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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were trending unchanged in all areas when compared to early week's values. Trade sentiment was mixed, but mostly steady. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate, slightly better for active features. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. Floor stocks were close balanced to fully adequate. In the parts structure, trading was fair to moderate entering the weekend. Breast items were available, instances well cleared for bone-in cuts. Wings were mixed, but obtainable, with smaller sizes adequate to ample. Wings were in good balance to well cleared and continued to move well. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, but mostly desirable to heavy.

**Preliminary Report** Prices negotiated for truck lot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 21-APR-2008 (cents per lb)

### US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	72.00-75.00	68.00-86.75	73.86	25
New York	73.00-76.00			
Los Angeles	90.00			

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	80.00-83.00	65.00-86.00	81.96	91

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broiler/fryers for this week's trading is 82.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

### PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG
872	78.50-82.75	81.05

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

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000) POUNDS
LINE RUN TENDERS	177.50	1,098
BREASTS - B/S	145.50	4,947
BREASTS - WHOLE	82.50	1,099
THIGH MEAT - B/S	121.00	1,004
LEG QUARTERS	45.50	7,613
WINGS	113.50	2,411

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

**SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYER** Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail demand was mostly fair with limited features. Food service was light to moderate, best into fast food outlets for promotions. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was light to moderate entering the weekend. Breast items were better balanced to available, and wings were mixed, but easy to obtain. Dark meat cuts continued balanced to well cleared with good movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair to moderate entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes were generally sufficient for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair. Fast food interest was mostly fair. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were in good balance to well cleared; boneless skinless breast and wings were at least sufficient for current needs. Dark meat cuts were clearing satisfactorily.

**WESTERN REGION** The preliminary majority prices were unchanged. The market tone was overall steady. Offerings were generally adequate, with heavy weights in the longest position. Retailer demand was fairly good overall with best interest where promotions in progress. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers.

**MIDWEST REGION** Preliminary delivered prices on next week's trade into the Chicago area were unchanged. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady to fully steady. Offers remained limited on light to moderate trade inquiry. Retail and food service movement was light to moderate, occasionally fairly good on some retail accounts. Floor stocks were close to fully adequate; weights desirable. Parts trade was light. Supplies of large wings adequate to in balance, small wings ample and sharply discounted to help clear; breast cuts adequate and dark meat lines were tight. The market tone was steady to firm on dark meat lines and breast, and steady to weak on wings and tenders.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was mostly fair to moderate entering the weekend. Seller offerings of all sizes were usually sufficient. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but noted as mostly desirable. Processing schedules were reported as moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 75 to 85 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex; b/s breasts were at least sufficient, wings were mixed, and most dark meat cuts were balanced 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.

### BRANDED U.S.GRADE A

RANGE	72-87
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	04/14/08 - 04/18/08 (A)
	04/16/07 - 04/20/07 (A)
NO. OF BOXES	04/14/08 - 04/18/08 (A)
	04/16/07 - 04/20/07 (A)

(A) NOT REPORTED TO AVOID DISCLOSING INDIVIDUAL OPERATIONS.

**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 17, 2008					APR 18, 2008						
ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	WEEKLY (000)	WTD AVG	
BREAST - B/S	370	121.00-188.00	-	128.18	435	121.00-190.00	-	130.17	2,031	127.45	
TENDERLOINS	218	123.00-185.00	-	147.29	144	120.00-185.00	-	128.17	865	133.57	
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				374	71.36	
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				265	67.47	
LEGS	168	62.00-70.00	64-65	64.82	TOO FEW TO REPORT				793	65.00	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	403	42.00-47.00	44-45	44.41	414	42.00-47.00	44-45	44.28	1,982	43.99	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	500	44.00-49.00	46-47	46.74	828	43.00-49.00	46-47	46.29	3,257	46.30	
WINGS (WHOLE)	155	72.00-88.00	-	81.29	145	70.00-88.00	-	78.83	890	81.15	
WINGS (CUT)	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				552	88.40	
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				376	55.63	
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				130	55.65	
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				385	117.31	
WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR APR 17, 2008 -- F.O.B. DOCK.					WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR APR 18, 2008 -- F.O.B. DOCK.						
<b>RANGE</b>		<b>TODAY'S AVERAGE</b>			<b>RANGE</b>		<b>TODAY'S AVERAGE</b>			<b>5-DAY AVERAGE</b>	
54.50 - 58.25		56.46			53.00 - 58.50		55.98			55.73	

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 remained fair to moderate entering the weekend. Offerings of bone-in breast were well cleared; boneless skinless breasts were at least sufficient. Dark meat cuts were in good balance and clearing satisfactorily. Wings were mostly adequate. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate, best where retail features were in progress. The market tone was fully steady to firm for bone-in breast; fully steady for legs and drums. 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 17, 2008				APR 18, 2008				
ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	WEEKLY WTD AVG	WEEKLY VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	140-145	138.79	529,242	140-145	139.05	764,860	139.04	3,397,227
TENDERLOINS	125-130	130.15	124,048	125-130	132.85	76,080	130.51	568,698
BREAST - WITH RIBS	76-77	83.35	109,940	77-78	86.93	78,000	83.67	437,620
BREAST - LINE RUN	76	77.86	63,000	77	78.78	64,800	77.34	334,800
LEGS	66-67	66.79	149,860	66-67	67.07	265,040	66.94	883,860
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	45-46	46.25	266,560	45-46	47.39	181,800	46.90	1,056,800
DRUMSTICKS	60-61	70.29	45,360	60-61	70.22	61,280	68.25	270,240
THIGHS	60-61	68.66	44,120	60-61	67.10	68,160	67.55	292,440
B/S THIGHS	120-121	121.18	57,700	120-121	122.16	58,000	121.85	324,580
WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101	96.09	161,888	100-101	92.35	195,911	94.18	890,796
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-14	13.15	27,360	12-14	13.09	26,600	12.13	151,520
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	36.85	11,760	35-40	38.09	8,880	37.41	45,240
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	51.40	19,720	50-55	54.82	22,960	51.17	106,800

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 WTS	
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)
Alabama	04/18	04/17	04/16	04/15	04/16	04/15	04/11	04/09		
Arkansas	3,542	4,257	3,939	4,107	5.40	5.53	3,531	5.29		
Delmarva	4,630	5,395	5,217	5,370	5.37	5.44	4,160	5.33		
KY-LA-TN	2,173	2,246	2,239	2,231	5.89	5.85	2,274	5.89		
Mississippi	2,335	2,386	2,286	2,273	5.14	5.21	1,943	5.10		
North Carolina	3,309	3,142	3,124	3,057	5.86	5.87	3,081	5.84		
Texas	2,969	2,970	2,767	2,814	7.01	6.99	2,760	6.92		
Total	2,566	2,568	2,492	2,632	5.51	5.57	3,098	5.46		
Mon-Fri	21,524	22,964	22,064	22,484	5.69	5.74	20,847	5.75		
Saturday	112,741 (A)						110,772 (A)			
	1,005	(included in total for date shown)						470		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 18-Apr-08 and 19-Apr-08 is estimated to be 32,202,000 head up 2.94 percent from a week ago and up 5.06 percent from a year ago. (Last week 31,283,000, last year 30,651,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 19-Apr-08 is estimated to be 166,706,000 head up 0.44 percent from a week ago, and up 4.45 percent from a year ago. (Last week 165,977,000, last year 159,610,000)

Actual data incorporated when available.

**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/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

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED**

W/E 12-APR-2008 Under Federal Inspection (Preliminary)

-----Thousands-----					
	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	
	<b>4.25 lbs &amp; down</b>	<b>4.26 - 6.25 lbs</b>	<b>6.26 - 7.75 lbs</b>	<b>7.76 lbs &amp; up</b>	<b>Total</b>
Head	43,254	78,447	26,622	17,654	165,977
Avg Live Wgt	3.87	5.48	6.80	8.32	5.57
% of total /1	26%	47%	16%	11%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	42,812	79,164	27,171	17,309	166,456
Avg Live Wgt	3.78	5.47	6.87	8.29	5.56
% of total /1	26%	48%	16%	10%	100%
Year Ago 2/	45,675	71,701	32,679	9,352	159,407
Avg Live Wgt	3.73	5.39	6.93	8.20	5.39
% of total /1	29%	44%	21%	6%	100%
To date/2008	646,308	1,177,474	370,156	250,593	2,444,531
To date/2007	640,168	1,210,057	322,785	173,485	2,346,495

/1May 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**

(PRELIMINARY)

W/E 12-APR-2008	<b>Young Chickens</b>	<b>Light Hens</b>	<b>Heavy Hens</b>	<b>Total Hens</b>	<b>Ducks</b>
-----Thousands-----					
Head	165,977	1,549	1,494	3,043	453
Avg Wt	5.57	3.32	8.01	5.62	6.72
Last week	166,456	1,561	1,482	3,043	413
Same wk yr ago	159,407	1,114	1,376	2,490	516
Avg Wt	5.39	3.14	8.02	5.84	6.76
To-date/2008	2,444,531	20,975	22,287	43,262	6,854
To-date/2007	2,346,495	16,785	20,291	37,076	7,833

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 167.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 168.0 million head, or 0.6 million more than estimated available.

**ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

<b>Week Ending</b>	<b>Million Head Slaughtered</b>	<b>Million Head Available</b>	<b>Pct</b>	<b>Avg Wt</b>
Mar 8	166.5	167.6	99%	5.52
15	168.4	166.4	101%	5.50
22	162.4	165.9	98%	5.45
29	162.2	166.6	97%	5.59
Apr 5	168.5	167.4	101%	5.56
12	168.0	167.4	100%	5.57
Year to date	2474.3	2497.4	99%	
Apr 19		168.1		
26		169.5		

**BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**

Under Federal Inspection

-----Thousands-----					
W/E	<b>04/19/08</b>	<b>04/12/08</b>	<b>%CHG</b>	<b>04/20/07</b>	<b>%CHG</b>
<b>Broilers</b>	166,706	165,977 *	+0.44	159,610 *	+4.37
<b>Cattle</b>	676	645	+05	652 *	+04
<b>Hogs</b>	2,322	2,245	+03	1,989 *	+17

\*Actual

**EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

FOR DELIVERY THE WEEK OF 14-APR-2008

**DUCKLINGS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

<b>ORIGIN</b>	<b>FROZEN</b>	<b>FRESH</b>
LONG ISLAND MOSTLY	170-174	176-180
MIDWEST MOSTLY	150-162	158-170

**ROASTERS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MOSTLY</b>
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	74.00-81.00	75.00-80.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	73.00-87.00	78.00-87.00

**SQUABS:** NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	64.80-89.91
14 OZ.	71.28-101.25
16 OZ.	77.04-112.08

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

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

**CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS**

Prices increased on whole body, boneless breasts, and bone in legs. All other part prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was noted as steady to fully steady. Demand was good. Supplies were adequate for current requirements. Schedules remained full-time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$5.50-6.75, bone in legs at \$1.50-2.80, gizzards at \$1.20-1.40, wings at \$.60-.70, livers at \$.95-1.85, and feet at \$.55-1.35.

PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 14-APR-2008

<b>ORIGIN</b>	<b>FROZEN</b>	<b>FRESH</b>
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	138-180	135-180

**GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION -**

DATE OF AUCTION: APRIL 15, 2008

PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

\*\*AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY\*\*

	<b>RANGE</b>
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.20 - 1.30 ea.
Doves	5.00 - 7.00 ea.
Pekin Ducks	7.00 - 7.30 ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.70 - .80
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.80 - .85
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.80 - .85
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.90 - 1.00
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.80 - .90
Guinea Fowl	7.00 - 9.00 ea.
Banty Roosters	2.00 - 3.00 ea.
Banty Hens	1.50 - 2.00 ea.
Leghorn Hens	1.25 - 1.35 ea.
Silkie	5.00 - 6.00 ea.
Pigeons	3.70 - 3.85 ea.
White Pigeons	5.00 - 6.10 ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	2.90 - 3.05
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	2.00 - 2.20
Bunnies	3.00 - 10.00 ea.
Guinea Pigs	2.00 - 10.00 ea.
Goats	45.00 - 55.00 ea.
Kid Goats	25.00 - 35.00 ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.20 - 1.30 ea.

Total Coops Sold 450

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Sales of both light and heavy cannery were noted as too few to report. Offerings were sufficient for current needs. Demand was fair to mostly moderate demand with most existing supplies being used internally. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

**LIVE HEAVY TYPE HENS**

(7 POUNDS AND UP) \*

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB.,  
GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER  
THE WEEK OF 21-APR-08

**SOUTH CENTRAL** Trading was TFEWR. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent heavy fowl. Schedules were as desired. Finished sales were slowing. Trade sentiment was about steady.

AT FARM BUYER LOADING	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
	TOO FEW TO REPORT	TOO FEW TO REPORT

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**LIVE 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** Prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate to fairly good for the adequate to fully adequate offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	3-12	4-8

**SOUTHEAST** Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was moderate for the generally adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules for next week were noted as normal to instances heavy. Sales of finished product was moderate. The undertone was at least steady.

AT FARM BUYER LOADING	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	TOO FEW TO REPORT
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT	TOO FEW TO REPORT

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTH CENTRAL** Trading was TFEWR. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings from producers. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	TOO FEW TO REPORT

**NORTH CENTRAL** Prices unchanged. Demand was moderate to good, offerings continued adequate to ample. Schedules full time to overtime. Trade sentiment steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	0-10.5	0-5

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