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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was mostly steady to about steady. Demand was moderate to good in areas where first of the month business and retail ads were active; otherwise, interest was slow to fair. Supplies of all sizes were at least sufficient to available for trade needs. Floor stocks were adequate to long. In the parts structure, movement was generally light to fair and limited to most immediate needs. Breast items and wings were adequate to ample with light interest. Dark meat cuts remained in the strongest position with supplies in good balance to well cleared. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy weights.

GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .25 cents to 82.00 based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 77.50 cents last year on April 04, 2007.

DOCK PRICE

ITEM	(CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	174.00
BREASTS - B/S	146.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	83.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	122.50
LEG QUARTERS	45.00
WINGS	116.50

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

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was overall steady at best. Demand was mostly fair at best with trading limited to regular commitments, and first of the month business light. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair for midweek trading. Wings were fully adequate to ample with little interest, and breast items were readily available. Dark meat was in good balance to well cleared and continued to have the strongest movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was no better than fair as most dealers were content to limit orders to normal commitments. Offerings of all sizes were mixed in availability, but fully sufficient overall. Retail and distributive movement was light. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts and wings were at least adequate to available; boneless skinless breast were generally sufficient for current needs. Dark meat cuts were in good balance and clearing satisfactorily.

MIDWEST REGION Whole broiler/fryer market tone was about steady. Offerings fully adequate for limited trade interest. Retail and food service demand was slow to moderate with first of month activity slow to materialize. Floor stocks were balanced to fully adequate; weights desirable to heavy. Part supplies were available with large wings and breast cuts most plentiful. The trade sentiment was steady to fully steady on leg items, and steady to weak on breast cuts and wings.

WESTERN REGION The market tone was steady overall. Offerings in fair balance on small sizes and at least adequate on weights over 3.5 pounds. Buyers' interest was moderate. Retailer demand was moderate to good with best interest where features on both parts and whole body product in progress. Floor stocks in fairly good balance with immediate needs. The market tone was generally steady on parts with some dark items showing some strength.

BROILER -TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 216 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 29, 2008. This was down slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 3 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 180 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 29, 2008. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through March 29, 2008 were 2.32 billion, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED TOTAL 19 SELECTED STATES

	2008	2007	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
WEEK ENDING 03/29/08			
EGGS SET	216,422	216,641	0
CHICKS PLACED	180,429	175,861	+03

Source: NASS, USDA

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 10-May-08 is estimated at 166.4 million head. This compares to 166.2 million head the previous week and to 165.3 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 163.8 million head and the composite weighted average price was 79.25 cents per pound.

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.

APR 01, 2008					APR 02, 2008				
ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	385	120.00-186.00	-	128.22	BREAST - B/S	405	118.00-185.00	-	126.51
TENDERLOINS	149	120.00-188.00	-	126.61	TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT			BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT			FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	163	62.75-67.00	64-65	64.26	LEGS	127	62.00-68.00	64-65	64.70
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	387	40.00-44.00	42	42.08	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	387	40.00-45.00	42	41.90
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	618	42.00-47.00	44-45	44.45	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	897	42.00-47.00	44-45	44.71
WINGS (WHOLE)	119	70.00-110.00	-	88.69	WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR APR 01, 2008 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
37.50 - 56.50	46.10

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR APR 02, 2008 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
52.50 - 57.00	54.62	52.61

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 activity was cautious and selective as demand generally maintained an even balance and dealers saw no need to extend floor stocks beyond most immediate needs. Offerings of bone-in breasts and wings were fully adequate to available with light movement. Boneless skinless breasts were at least sufficient for current needs. Most dark meat cuts were noted in good balance to well cleared. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light. The market tone was barely steady for bone-in breasts and wings; generally steady for boneless skinless breasts. Leg items were at least steady.

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

APR 01, 2008				APR 02, 2008			
ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS	ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	145	141.90	740,118	BREAST - B/S	145	140.50	687,832
TENDERLOINS	125-130	130.83	189,743	TENDERLOINS	125-130	131.99	152,880
BREAST - WITH RIBS	74-75	82.73	77,040	BREAST - WITH RIBS	74-75	87.15	67,520
BREAST - LINE RUN	74	73.39	68,400	BREAST - LINE RUN	74	74.45	68,400
LEGS	64-65	64.77	141,760	LEGS	64-65	66.40	232,320
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	43-44	44.72	200,640	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	43-44	45.30	194,400
DRUMSTICKS	55-56	61.57	69,560	DRUMSTICKS	55-56	61.34	94,880
THIGHS	59-60	66.14	46,000	THIGHS	59-60	66.65	50,800
B/S THIGHS	118-119	120.26	93,260	B/S THIGHS	118-119	119.63	54,680
WINGS (WHOLE)	101-102	102.68	166,280	WINGS (WHOLE)	101-102	99.08	163,280
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-14	11.43	28,400	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-14	11.11	23,040
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	37.34	10,160	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	38.70	9,880
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	50.08	20,840	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	49.85	28,400

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)	WTS	
	04/02	04/01	03/31	03/28	03/31	03/28	03/26	03/24	
Alabama	3,882	4,105	4,025	3,665	5.62	5.24	3,780	5.41	
Arkansas	5,315	5,310	5,014	5,596	5.50	5.17	5,135	5.46	
Delmarva	2,209	2,306	2,200	2,249	5.87	5.78	2,193	6.36	
KY-LA-TN	2,429	2,417	2,418	2,331	5.13	5.02	2,268	5.06	
Mississippi	3,067	3,069	3,045	3,069	5.79	5.62	2,760	5.79	
North Carolina	2,924	2,964	2,778	2,971	7.15	6.78	2,774	7.34	
Texas	2,550	2,547	2,417	2,170	5.40	5.39	2,388	5.46	
Total	22,376	22,718	21,897	22,051	5.76	5.53	21,298	5.72	
Mon-Wed	67,694 (A)				63,870 (A)				

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 02-Apr-08 is estimated to be 33,477,000 head up 4.75 percent from a week ago and up 5.36 percent from a year ago. (Last week 31,960,000, last year 31,773,000)

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

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

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 05-APR-08

Class	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	04/05/08 (1)	03/29/08	Thousand head	
Broiler/fryer	166,051(2)	165,270		
Light hens	1,644	1,638		
Heavy hens	1,471	1,553		
Total	169,166	168,461		

(1)ESTIMATED

2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 05-Apr-08 is 167.4 million head compared to 155.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 166.4 million head or 1.0 million less than estimated available. For the week of 12-Apr-08 the estimated available is 167.4 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS	LBS	LBS	LBS
AM 03/31/08	88,930	69,865		
AM 03/01/08	89,106	76,373		
CHG	-176	-6,508		
PCT CHG	0	-9		

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	03/31/08	03/24/08	04/02/07	03/31/08	03/24/08	04/02/07
PACIFIC COAST	2,513	2,727	2,178	6,430	6,575	5,495
LOS ANGELES	48	48	87	869	987	1,652

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S.GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5LBS AND UP, FOR WEEK OF MARCH 31, 2008

HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	RANGE	
		73-81	71-94
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)		

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

	FOR 04/01/08			LOW	HIGH	AVG
	LOW	HIGH	AVG			
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	-	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	1.00	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	6.00
ROOSTERS lb.	-	2.00	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	1.25	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	1.80	2.50	2.12	RABBITS ea.	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	-	3.75
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	13.75
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	2.25	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-			
TOTAL COOPS	25					

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending March 28, 2008

	Whole Chickens		Legs	Necks,Backs & Wings	Livers Gizzards	Hens
	Breasts	W/Thighs				
RAYON						
Low	74.36	161.47	76.48	17.00	4.25	61.61
High	84.13	169.96	93.48	21.25	8.50	61.61
Mostly	84.13	165.72	89.23	21.25	8.50	61.61
SAN JUAN						
Low	73.08	157.22	80.73	17.00	4.25	59.49
High	82.86	169.96	97.73	21.25	8.50	59.49
Mostly	82.86	161.47	93.48	17.00	6.37	59.49
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	76.48	161.47	84.98	17.00	8.50	63.74
High	84.98	174.21	101.98	21.25	12.75	63.74
Mostly	84.98	169.96	97.73	17.00	8.50	63.74
BECERRA						
Low	78.61	165.72	84.98	17.00	8.50	65.86
High	87.11	178.46	106.23	25.49	12.75	65.86
Mostly	82.86	174.21	97.73	21.25	8.50	65.86

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds increased slightly in spots, but generally remained light to fair. Seller offerings were fully adequate to available. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were desirable to at times heavy. Processing schedules were usually moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices remained unchanged at 75 to 85 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. In the parts complex, buyer interest was selective. Breast items and wings ranged at least sufficient to available. Most dark meat cuts were in good balance to well cleared.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	WEIGHTED AVERAGE	NO. OF BOXES
	69-90	(A)
		(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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