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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices were higher in the West, but lower elsewhere when compared to previous week. Trade sentiment was fully steady in the West, but about steady to barely steady in the remaining areas. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate at best following the holiday weekend. Supplies of all sizes were at least sufficient to readily available with some discounting reported to help movement. Floor stocks were balanced to long. In the parts structure, movement was light and selective for early week trading. Breast items were at least adequate with tenders slow to clear. Wings were readily available and often competitively priced to aid movement. Dark meat cuts were in good balance to well cleared and in the best position. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy 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 24-MAR-2008

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Boston/New England	TFEWR		:	71.59	17
Chicago	73.00-76.00	74.75	31 :	70.69	71
Ohio Cities	TFEWR		:	74.80	8
Denver	89.50	89.50	9 :	87.77	12
Detroit	75.00-77.00	77.30	10 :	75.11	46
Los Angeles	90.00	89.17	58 :	83.00	181
New York	75.00-78.00	76.60	20 :	77.16	40
Philadelphia	74.50-76.00	75.09	11 :	75.59	22
Pittsburgh	74.00-77.00	75.45	11 :	79.63	57
St. Louis	73.00-73.75	73.21	19 :	74.83	29
San Francisco	90.50	90.37	31 :	86.20	76

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	03/24/08	Change Last Wk	3/17/08	03/26/07
559	78.16	-2.99	81.15	78.71

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	78.00-80.50	78.77	34
Central	58.00-79.00	71.81	68
Western	78.00-89.50	81.90	50
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent			
Mississippi	80.00-83.00	82.12	88

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.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,121	73.00-85.00	79.49

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	173.00	1,409
BREASTS - B/S	146.50	5,799
BREASTS - WHOLE	84.00	1,444
THIGH MEAT - B/S	120.50	1,161
LEG QUARTERS	44.00	9,185
WINGS	121.50	2,713

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 cautious and selective as dealers assess market conditions following the holiday weekend. Offerings of most sizes were at least adequate to available for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was seasonally light. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items were more than sufficient. Tenders were available and slow to clear; wings were readily available and competitively priced in most instances. Leg cuts were generally adequate and clearing satisfactorily.

SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was mostly steady at best. Demand following the holiday weekend was light to fair with limited trading as most monitored market developments. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to easily handle trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was no better than moderate for early week trading. Breast items and wings were at least adequate to readily available with slow movement. Dark meat items, however, were in good balance to well cleared and moving strong. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were 1 cent higher in Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Denver. Trading reported on regular commitments at mainly higher prices with new negotiations at mixed levels. Offerings were adequate to instances ample. Heavy weight product was in the longest position and often discounted to help stimulate interest. Buying activity improved and was moderate to good. Retailer demand was moderate to good, best where features planned later in the week. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. Trading reported on parts are leg quarters 45-53, drumsticks 58-72, breasts with ribs attached 79-103, leg meat 107-114 and boneless breasts 128-134. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was 77.81 down 3.49 with the volume reported at 36 loads up 10 percent.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were 2 to 3 cents lower than last Monday's majority prices; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment was barely steady. Retail and distributive demand was light to moderate with best movement on wings, boneless skinless breasts, and eight piece cut-ups. Floor stocks were balanced to long with weights desirable to heavy. Parts supplies on bone-in and boneless dark meat items were close, adequate on breast cuts, and wings adequate to available. The market tone was mixed on wings ranging steady to weak, dark meat cuts steady to fully steady, and steady on the balance of parts.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was very light and selective following the Easter holiday weekend. Seller offerings were fully adequate to available for trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights varied, but were mostly desirable. Processor schedules were very light due to holiday downtime. Less than trucklot asking prices remained unchanged at 77 to 87 cents. Trade sentiment was noted as about steady to steady. In the parts complex, breast items and wings were adequate to readily available and slow to move. Dark meat cuts were sufficient 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	67-89
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operation.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying interest was light and selective as dealers kept floor stocks in close balance with immediate needs following the extended holiday weekend. Offerings of breast items ranged adequate to available for current needs. Tenders and wings were fully adequate to burdensome. Most dark meat cuts were adequate to well cleared with drums, thighs and legs in close balance. Movement through retail and distributive channels was seasonally light. The market tone was about steady for breast items; barely steady to weak for wings and tenders. Legs and drums were at least steady.

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

ITEM	NEGOTIATED TRADING*	CURRENT	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S		145	138.36	806,080
TENDERLOINS		125-130	129.72	176,080
BREAST - WITH RIBS		78-79	87.05	92,280
BREAST - LINE RUN		78	79.71	68,400
LEGS		64-65	64.36	197,560
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)		43-44	43.64	113,000
DRUMSTICKS		55-56	65.24	26,200
THIGHS		58-59	63.82	19,880
B/S THIGHS		118-119	119.81	101,000
WINGS (WHOLE)		109-110	94.95	200,840
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)		12-14	11.70	19,440
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)		35-40	38.18	2,200
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)		45-50	50.00	12,200

* 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 FOB 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	1,202	123.00-152.00	123-126	127.36
TENDERLOINS	367	116.00-185.00	132-136	126.77
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
FRONT HALVES	259	62.00-86.00	-	74.56
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
LEG QRTRS (BULK)	829	40.00-50.00	41-42	41.32
LEG QRTRS (4/10)	1,222	38.00-54.00	43-46	43.27
WINGS (WHOLE)	594	112.00-130.00	-	116.56
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
THIGHS	1,143	55.00-59.00	55-56	55.16

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (In thousands)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	03/24	03/20	03/20	03/17	03/13
Alabama	4,238	4,146	5.25	4,180	5.29
Arkansas	5,261	4,921	5.22	4,892	5.24
Delmarva	1,312	2,157	5.54	2,260	5.61
KY-LA-TN	2,164	2,400	5.00	2,372	5.16
Mississippi	3,124	3,234	5.15	3,035	5.70
North Carolina	2,851	2,782	6.89	2,758	6.91
Texas	2,559	2,576	5.30	2,541	5.24
Total	21,509	22,216	5.44	22,038	5.56
Mon	21,509 (A)			22,038 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 24-Mar 2008 is estimated to be 32,180,000 down 2.69 percent from a week ago. and up 4.5 percent from a year ago. (last week 33,070,000 last year 30,795,000)

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 (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	416	123.00-192.00	-	129.69
TENDERLOINS	181	120.00-176.00	-	130.57
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	183	62.00-68.00	64-65	64.44
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	382	40.00-45.00	41-42	42.05
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	884	42.00-46.00	43-44	43.66
WINGS (WHOLE)	110	80.00-112.00	-	100.45
WINGS (CUT)	105	95.00-107.00	-	103.00
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 Mar 24, 2008 -- F.O.B. Dock

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
53.00 - 57.00	54.80	53.89

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 24-Mar-2008 TO 28-Mar-2008, CENTS PER POUND

	Price per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	114.00 - 148.00	118.00 - 135.00
TENDERLOINS	114.00 - 209.00	131.00 - 144.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	60.00 - 103.00	76.00 - 91.00
LEGS	64.00 - 68.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	40.00 - 48.00	43.00 - 45.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	41.00 - 50.00	45.00 - 47.00
DRUMSTICKS	50.00 - 65.00	-
THIGHS	56.00 - 67.00	-
B/S THIGHS	111.00 - 127.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	105.00 - 131.00	115.00 - 121.00
BACKS & NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 25.00	-
LIVERS	32.00 - 47.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 53.00	-

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

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	94-110
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	97.5-114.5

FROZEN HENS 5# & UP
FROZEN DUCKS
FROZEN SQUABS

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

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

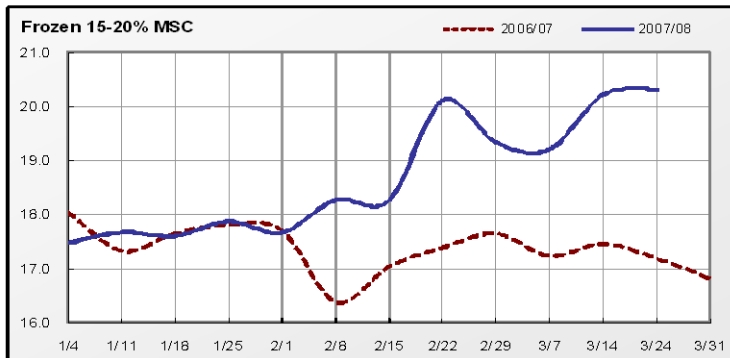
National Mechanically Separated Chicken

(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 in good balance and well cleared on fresh 15-20%, close on the remainder. Moderate to good demand was noted on frozen. Demand for raw materials continues to be good with supplies tight. Domestic movement was mostly moderate. Export demand was light to good with good inquiry from Central and South American countries; Mexico was seasonally quiet with the Easter holiday and border closings. Schedules were mixed, ranging light to normal mostly due to the holiday and a continuation of tight raw materials. Frame values continue to range 5 to 9 cents FOB, mostly 7 to 9 cents FOB. Trading on Frozen 15% or less without skin, kidneys, or sex glands at 26 cents FOB.

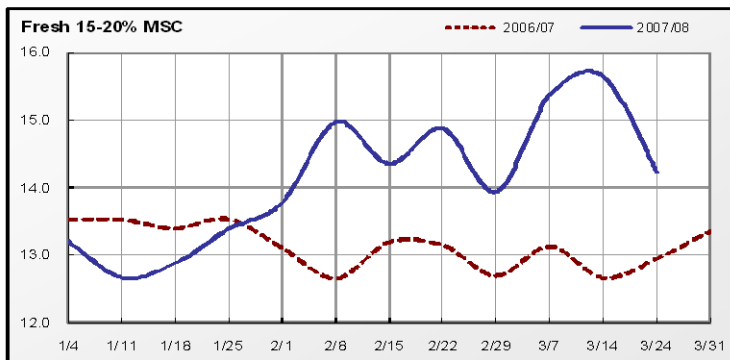
Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	24-Mar-08	Last Week	Last Year	24-Mar-08	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range	19.00	18.00	16.50-20.00	18.75 - 19.00	18.00 - 19.00	16.00-17.00
Wtd Avg Price	19.00	18.00	16.99	18.86	18.70	16.39
Volume Traded	55	52	289	141	302	364
Volume Exported	55	52	248	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	16.25 - 24.00	16.25 - 26.00	15.00-21.00	11.50 - 22.00	12.00 - 22.00	11.00-16.00
Wtd Avg Price	20.32	20.22	16.82	14.24	15.65	13.36
Volume Traded	1,550	1,920	1,605	2,474	1,878	3,249
Volume Exported	1,190	1,560	1,319	367	82	1,265
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	-	-	14.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	-	-	14.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	-	40
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 fair to mostly moderate for the mostly adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were reduced with some operations taking down time due to the Religious holiday. Sales of finished product was moderate. The undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HENS The range of trading was unchanged, the weighted averaged crept slightly higher. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were as desired. Finished sales were slow as the holiday period has ended. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)* FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 24-MAR-08

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	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-12.5 CENTS/LB.		9.69
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.75-12.5 CENTS/LB.		9.50

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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