In the parts complex, breast items were at least sufficient. Wings were irregular with the largest sizes in the longest position. Dark meat cuts were adequate to well cleared.

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	69-91
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operation.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying interest was noted as mostly fair to instances moderate entering the week. Offerings of breast items and tenders were at least sufficient for current needs. Wings were mixed with the smaller sized wings in good balance and the larger wings readily available. Most dark meat cuts were adequate to well cleared with drums and leg quarters in the best position. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair. The market tone was no better than steady for breast items and tenders; wings were barely steady and leg items were fully steady to instances firm.

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

ITEM	NEGOTIATED TRADING*	CURRENT AVG**	WTD /LBS	VOLUME
BREAST - B/S	145	142.72	585,260	
TENDERLOINS	135	136.40	97,760	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	78-79	90.03	60,880	
BREAST - LINE RUN	78	80.73	72,000	
LEGS	63-64	63.86	224,840	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	43-44	43.42	174,320	
DRUMSTICKS	54-55	63.30	32,200	
THIGHS	57-58	64.65	41,680	
B/S THIGHS	118-119	118.53	51,800	
WINGS (WHOLE)	123-124	121.01	131,360	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-14	11.73	20,880	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	37.04	3,720	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	49.93	18,120	

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.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE 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	1,455	113.00-190.00	125-135	131.73
TENDERLOINS	608	118.00-211.00	125-138	129.37
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	
FRONT HALVES	433	61.00-78.00	71-76	72.00
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,096	39.00-42.00	40-42	40.73
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,378	41.00-43.00	42-43	42.52
WINGS (WHOLE)	698	82.00-133.00	-	120.51
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	
THIGHS	1,530	51.00-54.00	52-53	52.79

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER/FRYERS (In Thousands)

	Estimate	Actual	Avg Wts	Actual	Avg Wts
	03/10	03/06	03/06	03/03	02/28
Alabama	3,845	4,135	5.40	4,028	5.35
Arkansas	5,323	5,204	5.28	5,042	5.35
Delmarva	2,287	2,295	5.68	2,241	5.54
KY-LA-TN	2,161	2,407	4.35	2,331	4.97
Mississippi	3,043	3,095	5.67	3,132	5.68
North Carolina	2,902	2,843	6.90	2,780	6.87
Texas	2,559	2,580	5.31	2,541	5.31
Total	22,120	22,559	5.51	22,095	5.56
Mon	22,120 (A)			22,095 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 10-Mar 2008 is estimated to be 33,094,000 down 0.19 percent from a week ago.

and up 2.6 percent from a year ago.
(last week 33,156,000 last year 32,244,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER 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	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	390	123.00-185.00	-	135.28
TENDERLOINS	146	127.00-155.00	-	131.63
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	208	59.00-68.00	61-62	61.27
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	374	39.00-44.00	40-41	40.35
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	861	40.00-46.00	42-43	42.41
WINGS (WHOLE)	235	80.00-126.00	-	110.55
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
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 10, 2008 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
51.00 - 56.50	54.48	53.79

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 11-MAR-2008 TO 14-MAR-2008, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	125.00 - 150.00	127.00 - 137.00
TENDERLOINS	133.00 - 215.00	133.00 - 142.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	65.00 - 103.00	80.00 - 91.00
LEGS	61.00 - 68.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	39.00 - 48.00	42.00 - 44.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	42.00 - 49.00	44.00 - 46.00
DRUMSTICKS	49.00 - 60.00	-
THIGHS	53.00 - 66.00	-
B/S THIGHS	118.00 - 129.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	100.00 - 135.00	127.00 - 133.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 25.00	-
LIVERS	32.00 - 47.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 52.00	-

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

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	93.25-109.25
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	96.75-113.75

	R4NGE
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	

	R4NGE
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	
FRESH FRYERS	100-107
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

	RANGE
B/F 2# & OVER	ICE PACK 142
	DRY PACK 135
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 140
	DRY PACK 127
	ICE PACK 110
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK 120
DUCKS	199-207

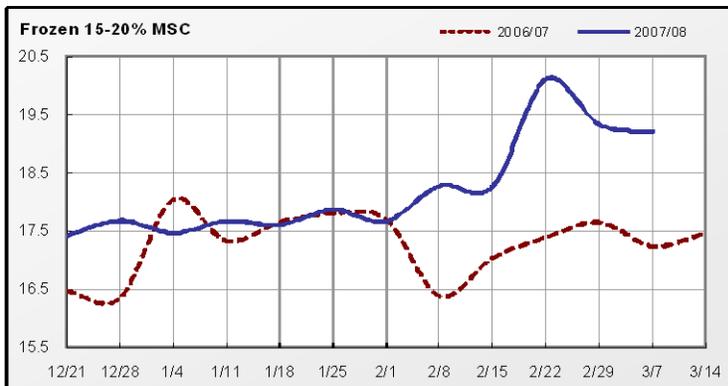
National Mechanically Separated Chicken

(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 was steady to fully steady. Supplies were adequate to well cleared on fresh 15-20% and close on the remainder; moderate to fairly good interest noted on frozen. Demand for raw materials continues to be good with supplies tight due to higher rendering values and lighter bird weights slowing frame availability. Domestic movement was mostly moderate. Export demand was moderate to fairly good with good inquiry from Central and South American countries; Mexico seasonally quiet with Lent. Schedules were light to normal due to a lack of raw materials, some mechanical disruptions, and some trucking delays caused by adverse weather. Frame values ranged 5 to 9 cents FOB, mostly 7 to 9 cents FOB.

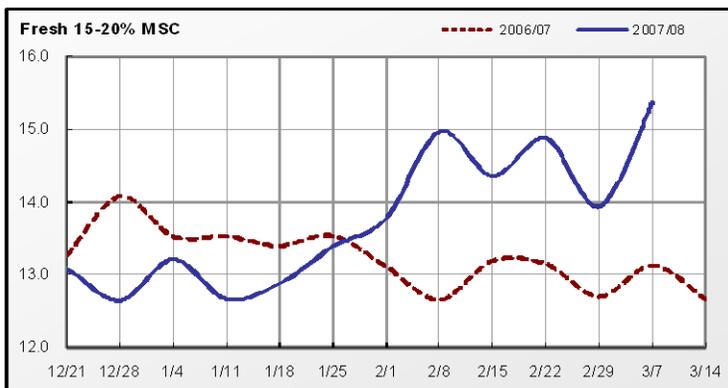
Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	7-Mar-08	Last Week	Last Year	7-Mar-08	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range	18.00	18.00	16.50-20.00	18.00 - 19.00	17.00 - 19.00	16.00-17.00
Wtd Avg Price	18.00	18.00	16.97	18.50	18.36	16.37
Volume Traded	53	54	300	241	341	382
Volume Exported	53	54	260	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	16.25 - 22.00	16.50 - 22.00	16.00-21.00	13.00 - 18.00	12.00 - 18.00	11.00-16.00
Wtd Avg Price	19.21	19.33	17.46	15.37	13.94	12.67
Volume Traded	1,714	1,468	1,492	1,495	2,656	1,702
Volume Exported	1,674	1,348	1,092	82	367	367
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	16.00 - 18.00	16.00 - 18.00	14.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	17.00	17.00	14.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	163	163	120
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	Feb 2008	Jan 2008	Feb 2007	Feb 2008	Jan 2008	Feb 2007
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	20.40	15.69	16.85	17.58	15.70	16.53
Volume Traded	584	215	1,361	1,566	1,486	1,550
Volume Exported	264	215	1,161	-	-	-
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	18.82	17.64	17.06	14.37	13.08	12.93
Volume Traded	8,143	5,922	4,886	11,547	9,007	9,269
Volume Exported	7,223	5,359	4,166	2,321	2,197	1,997
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	18.03	12.00	14.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	775	82	440
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



Note: Volume exported refers to that portion of the total volume that is destined for export markets.

Source: USDA AMS Poultry Market News & Analysis

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HENS Prices were generally unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was moderate for the adequate supply of spent hens. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Sales of finished product was mostly moderate. The undertone was at least steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HENS Pricing was generally unchanged compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slowing but moderate overall. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)* FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 10-MAR-08

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) * FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 10-MAR-08

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-12.5 CENTS/LB.		9.56
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-12.5 CENTS/LB.		9.37

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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