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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices for next week were trending higher in the West, but lower in the Midwest and East when compared to early week's values. Trade sentiment was fully steady in the West, mostly barely steady elsewhere. Retail and food service demand entering the holiday weekend was seasonally light to fair with limited activity. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to handle trade needs. Floor stocks were adequate to long. Processing schedules were mixed with some plants down today for Good Friday. In the parts structure, movement was light and selective, best for other holiday meat items. Breast items were readily available with tenders slow to clear. Wings were fully adequate to ample and often discounted. Dark meat cuts were in good balance to well cleared and in the strongest position. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy 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 24-MAR-2008 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	73.00-76.00	58.00-86.25	73.73	25
New York	75.00-78.00			
Los Angeles	90.00			

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	80.00-83.00	73.00-86.00	82.12	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 81.50 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
899	80.10-82.00	80.46

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	174.00	1,002
BREASTS - B/S	146.50	4,309
BREASTS - WHOLE	83.50	977
THIGH MEAT - B/S	119.50	952
LEG QUARTERS	43.50	6,835
WINGS	121.00	2,165

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

SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYER Trade sentiment was overall steady at best. Demand entering the holiday weekend was seasonally light with orders limited to regular commitments, and most taking a wait and see attitude until after Easter. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to easily handle trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was no better than moderate for end of the week trading. Breast items and wings were at least adequate to readily available with light movement and some discounting. Dark meat items were in good balance to well cleared and moving satisfactorily. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy, mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light to fair at best as dealers remained cautious and selective entering the holiday weekend. Offerings of all sizes were available and competitively priced in most instances. Retail and distributive movement was seasonally slow. Fast food interest was mostly fair. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items were at least sufficient. Wings and tenders were readily available and slow to clear. Leg items were clearing satisfactorily.

WESTERN REGION Preliminary majority prices were 1 cent higher throughout the region. Trading reported for next weeks' delivery at mainly higher prices on regular commitments and mixed on new negotiations. Offerings were moderate overall. Plants operated reduced slaughter schedules. Buying activity was fair. Retailer demand moderate. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances.

MIDWEST REGION Whole broiler/fryer preliminary majority price into Chicago was 2 cents lower from Monday's final majority price. The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was barely steady with offerings light to adequate for the limited and selective buyer interest. Retail and food service demand was slow to moderate at best going into the Easter holiday weekend. Floor stocks were adequate to long. Weights were desirable to instances heavy. Supplies of bone-in and boneless dark meat items were tight, adequate on breast cuts, and adequate to ample on wings. The trade sentiment was fully steady on dark meat items, mostly steady on breast cuts, and barely steady to weak on wings.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally light to fair entering the Easter holiday weekend. Seller offerings were fully adequate to available for current trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but were reported as mostly desirable. Processing schedules were light today as some operations were closed in observance of Good Friday. Further cutbacks were projected for Easter Monday. Less than trucklot asking prices remained unchanged at 77 to 87 cents. Trade sentiment ranged about steady to steady. In the parts complex, breast items and wings were at least adequate to readily available. Most dark meat cuts were sufficient to well cleared with thighs, leg quarters, and drums in the closest balance.

*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	67-90
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	(A)
	03/17/08 - 03/21/08
	03/19/07 - 03/23/07
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
	03/17/08 - 03/21/08
	03/19/07 - 03/23/07
	(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 20, 2008					MAR 21, 2008						
ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	WEEKLY (000)	WTD AVG	
BREAST - B/S	392	122.00-188.00	-	131.29	325	123.00-195.00	-	130.17	1,920	130.27	
TENDERLOINS	136	123.00-150.00	-	127.12	167	123.00-176.00	-	133.14	734	129.38	
BREAST - LINE RUN	132	75.00-82.00	-	79.27	TOO FEW TO REPORT					402	80.09
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT					265	66.77
LEGS	338	59.00-67.00	62-63	62.86	TOO FEW TO REPORT					1,050	62.99
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	347	38.00-44.00	40-41	41.00	412	39.00-44.00	40-41	40.44	1,876	40.59	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	676	40.00-46.00	42-43	42.92	867	40.00-47.00	43-44	43.18	3,253	42.86	
WINGS (WHOLE)	150	80.00-110.00	-	97.83	205	80.00-110.00	-	100.00	905	101.18	
WINGS (CUT)	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT					520	104.34
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT					397	52.99
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT					104	51.81
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT					489	116.01
WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR MAR 20, 2008 -- F.O.B. DOCK.					WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR MAR 21, 2008 -- F.O.B. DOCK.						
RANGE		TODAY'S AVERAGE			RANGE		TODAY'S AVERAGE			5-DAY AVERAGE	
52.00 - 56.00		54.00			52.00 - 56.50		53.22			53.71	

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 entering the Easter holiday weekend although dealers remained cautious as they look to other meat items. Offerings of breast items were at least adequate to available for current needs. Tenders and wings were readily available and slow to clear. Most dark meat cuts were adequate to well cleared with drums, thighs and legs in the best balance. Movement through retail and distributive channels was seasonally light and unaggressive. The market tone was about steady for breast items; barely steady for wings and tenders. Legs and drums were fully steady.

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

MAR 20, 2008				MAR 21, 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	141.79	851,754	145	136.77	319,782	140.57	3,246,584
TENDERLOINS	125-130	134.75	128,850	125-130	131.21	76,840	134.21	639,470
BREAST - WITH RIBS	78-79	85.23	103,160	78-79	88.43	57,640	87.17	380,000
BREAST - LINE RUN	78	79.37	82,800	78	79.60	77,400	80.17	385,200
LEGS	64-65	64.56	185,560	64-65	65.25	140,160	64.11	937,760
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	43-44	44.22	212,600	43-44	44.68	180,000	44.20	858,560
DRUMSTICKS	55-56	63.53	58,600	55-56	64.75	50,720	63.65	262,840
THIGHS	58-59	65.37	53,680	58-59	66.26	45,920	64.32	266,840
B/S THIGHS	118-119	122.15	75,080	118-119	117.16	41,080	120.28	317,440
WINGS (WHOLE)	110-111	99.83	147,160	110-111	102.76	122,350	103.84	832,470
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-14	11.47	33,960	12-14	11.70	17,800	11.46	117,720
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	36.72	6,400	35-40	38.03	10,760	37.73	41,280
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	50.34	10,360	45-50	49.29	26,640	49.53	92,040

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	
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)
Alabama	03/21	03/20	03/19	03/18	03/19	03/18	03/14	03/12		
Arkansas	3,017	4,167	4,187	4,086	5.39	5.37	4,533	5.57		
Delmarva	4,676	5,380	4,973	5,218	5.24	5.45	4,736	5.37		
KY-LA-TN	1,926	2,233	2,186	2,273	5.65	5.76	2,046	5.83		
Mississippi	2,342	2,404	2,083	2,400	4.91	5.12	2,795	5.03		
North Carolina	2,899	2,788	3,043	3,051	5.85	5.84	3,331	5.81		
Texas	2,127	2,853	2,501	2,778	7.03	7.01	3,150	7.24		
Total	2,567	2,565	2,556	2,550	5.22	5.30	2,519	5.39		
Mon-Fri	19,554	22,390	21,529	22,356	5.57	5.66	23,110	5.69		
Saturday	109,817	(A)					110,727	(A)		
	363	(included in total for date shown)					1,321			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 21-Mar-08 and 22-Mar-08 is estimated to be 29,255,000 head down 15.64 percent from a week ago and down - 7.69 percent from a year ago. (Last week 34,679,000, last year 31,693,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 22-Mar-08 is estimated to be 161,777,000 head down 2.76 percent from a week ago, and up 2.10 percent from a year ago. (Last week 166,377,000, last year 158,447,000) Actual data incorporated when available.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

PROCESSED POULTRY, DLVRD TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
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, DLVRD TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

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

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED

W/E 15-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	40,986	84,915	23,056	17,420	166,377
Avg Live Wgt	3.78	5.40	6.84	8.25	5.50
% of total /1	25%	51%	14%	10%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	43,635	81,639	22,844	16,396	164,514
Avg Live Wgt	3.82	5.49	6.90	8.33	5.52
% of total /1	27%	49%	14%	10%	100%
Year Ago 2/	43,661	82,762	19,437	12,228	158,088
Avg Live Wgt	3.75	5.47	7.00	8.13	5.39
% of total /1	28%	52%	12%	8%	100%
To date/2008	477,097	865,286	264,548	184,549	1,791,480
To date/2007	468,461	908,570	210,327	128,298	1,715,656

/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 15-MAR-2008	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	166,377	1,088	1,557	2,645	445
Avg Wt	5.50	3.19	7.97	6.00	6.38
Last week	164,514	1,353	1,475	2,828	523
Same wk yr ago	158,088	1,223	1,220	2,443	535
Avg Wt	5.39	3.21	7.96	5.58	5.73
To-date/2008	1,791,480	14,829	16,351	31,180	5,054
To-date/2007	1,715,656	12,225	14,943	27,168	5,724

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 166.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 168.4 million head, or 2.0 million more than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

Week Ending	Million Head Slaughtered	Million Head Available	Pct	Avg Wt
Feb 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
8	166.5	167.6	99%	5.52
15	168.4	166.4	101%	5.50
Year to date	1813.2	1830.1	99%	
Mar 22		165.9		
29		166.6		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection

W/E	-----Thousands-----				
	03/22/08	03/15/08	%CHG	03/24/07	%CHG
Broilers	161,777	166,377 *	-2.76	158,447 *	+2.10
Cattle	648	641	+01	636 *	+02
Hogs	2,306	2,269	+07	2,101 *	+10

*Actual

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR DELIVERY THE WEEK OF MAR 17, 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)	75.00-84.00	78.00-84.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	71.00-87.00	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 this week with a firm undertone noted. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand remains good to very good. Supplies were adequate to instances tight. Schedules were full-time to reduced for the upcoming Easter weekend. 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 10-MAR-2008

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

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION -

DATE OF AUCTION: MARCH 18, 2008

PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.85 - 1.10 ea.
Kid Goats	10.00 - 25.00 ea.
Pekin Ducks	4.00 - 5.00 ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.45 - .60
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.70 - .80
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.85 - .90
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.80 - 1.00
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	- .60
Guinea Fowl	4.00 - 5.00 ea.
Banty Roosters	2.50 - 2.95 ea.
Banty Hens	1.50 - 1.75 ea.
Silkies	- 2.00 ea.
Geese 9-14 LBS	- .35
Pigeons	3.90 - 4.10 ea.
White Pigeons	4.25 - 4.50 ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	2.50 - 2.90
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	1.80 - 2.20
Bunnies	1.25 - 5.00 ea.
Guinea Pigs	.75 - 5.00 ea.
Goats	40.00 - 45.00 ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.75 - .85 ea.

Total Coops Sold 720

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 mostly moderate. Processing schedules were reduced due to some operations taking down time due to Good Friday. The undertone was 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 24-MAR-08

SOUTH CENTRAL Trading was TFEWR. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent fowl. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were slowing. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

AT FARM BUYER LOADING	RANGE	MAJORITY
	TOO FEW TO REPORT	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 at least moderate to fairly good for the about adequate to adequate offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules were reduced due to the Religious holiday. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	3-12	5-8

SOUTH CENTRAL Salvage costs were unreportable. Demand was moderate. Offerings were at least adequate. Schedules were reduced. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	TOO FEW TO REPORT

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

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-10.5	0-5

SOUTHEAST Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was fair to mostly moderate for the generally adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules for next week were reduced with some operations taking down time due to Easter Monday. Sales of finished product was moderate. The undertone was steady.

AT FARM BUYER LOADING	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	TOO FEW TO REPORT
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT	TOO FEW TO REPORT

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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