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THIGH MEAT - B/S

LEG QUARTERS

Majority prices for next week were trending one cent lower in the Midwest and East, but unchanged in the West. Trade sentiment ranged steady to barely steady in all areas. Demand was slow to moderate at best with optimism for next week due to first of the month and sports tournaments in parts of the Midwest. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate or available for trade needs. Floor stocks were balanced to long. In the parts structure, movement was mostly light, but slightly better where weekend needs increased. Breast items and wings were adequate to ample and often discounted; however. dark meat was in the strongest position with supplies balanced to well cleared. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy weights.

Preliminary Report Prices negotiated for truck lot sales of ready-tocook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 31-MAR-2008 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

WTD (Including branded product) **AREAS MAJORITY RANGE AVG** LOADS Delivered to First Receivers 72.00-75.00 54.00-86.50 26 Chicago 73.64 New York 74.00-77.00 Los Angeles 90.00 Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

80.00-83.00 72.00-86.00 82.04 85 Mississippi

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broiler/fryers for this week's trading is 81.75 cents based on icepacked USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR **EQUIVALENT**

1.004

7.613

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRE	LIM. WTD. AVG
916	79.00-82.75	80).47
Georgia f.o.b.	dock confirmed	preliminary weighted	average price on ice-
packed parts:		WTD. AVG.	VOLUME
ITEM	(CEN	NTS PER POUND)	(000) POUNDS)
LINE RUN TE	ENDERS	174.50	1,098
BREASTS - E	3/S	146.00	4,947
BREASTS - \	NHOLE	83.50	1,099

WINGS 117.00 2.412 This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

120.50

44.00

SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYER Trade sentiment was mostly about steady. Demand was mostly fair at best and trading usually limited to regular commitments; however, hopes for improvement are evident as first of the month approaches. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to easily handle trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was no better than moderate entering the weekend. Breast items and wings were at least adequate to ample with limited movement. Dark meat items were in good supply to well cleared and moving best. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-tocook whole broiler/fryers increased slightly, but was mostly light and selective entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes were fully adequate with some anticipation of improvements noted for the firstof the month. Retail and distributive movement was seasonally slow. The market tone was barely steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts and wings were readily available and competitively priced. Boneless skinless breast were at least sufficient for current needs. Leg cuts were in good balance with drums, thighs and leg quarters well cleared.

WESTERN REGION Preliminary majority prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady overall. Offerings were fully adequate for immediate needs. Sized product was in the strongest position. Buying activity was moderate. Demand by stores, restaurants and fast food outlets was moderate to good, best where promotions in progress. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances.

MIDWEST REGION The preliminary majority price in the Chicago area was 1 cent lower than Monday's final majority price. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady to barely steady with offerings adequate to sufficient for the limited buyer interest. Retail and food service demand was slow to moderate at best. Many anticipating improved interest for first of the month promotions throughout the Midwest, and increased movement into Detroit area sports bars and restaurants for the NCAA tournament games this weekend. Floor stocks were balanced to instances to long. Weights were desirable to instances heavy. Supplies of dark meat items were adequate to close, and breast cuts and wings adequate to ample. The trade sentiment was steady to fully steady on dark meat items, mixed on breast cuts, and barely steady to weak on wings.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds remained seasonally no better than fair and about as expected following Easter and for the end of the month. Offerings were fully adequate to ample for immediate and early next week delivery. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but reported as mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 76 to 86 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady. In the parts complex, breast items and wings were at least adequate to ample. Most dark meat cuts were in good balance to well cleared.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA. RRANDED U.S.GRADE A

		KANDED U.S.
RANGE		62-89
WEIGHTED AVER	RAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES		(A)
CUMULATIVE	03/24/08 - 03/28/08	3 (A)
	03/26/07 - 03/30/07	7 (A)
NO. OF BOXES	03/24/08 - 03/28/08	B (A)
	03/26/07 - 03/30/07	7 (A)

(A) NOT REPORTED TO AVOID DISCLOSING INDIVIDUAL OPERATIONS.

MAR 27		;	SOUTHERN S	STATES B	ROILER/	FRYER PARTS			MAR 2	28
P	OUND	S		WTD	POUND	os		WTD	WEEKLY	WEEKLY
<u>ITEM</u>	<u>(000)</u>	RANGE	MAJORITY	<u>AVG</u>	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	<u>AVG</u>	<u>(000)</u>	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	400	123.00-196.00	-	135.64	745	118.00-196.00	-	126.42	2,366	129.92
TENDERLOINS	146	120.00-189.00	-	129.19	156	123.00-185.00	-	128.90	1,044	132.23
BREAST - LINE RUN	٦	TOO FEW TO R	EPORT		1	TOO FEW TO RE	PORT		487	75.36
FRONT HALVES	٦	TOO FEW TO R	EPORT		7	TOO FEW TO RE	PORT		320	67.05
LEGS	185	60.00-67.00	64-65	64.30	-	TOO FEW TO RE	EPORT		743	64.48
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	372	40.00-45.00	41-42	41.96	372	40.00-44.00	41-42	41.88	1,912	42.07
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	857	41.00-47.00	44	44.19	462	42.00-47.00	44-45	44.14	3,781	44.06
WINGS (WHOLE)	٦	TOO FEW TO R	EPORT		212	82.00-100.00	-	94.36	847	95.45
WINGS (CUT)	٦	TOO FEW TO R	EPORT		T	OO FEW TO RE	PORT		525	98.50
DRUMSTICKS	٦	TOO FEW TO R	EPORT		T	OO FEW TO RE	PORT		285	51.42
THIGHS	٦	TOO FEW TO R	EPORT		T	OO FEW TO RE	PORT		104	50.65
B/S THIGHS	٦	TOO FEW TO R	EPORT		T	OO FEW TO RE	PORT		471	116.92
WHOLE BODY INDEX BASE	ED ON S				_	BODY INDEX BA	SED ON SOUT	THERN STA	ATES PARTS	TRADING
– F.O.B. DOCK.		<u>RANGE</u>	TODAY'S AV	<u>ERAGE</u>	– F.O.B	. DOCK.				
	5	1.00 – 56.50	53.7	0			TODAY'S AV			AVERAGE
					5	52.50-56.50	53.9)4	5	4.48

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 weekend, however, demand was mostly light overall. Offerings of bone-in breasts and wings were ample and often discounted to stimulate additional interest; boneless skinless breasts were fully sufficient for current needs. Most dark meat cuts were in good balance with drums, thighs and leg quarters noted as well cleared. Movement through retail and distributive channels was seasonally slow. The market tone was barely steady to weak for wings and bone-in breasts; no better than steady for boneless skinless breasts. Leg items were at least steady to fully steady.

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

MAR 27

MAR 28

IVIAIN ZI							IVIAIN	20
	CURRENT NEG	WTD		CURRENT NEG	WTD		WEE	KLY
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL /LBS	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	145	140.70	698,844	145	141.31	556,665	139.25	3,568,818
TENDERLOINS	125-130	131.51	156,520	125-130	130.66	74,400	129.18	739,240
BREAST - WITH RIBS	75-76	81.01	92,040	74-75	84.09	109,080	85.19	544,520
BREAST - LINE RUN	75	74.11	68,400	74	74.42	81,000	76.61	369,000
LEGS	64-65	66.85	106,560	64-65	67.35	126,200	65.17	818,400
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	43-44	44.21	205,240	43-44	45.37	147,160	44.49	760,360
DRUMSTICKS	55-56	64.21	72,320	55-56	63.31	57,160	64.65	284,058
THIGHS	59-60	67.02	52,840	59-60	65.91	54,320	66.70	219,840
B/S THIGHS	118-119	122.03	76,000	118-119	119.57	52,960	120.47	372,000
WINGS (WHOLE)	103-104	99.01	175,520	102-103	94.85	185,280	96.49	904,710
BACKS AND NECKS (STR	(IPPED) 12-14	11.08	33,840	12-14	11.65	23,000	11.37	128,200
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	35.57	8,400	35-40	36.67	9,320	37.45	39,880
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	49.80	5.960	45-50	49.13	22.880	49.62	72.800

INCLUDES NY CITY METRO. AREA, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, RI, & PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. 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.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)							AVG	
	ESTIN	/IATED	ACT	UAL	AVG	WTS	ACTUAL	WTS
	(1,	(000)	(1,	000)			(1,000)	
	03/28	03/27	03/26	03/25	03/26	03/25	03/21	03/19
Alabama	3,459	4,140	3,780	4,084	5.47	5.46	2,946	5.37
Arkansas	4,342	5,272	5,135	5,159	5.38	5.43	5,025	5.45
Delmarva	2,217	2,218	2,193	2,261	5.80	5.74	1,783	5.76
KY-LA-TN	2,356	2,459	2,268	2,198	5.08	4.83	2,324	5.12
Mississippi	3,056	2,776	2,760	3,032	5.63	5.75	2,911	5.84
North Carolina	3,035	2,914	2,774	2,712	6.95	7.00	2,052	7.01
Texas	2,565	2,563	2,388	2,651	5.35	5.49	2,487	5.30
Total	21,030	22,342	21,298 2	22,097	5.64	5.65	19,528	5.66
Mon-Fri 1	09,133	(A)					107,961 ((A)
Saturday	284	(included	d in total f	or date s	hown)		760	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 28-Mar-08 and 29-Mar-08 is estimated to be 31,463,000 head up 7.37 percent from a week ago and up 2.32 percent from a year ago. (Last week 29,304,000, last year 30,751,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 29-Mar-08 is estimated to be 160,833,000 head up 0.26 percent from a week ago, and up 1.18 percent from a year ago. (Last week 160,412,000, last year 158,956,000) Actual data incorporated when available.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)						
PROCESSED POULTRY, DLVRD TO	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						

DLVRD TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS RANGE BROILER/FRYERS 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

199-207

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DUCKS

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED

Week ending 22 MAR 2008 Under Federal Inspection (Preliminary)

Thousands					
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	
	4.25 lbs	4.26 -	6.26 -	7.76 lbs	
	& down	6.25 lbs	7.75 lbs	& up	Total
Head	44,190	79,663	20,519	16,040	160,412
Avg Live Wgt	3.82	5.43	6.85	8.22	5.45
% of total /1	27%	50%	13%	10%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	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%
Year Ago 2/	42,389	74,451	28,438	13,169	158,447
Avg Live Wgt	3.78	5.38	6.98	8.23	5.45
% of total /1	27%	47%	18%	8%	100%
To date/2008	521,287	944,948	285,067	200,589	1,951,891
To date/2007	510,850	983,021	238,765	141,467	1,874,103
/1 May 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

WEEK ENDING 22-MAR-2008 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL		
	CHICKENS	HENS	HENS	HENS	DUCKS	
		TH	IOUSAND	S		
Head	160,412	1,389	1,392	2,781	432	
Avg Wt	5.45	3.24	7.89	5.57	6.74	
Last week	166,377	1,088	1,557	2,645	445	
Same wk yr ago	158,447	1,115	1,138	2,253	532	
Avg Wt	5.45	3.38	8.14	5.78	6.44	
To-date/2008	1,951,891	16,218	17,743	33,961	5,486	
To-date/2007	1,874,103	13,340	16,081	29,421	6,256	

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 165.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 162.4 million head, or 3.5 million less than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

ESTIM/	ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.						
		MILLION	I HEAD				
WEEK	ENDING	SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT		
Feb	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		
	22	162.4	165.9	98%	5.45		
Year to	date	1,975.6	1,996.0	99%			
Mar	29		166.6				
Apr	5		167.4				

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection							
	THOUSANDS						
W/E	03/29/08	03/21/08	%CHG	03/30/07	%CHG		
Broilers	160,833	160,412	+0.26	158,956	+1.18		
Cattle	619	648	-04	611	+1		
Hogs	2,258	2,306	-02	2,090	+08		
*ACTUAL							

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 24 MAR 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	166-170	172-176
MOSTLY		
MIDWEST	146-156	154-164
MOSTLY		
ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED	BY FIRST REC	EIVERS, US
GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 PO	UNDS AND UP	•
DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	75.00-82.00	78.00-82.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	71.00-85.00	78.00-84.00
SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHO		
PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZI	EN, 1 TO 10 BC	XES

64.80 - 89.91

71.28 - 101.25

77.04 - 112.08

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

12 OZ.

14 OZ.

16 OZ.

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA,RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

<u>CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS</u> Prices remained unchanged this week, however a firm undertone was reported. Trade sentiment continued steady to fully steady, for a good to very good demand. Supplies were adequate to barely 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 24-MAR-2008

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

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION SALE

DATE OF AUCTION: March 25, 2008

AI PAPERS REQUIRED FOR ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

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Prices paid per pound, except as noted.		RAI	NGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.20	-	1.30 ea.
Doves	3.00	-	7.00 ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.50	-	.60
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.70	-	.80
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.70	-	.75
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	1.10	-	1.15
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.90	-	.95
Guinea Fowl	7.00	-	9.00 ea.
Banty Roosters	2.75	-	3.75 ea.
Banty Hens	2.00	-	2.50 ea.
Leghorn Roosters		-	1.85 ea.
Silkies	3.00	-	3.75 ea.
Geese 9-14 LBS		-	.60
Pigeons	3.10	-	5.00 ea.
White Pigeons	4.75	-	5.25 ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	2.70	-	2.80
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	2.00	-	2.10
Bunnies	1.00	-	5.00 ea.
Guinea Pigs	1.25	-	3.00 ea.
Goats	40.00	-	50.00 ea.
Kid Goats	10.00	-	20.00 ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.60	-	1.70 ea.
Total Coops Sold 416			

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Sales of light and heavy canners were noted as too few to report. Offerings were adequate 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 the Religious holiday. The undertone was steady.

Cents per pound, current negotiations, without freight cost

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

HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS) TOO FEW TO REPORT

Cents per pound, current negotiation, freight cost included

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

HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS) TOO FEW TO REPORT

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 REGION 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 reduced in some instances. Trade sentiment was steady.

RANGE

MAJORITY

REMOVAL COST

3-12

5-8

SOUTH CENTRAL Trading of spent leghorn fowl for salvage was TFEWR. Demand was moderate for adequate to fully adequate offerings from primary users. 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 adequate to ample. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment steady.

RANGE

MAJORITY

REMOVAL COST

0-10.5

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB. GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 31-MAR-08

SOUTH CENTRAL The trading of heavy fowl was of insufficient volume to report prices. Demand was moderate for adequate supplies of spent heavy fowl. Schedules were as desired. Finished sales were slowing. Trade sentiment was about steady.

AT FARM BUYER LOADING

RANGE MAJORITY

TOO FEW TO REPORT

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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

AT FARM BUYER LOADING AT FARM PRODUCES LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT **FOB PLANT**

RANGE MAJORITY

TOO FEW TO REPORT TOO FEW TO REPORT

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT

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