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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices were unchanged in the West, lower in the East, and unchanged to lower in the Midwest. Trade sentiment ranged steady to barely steady in all areas. Demand was mostly light to moderate with regular commitments sufficient for needs; however, improvements were expected for upcoming first of the month business. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate or available for trade needs. Floor stocks were in a full range. In the parts structure, movement was mostly light and selective following the weekend. Breast cuts and wings were adequate to ample with limited movement. Dark meat was in good supply to well cleared and moving satisfactorily. 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 31-MAR-2008

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Boston/New England	TFEWR		:	71.53	17
Chicago	72.00-75.00	73.81	29 :	69.36	62
Ohio Cities	TFEWR		:	68.51	12
Denver	89.50	89.50	11 :	87.77	14
Detroit	75.00-76.00	77.00	8 :	72.61	54
Los Angeles	90.00	88.66	59 :	78.78	155
New York	74.00-77.00	75.55	20 :	76.72	44
Philadelphia	73.50-75.00	74.32	11 :	74.77	22
Pittsburgh	73.00-76.00	74.73	11 :	79.16	56
St. Louis	72.50-73.75	73.02	19 :	73.16	32
San Francisco	90.50	90.55	31 :	89.29	66

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	03/31/08	Change Last Wk	3/24/08	04/02/07
534	76.86	-1.30	78.165	78.66

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	78.00-79.50	78.04	33
Central	57.00-74.00	68.62	74
Western	72.00-82.00	79.29	50
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent			
Mississippi	80.00-83.00	82.04	85

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 ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG

LOADS	RANGE	FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,129	72.00-82.75	79.39

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed FINAL weighted average price on ice-packed parts:

WTD. AVG.	VOLUME
(CENTS PER POUND)	(000 POUNDS)
173.50	1,369
146.00	5,699
83.50	1,394
120.50	1,131
44.50	8,985
117.50	2,683

LINE RUN TENDERS	173.50	1,369
BREASTS - B/S	146.00	5,699
BREASTS - WHOLE	83.50	1,394
THIGH MEAT - B/S	120.50	1,131
LEG QUARTERS	44.50	8,985
WINGS	117.50	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 light and selective as dealers cautiously assess market conditions entering the week. 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 no better than steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts and wings were readily available and slow to clear. Other items were generally adequate with drums and thighs in the better balance.

SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was mostly about steady. Retail and food service demand following the weekend was slow to fair with light trading. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was moderate at best for early week business. Dark meat was in good balance to closely cleared and moving well; however, breast items and wings were at least adequate to available with limited interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was mixed. Truck lot trading reported for this weeks' delivery were at mainly unchanged prices; however some new negotiations traded at lower prices. Offerings were adequate to ample. Sharp discounts were common to help place excess product. Buying activity was moderate. Retailer demand was generally good, particularly where promotions in progress or planned. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was 74.16 down 3.65 and the volume reported was up 3 percent to 37 loads.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices slightly lower to unchanged; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady to barely steady. Retail and distributive demand was light to moderate, instances fairly good; best into fast food and catering. Floor stocks were in a full range; weights desirable to heavy. Parts on back one-half of bird were in close balance, breast cuts and wings were adequate to plentiful. The market tone was fully steady on dark meat lines, barely steady to weak on wings and about steady on breast cuts.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to fair and generally confined to previous and/or standing commitments. Seller offerings were fully adequate to available to handle immediate trade requirements. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but ranged mostly desirable to at times heavy. Processor schedules were mostly moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were one cent lower at 75 to 85 cents. Trade sentiment ranged about steady to barely steady. In the parts complex, breast items and wings were at least sufficient to readily available. Most dark meat cuts were balanced 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	65-88
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operation.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was generally light and selective entering the week as dealers cautiously access market conditions. Offerings of bone-in breasts and wings were ample and competitively priced; boneless skinless breasts were at least sufficient for current needs. Most dark meat cuts were adequate with drums, thighs and leg quarters noted as in the best balance. Movement through retail and distributive channels was seasonally slow. The market tone was barely steady to weak for wings and bone-in breasts; mostly steady for boneless skinless breasts. Leg items 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	138.60	578,240
TENDERLOINS		125-130	130.41	177,840
BREAST - WITH RIBS		74-75	84.04	68,800
BREAST - LINE RUN		74	74.71	68,400
LEGS		64-65	66.33	141,320
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)		43-44	45.07	164,800
DRUMSTICKS		55-56	63.58	31,280
THIGHS		59-60	62.68	29,000
B/S THIGHS		118-119	120.68	71,640
WINGS (WHOLE)		102-103	92.96	204,400
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)		12-14	11.61	21,240
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)		35-40	40.00	3,920
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)		45-50	49.89	9,040

* 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	1,327	112.00-188.00	122-133	134.33
TENDERLOINS	446	105.00-226.00	120-127	124.68
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
FRONT HALVES	266	61.00-86.00	76	74.73
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
LEG QRTRS (BULK)	883	40.00-43.00	42-43	42.63
LEG QRTRS (4/10)	1,777	41.50-46.50	44-45	43.81
WINGS (WHOLE)	1,001	65.00-143.00	-	91.48
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
THIGHS	1,377	53.00-59.00	54-56	54.25

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (In thousands)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	03/31	03/27	03/27	03/24	03/20
Alabama	4,275	4,016	5.32	4,024	5.25
Arkansas	5,144	5,262	5.36	5,165	5.22
Delmarva	2,226	2,271	5.81	1,304	5.54
KY-LA-TN	2,406	2,627	5.05	2,078	5.00
Mississippi	3,100	2,779	5.52	3,094	5.15
North Carolina	2,890	2,813	6.93	2,239	6.89
Texas	2,559	2,541	5.38	2,571	5.30
Total	22,600	22,309	5.58	20,475	5.44
Mon	22,600 (A)			20,475 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 31-Mar 2008 is estimated to be 33,812,000 up 10.05 percent from a week ago. and down 0.5 percent from a year ago.

(last week 30,725,000 last year 33,972,000)

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	395	123.00-196.00	-	129.65
TENDERLOINS	161	118.00-146.00	-	126.01
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	181	62.00-67.00	63-64	63.65
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	387	40.00-45.00	41-42	41.90
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	761	41.00-48.00	44-45	44.47
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
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 31, 2008 -- F.O.B. Dock

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
52.50 - 57.00	54.73	54.46

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 31-MAR-2008 TO 04-APR-2008, CENTS PER POUND

	Price per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	125.00-148.00	125.00 -135.00
TENDERLOINS	117.00-209.00	128.00 -140.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	59.00-101.00	79.00 - 89.00
LEGS	60.00- 69.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	40.00- 48.00	43.00 - 45.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	42.00- 50.00	45.00 - 47.00
DRUMSTICKS	51.00- 62.00	-
THIGHS	55.00- 67.00	-
B/S THIGHS	115.00-127.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	80.00-116.00	90.00 -110.00
BACKS AND 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	94.25-110.25
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	97.50-114.50
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

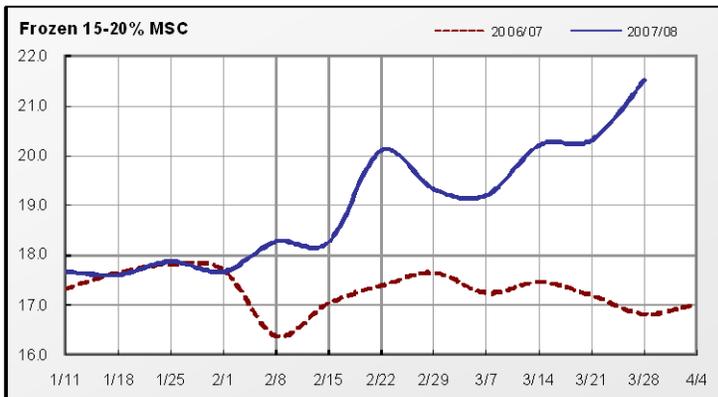
National Mechanically Separated Chicken

(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.)

The MSC trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Supplies were in good balance and well cleared on fresh 15-20%; remainder close. Frozen demand was moderate to good. Supplies of raw materials continues tight and where available held with confidence; demand good. Domestic movement was moderate to instances good. Export demand was fair to good with good inquiry from Mexico and Central American countries. Schedules were mixed, ranging light to normal mostly due to short supplies of raw materials.

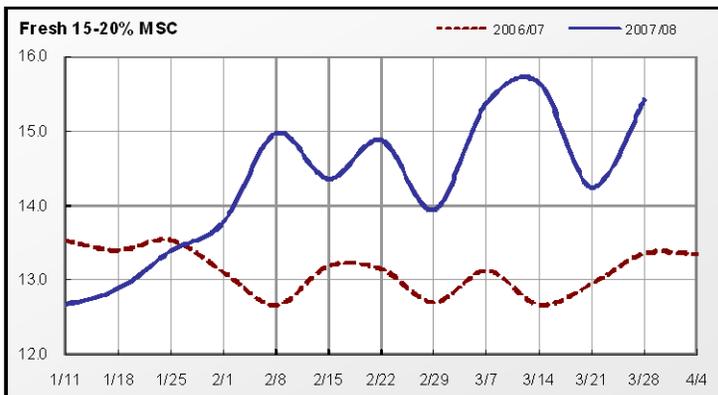
Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	28-Mar-08	Last Week	Last Year	28-Mar-08	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range	20.00	19.00	16.00-20.00	18.00 - 23.00	18.75 - 19.00	16.00-17.00
Wtd Avg Price	20.00	19.00	17.45	19.84	18.86	16.40
Volume Traded	55	55	421	326	141	401
Volume Exported	55	55	261	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	16.25 - 24.00	16.25 - 24.00	16.00-21.00	11.50 - 22.00	11.50 - 22.00	11.00-16.00
Wtd Avg Price	21.52	20.32	17.02	15.43	14.24	13.35
Volume Traded	2,417	1,550	1,548	1,700	2,474	1,910
Volume Exported	2,216	1,190	1,386	368	367	122
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	16.00 - 18.00	-	14.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	17.00	-	14.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	245	-	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 fair to moderate for the about adequate to adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were normal. Sales of finished product was moderate. The undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HENS Trading levels were generally unchanged compared the past week. Demand was moderate for spent heavy fowl. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)* FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 31-MAR-08

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	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-12.5 CENTS/LB.		9.71
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.		9.42

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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