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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand into retail and food service channels was light to moderate at best with limited trading. Supplies of all sizes were at least sufficient to satisfy trade needs. Floor stocks were balanced to long. In the parts structure, movement was light to no better than fair for mid-week trading. Breast items and wings were at least adequate to ample and often slow to clear. Dark meat cuts, however, were in good balance to well cleared and continued to move satisfactorily. 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 remains unchanged at 82.00 cent based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 78.00 cents last year on April 11, 2007.

DOCK PRICE

ITEM	(CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDER	RS 175.00
BREASTS - B/S	146.00
BREASTS - WHOLI	E 82.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	123.00
LEG QUARTERS	45.50
WINGS	115.00

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

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail and food service demand was slow to fair, instances moderate for active features and fast food promotions. Supplies of all sizes were usually more than sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was mostly fair for mid-week business. Dark meat cuts were in good balance to closely cleared and continued to have the best movement. Wings and breast items were at least adequate to available and often discounted to help move. 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 mostly fair during midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes were generally sufficient for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, breasts items were more than sufficient for immediate needs. Wings were at least adequate. Drums, thighs and leg quarters were in good balance to well cleared.

MIDWEST REGION Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady with offerings light to adequate for the light and cautious buyer interest. Demand into retail and food service sectors was light to moderate at best. Floor stocks were balanced to instances long; sizes were desirable to occasionally heavy. Supplies of wings and breast cuts were adequate to instances available with dark meat items adequate to close. The trade sentiment was steady to fully steady on dark meat items and steady to barely steady on wings and breast cuts.

<u>WESTERN REGION</u> The market tone was generally steady. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate. Buyers were assessing needs as sellers assess offerings. Buying activity was light for immediate needs. Retailer demand was fair to fairly good best for parts. Floor stocks were adequate.

BROILER -TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 218 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 5, 2008. This was down 1 percent 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 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 180 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 5, 2008. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through April 5, 2008 were 2.50 billion, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

WEEK ENDING 04/05/08 2008 2007 PREVIOUS YEAR EGGS SET 217,817 219,106 -01 CHICKS PLACED 180,126 176,469 +02 Source: NASS, USDA +02

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 17-May-08 is estimated at 166.0 million head. This compares to 166.4 million head the previous week and to 165.8 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 166.5 million head and the composite weighted average price was 81.76 cents per pound.

APR 08

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

APR 09

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.

POUNDS WTD				POUNDS				WTD	
<u>ITEM</u>	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>(000)</u>	RANGE	MAJORITY	<u>AVG</u>
BREAST - B/S	335	120.00-185.00	-	130.27	BREAST - B/S	TC	O FEW TO R	EPORT	
TENDERLOINS	156	123.00-182.00	-	128.05	TENDERLOINS	TC	O FEW TO R	EPORT	
BREAST - LINE RUN	Т	OO FEW TO R	EPORT		BREAST - LINE RUN	TC	O FEW TO R	EPORT	
FRONT HALVES	Т	OO FEW TO R	EPORT		FRONT HALVES	TC	O FEW TO R	EPORT	
LEGS	169	62.00-70.00	64-65	64.98	LEGS	212	63.00-70.00	64-65	64.45
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	365	42.00-44.50	-	42.72	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	374	42.00-45.00	44	42.79
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	907	43.00-48.00	45-46	45.48	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	894	43.00-48.00	45-46	45.52
WINGS (WHOLE)	195	68.00-95.00	-	82.46	WINGS (WHOLE)	197	72.00-90.00	-	81.89
WINGS (CUT)	110	85.00-92.00	-	89.77	WINGS (CUT)	TC	O FEW TO R	EPORT	
DRUMSTICKS	Т	OO FEW TO R	EPORT		DRUMSTICKS	TC	O FEW TO R	EPORT	
THIGHS	Т	OO FEW TO R	EPORT		THIGHS	TC	O FEW TO R	EPORT	
B/S THIGHS	Т	OO FEW TO R	EPORT		B/S THIGHS	TC	O FEW TO R	EPORT	

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR F.O.B. DOCK

 RANGE
 TODAY'S AVERAGE
 RANGE
 TODAY'S AVERAGE
 5-DAY AVERAGE

 52.50 - 56.75
 53.86
 53.50 - 57.00
 54.90
 54.64

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.

<u>NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS</u> - Trucklot buying activity was light to no better than fair as dealers worked hand-to-mouth during midweek trading. Offerings of breasts items were available and slow to clear. Leg quarters, drums and thighs were in good balance to well cleared. Wings were more than sufficient for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair, best where retail feature activity was noted. The market tone was barely steady to weak for breast items and tenders; about steady for wings. Leg items were at least steady to instances firm.

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

APR 08 ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS	APR 09 ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	140-145	141.25	756,843	BREAST - B/S	140-145	139.11	693,181
TENDERLOINS	125-130	131.39	209,254	TENDERLOINS	125-130	131.21	140,480
BREAST - WITH RIBS	74-75	84.24	116,240	BREAST - WITH RIBS	74-75	87.90	72,800
BREAST - LINE RUN	74	75.54	73,800	BREAST - LINE RUN	74	74.62	70,200
LEGS	64-65	65.05	226,440	LEGS	64-65	66.00	222,160
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	44-45	45.80	225,240	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	44-45	45.90	204,800
DRUMSTICKS	56-57	65.26	74,395	DRUMSTICKS	57-58	65.97	43,000
THIGHS	59-60	67.61	68,720	THIGHS	59-60	67.11	60,800
B/S THIGHS	119-120	121.63	81,000	B/S THIGHS	119-120	120.57	64,160
WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101	89.73	220,111	WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101	96.80	160,520
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIF	PPED) 12-14	11.70	33,200	BACKS AND NECKS (ST	RIPPED) 12-14	11.33	25,960
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	37.28	13,360	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS	35-40	37.38	9,160
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	49.75	21,920	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	49.97	17,400

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.

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ESTIMATED SI	AUGHTER OF	BROILER-FRYERS
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	<u>ESTII</u>	MATED	<u>ACTUAL</u>		AVG WTS		<u>ACTUAL</u>	WTS
	(1,000)		(1,000)				(1,000)	
	04/09	04/08	04/07	04/04	04/07	04/04	04/02	03/31
Alabama	3,999	4,291	4,167	3,763	5.51	5.28	3,920	5.62
Arkansas	5,360	5,486	5,324	4,653	5.46	5.07	5,286	5.50
Delmarva	2,177	2,290	2,222	2,232	5.94	5.69	2,242	5.87
KY-LA-TN	2,350	2,348	2,285	2,270	5.17	4.97	2,424	5.13
Mississippi	3,037	3,085	2,957	3,143	5.88	5.61	3,046	5.79
North Carolina	2,957	2,951	2,837	3,172	7.04	7.06	2,809	7.15
Texas	2,560	2,551	2,580	2,492	5.50	5.44	2,604	5.40
Total	22,440	23,002	22,372	21,725	5.75	5.57	22,331	5.76
Mon-Wed	67,951	(A)					66,568 (<i>A</i>	A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 09-Apr-08 is estimated to be 33,573,000 head up 0.19 percent from a week ago and up 6.22 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 33,510,000, last year 31,607,000)

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

	<u>RANGE</u>
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
ICE PACK	142
DRY PACK	135
ICE PACK	140
DRY PACK	127
ICE PACK	110
DRY PACK	120
	199-207
	DRY PACK ICE PACK DRY PACK ICE PACK

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 12-APR-08

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CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK					
04/12/08 (1)	04/05/08					

04/12/08 (1) 04/05/08 Class ------- Thousand head ------Broiler/fryer 168,048(2) 166,051 Light hens 1,696 1,644 Heavy hens 1,503 1,471 Total 171,247 169,166 (1)ESTIMATED

2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 12-Apr-08 is 167.4 million head compared to 161.3 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 168.4 million head or 1.0 million more than estimated available. For the week of 19-Apr-08 the estimated available is 168.1 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS

PROCESS	ED TURKEY LBS	PROCESSED POULTRY
AM 04/07/08	91,277	72,920
AM 03/01/08	89,106	76,373
CHG	2,171	-3,453
PCT CHG	2	-5

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

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	PRUCESS	EDIUKKI	PROCESSED POULTRY				
	04/07/08 0	3/31/08 04	4/09/07	04/07/08	03/31/08	04/09/07	
PACIFIC							
COAST	2,873	2,513	2,112	6,821	6,430	5,496	
LOS							
ANGELE	S 207	48	91	1.107	869	1.636	

DROCESSED DOLL TRY

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 APRIL 7, 2008

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

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES FOR 04/08/08 AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY LOW HIGH AVG LOW HIGH AVG HEAVY FOWL lb. .80 1.70 1.48 HEAVY FOWL ea. LIGHT FOWL lb. - LIGHT FOWL ea. MIXED FOWL ea. MIXED FOWL lb. BANTAMS ea. BANTAMS lb. 2.75 3.50 BROILERS lb. BROILERS ea. ROASTERS lb. ROASTERS ea. FRYERS lb. FRYERS ea. CHICKS lb. CHICKS ea. .50 1.50 PULLETS lb. - PULLETS ea. - 9.75 BUNNIES ea. - 2.50 BUNNIES lb. ROOSTERS lb. ROOSTERS ea. GEESE ea. GEESE lb. - TURKEYS ea. TURKEYS lb. 2.80 - DUCKS ea. DUCKS lb. RABBITS lb. 1.50 2.80 2.47 RABBITS ea. PIGEONS lb. PIGEONS ea. GUINEA FOWL lb. - GUINEA FOWL ea. DUCKLINGS lb. -- DUCKLINGS ea. 6.25 GUINEA KEETS ea. -- CALL DUCKS ea. SILKIES ea. GOSLINGS ea. - TURKEY POULTS ea. -GUINEA PIGS ea. CHUKARS ea.

TOTAL COOPS 42

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending April 4, 2008

	Whole Chick		Breasts	Legs W/Thi		Necks,Bad & Wings		Livers Gizzards	He	ns
RAY	NC									
Low		76.09	163.3	37 9	0.28	17	.20	4.30	60	0.19
High		84.69	180.	56 10	7.48	21	.50	8.60	6	0.19
Most	ly	80.82	171.9	96 9	88.88	19	.35	4.30	6	0.19
SAN	JUAI	N								
Low		75.66	159.0	07 9	0.28	17	.20	4.30	60	0.19
High		85.12	176.2	26 10	7.48	21	.50	8.60	60	0.19
Most	ly	79.53	171.9	96 9	88.88	17	.20	6.45	6	0.19
NEW	SAN	I JUAI	N							
Low		79.10	167.0	66 9	4.58	17	.20	8.60	60	0.19
High		85.98	184.8	36 11	1.78	21	.50	12.90	60	0.19
Most	ly	85.98	176.2	26 10	7.48	17	.20	8.60	60	0.19
BECE	ERRA	A								
Low		80.39	171.9	96 9	88.88	17	.20	8.60	62	2.34
High		87.70	189.	16 11	6.08	25	.79	12.90	62	2.34
Most	ly	80.39	180.	56 11	1.78	21	.50	8.60	62	2.34

<u>DELMARVA</u> Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds remained mostly fair to moderate for mid-week trading. Offerings were at least sufficient for present trade requirements. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable to at times heavy. Processor schedules were usually moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices continued unchanged at 75 to 85 cents. Trade sentiment was generally steady. In the parts complex, wings and breast items were at least adequate to available. Most dark meat cuts were in good balance to well cleared.

	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
RANGE	69-87
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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