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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady in the West and Midwest, and steady in the East. Demand into retail and food service outlets was light to fair, instances moderate for active ads and fast food specials. Supplies were usually sufficient, at times close balanced for smaller sizes. Floor stocks were short to fully adequate. In the parts structure, movement was fair to instances moderate for midweek trading. Breast items were sufficient and moving satisfactorily. Wings were adequate to ample, but dark meat cuts were in good balance to tight and remained in the strongest position. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, but mostly desirable to heavy.

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 78.50 cents last year on April 18, 2007.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	175.50
BREASTS - B/S	146.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	82.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	123.50
LEG QUARTERS	46.00
WINGS	114.50

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 light to fair where features were limited, but slightly better for active fast food promotions. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was fair to instances moderate for midweek trading. Breast items and wings were in a better position, but still readily available if needed. Dark meat cuts remained in the strongest position with supplies in good balance to well cleared, aided by export interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to slightly heavier weights.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly fair to instances moderate for midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes were adequate for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts and most dark meat cuts were in good balance and well cleared; boneless skinless breast were adequate and wings were at least sufficient for immediate needs.

MIDWEST REGION Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady to fully steady. Offers were light to moderate on limited trade inquiry. Retail and food service movement was mostly light, occasionally moderate; best into catering and retail ads. Floor stocks were short to fully adequate; weights desirable to heavy. Parts trade was light as current commitments cover. Supplies of wings adequate to ample, dark meat tight and breast cuts adequate. The market tone was steady to firm on dark meat cuts, steady to barely steady on breast items and steady to weak on wings.

WESTERN REGION The market tone was fully steady overall. Whole body offerings were in close balance on straight loads of small sized product otherwise generally adequate to cover immediate needs. Buying activity was fair. Retailer demand was moderate to good. Floor stocks were in fairly good balance for trade needs. Trade sentiment mixed on parts.

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

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 217 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 12, 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 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 179 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 12, 2008. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through April 12, 2008 were 2.68 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 04/12/08			
EGGS SET	217,465	219,385	-01
CHICKS PLACED	178,594	177,312	+01

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 24-May-08 is estimated at 165.5 million head. This compares to 166.0 million head the previous week and to 166.6 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 169.7 million head and the composite weighted average price was 82.87 cents per pound.

APR 15

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

APR 16

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			WTD	ITEM	POUNDS			WTD
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG		(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG
BREAST - B/S	457	119.00-188.00	-	126.02	BREAST - B/S	360	121.00-188.00	-	126.34
TENDERLOINS	171	123.00-182.00	-	130.82	TENDERLOINS	166	119.00-180.00	-	128.79
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	183	62.00-70.00	64-65	64.92	LEGS	186	62.00-70.00	65-66	65.58
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	413	42.00-46.00	43-44	43.62	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	379	42.00-46.00	43-44	43.79
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	338	44.00-49.00	45-46	46.13	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	779	44.00-49.00	46-47	46.41
WINGS (WHOLE)	195	72.00-90.00	-	82.41	WINGS (WHOLE)	200	70.00-88.00	-	81.35
WINGS (CUT)	TOO FEW TO REPORT				WINGS (CUT)	115	90.00-96.00	-	94.17
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				DRUMSTICKS	120	56.00-70.00	-	57.17
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 F.O.B. DOCK

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
53.50 - 57.00	55.20	55.00 - 57.50	55.90	55.16

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 fair to moderate as dealers kept floor stocks closely balanced. Offerings of bone-in breast were in good balance and clearing satisfactorily; boneless skinless breasts were generally sufficient for current needs. Legs, leg quarters and drums were well cleared. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate, best where retail features were planned. The market tone was fully steady to firm for most dark meat cuts; fully steady for bone-in breast. The balance of items were generally steady.

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

APR 15	CURRENT NEG	WTD	APR 16	CURRENT NEG	WTD
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG	ITEM	TRADING*	AVG
BREAST - B/S	140-145	141.21	BREAST - B/S	140-145	138.04
TENDERLOINS	125-130	130.79	TENDERLOINS	125-130	131.45
BREAST - WITH RIBS	75-76	79.18	BREAST - WITH RIBS	76-77	86.82
BREAST - LINE RUN	75	76.67	BREAST - LINE RUN	76	76.84
LEGS	65-66	66.98	LEGS	66-67	67.13
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	45-46	46.91	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	45-46	47.72
DRUMSTICKS	59-60	68.73	DRUMSTICKS	60-61	68.38
THIGHS	60-61	67.74	THIGHS	60-61	67.65
B/S THIGHS	120-121	122.06	B/S THIGHS	120-121	121.79
WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101	94.80	WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101	97.10
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-14	11.42	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-14	11.73
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	35.46	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	38.64
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	49.16	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	50.83

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

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL		AVG
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	WTS	
	04/16	04/15	04/14	04/11	04/14	04/11	04/09	04/07	
Alabama	3,905	4,222	4,164	3,531	5.55	5.06	3,982	5.51	
Arkansas	5,377	5,563	5,183	4,160	5.38	5.06	5,455	5.46	
Delmarva	2,282	2,246	2,249	2,274	5.91	5.77	2,164	5.94	
KY-LA-TN	2,302	2,344	2,258	1,943	5.12	4.72	2,311	5.17	
Mississippi	3,133	3,109	3,145	3,081	5.90	5.72	3,034	5.88	
North Carolina	2,922	2,927	2,700	2,760	7.03	6.96	2,837	7.04	
Texas	2,561	2,557	2,422	3,098	5.57	5.31	2,628	5.50	
Total	22,482	22,968	22,121	20,847	5.74	5.49	22,411	5.75	
Mon-Wed	68,253 (A)								67,442 (A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 16-Apr-08 is estimated to be 33,636,000 head up 0.02 percent from a week ago and up 3.50 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 33,630,000, last year 32,499,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) 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	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DLVRD TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
BROILER 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
DUCKS	199-207

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 19-APR-08

Class	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	04/19/08 (1)	Thousand head	04/12/08	Thousand head
Broiler/fryer	168,876(2)		168,048	
Light hens	1,666		1,696	
Heavy hens	1,558		1,503	
Total	172,100		171,247	

(1)ESTIMATED

2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 19-Apr-08 is 168.1 million head compared to 161.5 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 169.2 million head or 1.1 million more than estimated available. For the week of 26-Apr-08 the estimated available is 169.5 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 04/14/08	93,031		76,890	
AM 04/01/08	90,808		72,309	
CHG	2,223		4,581	
PCT CHG	2		6	

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	04/14/08	04/07/08	04/16/07	04/14/08	04/07/08	04/16/07
PACIFIC COAST	2,838	2,873	2,033	6,883	6,821	5,531
LOS ANGELES	233	207	78	1,157	1,107	1,544

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 14, 2008

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

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES FOR 04/15/08

	AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY			FOR 04/15/08		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.75	.80	.75	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	8.00	8.50
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	1.75	4.00
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	1.15
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	.80	1.45	1.10	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	1.00	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	2.00	2.20	2.13	RABBITS ea.	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	3.00	6.00
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	9.00
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	7.00
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-			
TOTAL COOPS	44					

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending April 11, 2008

	Whole Chickens		Legs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers	Gizzards Hens	
	Breasts	W/Thighs					
RAYON							
Low	74.18	163.88	77.63	12.94	4.31	60.38	
High	84.10	176.82	94.88	17.25	8.63	60.38	
Mostly	80.65	172.51	90.57	17.25	4.31	60.38	
SAN JUAN							
Low	74.61	159.57	77.63	12.94	4.31	60.38	
High	83.67	172.51	90.57	17.25	8.63	60.38	
Mostly	79.79	168.20	86.25	12.94	6.47	60.38	
NEW SAN JUAN							
Low	78.49	168.20	81.94	12.94	4.31	60.38	
High	84.96	181.13	99.19	17.25	8.63	60.38	
Mostly	78.49	176.82	94.88	15.09	8.63	60.38	
BECERRA							
Low	79.79	172.51	86.25	17.25	8.63	62.53	
High	86.25	185.45	103.51	21.56	12.94	62.53	
Mostly	79.79	181.13	99.19	17.25	8.63	62.53	

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds remained fair to moderate for mid-week trading. Seller offerings of all sizes were noted as generally sufficient for current trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but were reported as mostly desirable. Processor schedules ranged moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 75 to 85 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. In the parts complex, breast items were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Wings were at least sufficient and most dark meat cuts were in good balance to well cleared.

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

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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