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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices were unchanged in all areas when compared to previous week's values. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand into retail and food service demand was light to instances moderate, slightly better for active features. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. Floor stocks were adequate to long. In the parts structure, trading was fair to moderate following the weekend. Breast items were in good balance to well cleared, bone-in cuts were often held with confidence. Wings were mixed, more available for smaller sizes, and jumbo sizes were in a better balance. Dark meat was adequate to barely adequate and moving satisfactorily. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, but mostly desirable to heavy.



**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 21-APR-2008

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG
Boston/New England	TFEWR		:	77.06
Chicago	72.00-75.00	74.09	30 :	72.51
Ohio Cities	TFEWR		:	69.19
Denver	89.50	89.50	11 :	86.23
Detroit	75.00-76.00	76.43	7 :	76.15
Los Angeles	90.00	88.90	58 :	84.10
New York	73.00-76.00	75.05	20 :	77.16
Philadelphia	72.50-74.00	73.64	11 :	74.33
Pittsburgh	72.00-75.00	74.36	11 :	79.13
St. Louis	72.75-74.00	73.22	19 :	75.23
San Francisco	90.50	90.47	30 :	88.76

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	04/21/08	Change Last Wk	4/14/08	04/23/07
551	78.90	.12	78.78	78.37

**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	77.00-79.50	77.98	35
Central	64.00-78.00	73.35	75
Western	77.00-90.00	80.79	50
<b>Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent</b>			
Mississippi	80.00-83.00	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.

### MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG

LOADS	RANGE	FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,112	72.00-82.75	79.98

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

WTD. AVG.      VOLUME

(CENTS PER POUND)      (000 POUNDS)

LINE RUN TENDERS	176.00	1,369
BREASTS - B/S	145.50	5,699
BREASTS - WHOLE	82.00	1,394
THIGH MEAT - B/S	121.50	1,131
LEG QUARTERS	46.00	8,985
WINGS	113.50	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 mostly fair to moderate as dealers assess market conditions entering the week. Offerings of most sizes were generally sufficient for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts items were well cleared and held with confidence; boneless skinless breast were sufficient and clearing satisfactorily; wings were at least adequate and most dark meat cuts were adequate to well cleared.

**SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand into all channels was light to fair, instances moderate for active retail ads and fast food promotions. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was light to slightly improved following the weekend. Breast items were adequate to better balanced and moving satisfactorily. Wings were mixed with smaller sizes more available, and larger cuts closer balanced. Dark meat remained in good supply to well cleared and held with confidence. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Final majority prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Offerings were adequate overall. Whole body product under 3 pounds was in the closest position. Buying activity increased to cover somewhat improved interest. Retailer demand was moderate to good. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. The market tone was steady to firm on parts. Prices reported on parts for this week's delivery at 62-74 on drumsticks, 110-113 on leg meat, leg quarters 47-56, wings 91-113, rib- attached breasts 87-102, and boneless breasts 129-135. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was 77.06 up 1.12 with the volume reported at 34 loads unchanged.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Final majority delivered prices were unchanged; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady, occasionally fully steady. Retail and food service demand mostly light to moderate, instances fairly good into some retail and catering. Floor stocks adequate to long; weights desirable. Parts trade was limited and selective as buyers take a cautious attitude. Parts offerings were light on adequate supplies. The market tone was steady to firm on dark meat lines; mixed on wings and breast cuts.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to moderate entering the week. Seller offerings were generally sufficient for immediate trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights varied, but were mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 75 to 85 cents. Trade sentiment was reported as mostly steady. In the parts complex, b/s breasts were generally sufficient. Wings were mixed, but noted as usually adequate. Most dark meat cuts were closely balanced.

**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	72-87
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operation.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying activity was mostly fair to moderate as dealers assess market conditions entering the week. Offerings of bone-in breast were in good balance to well cleared; boneless skinless breasts were generally sufficient and clearing satisfactorily. Most dark meat cuts were in close balance with good movement. Wings were irregular but mostly adequate. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone was fully steady to firm for bone-in breast; at least steady for legs and drums. The balance of items were generally steady.

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

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S		140-145	139.02	751,662
TENDERLOINS		125-130	129.93	117,640
BREAST - WITH RIBS		77-78	85.86	75,640
BREAST - LINE RUN		77	78.69	57,600
LEGS		66-67	67.37	216,640
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)		45-46	47.22	204,600
DRUMSTICKS		60-61	70.12	55,260
THIGHS		60-61	68.15	53,720
B/S THIGHS		120-121	122.72	36,360
WINGS (WHOLE)		100-101	95.80	184,601
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)		12-14	12.94	33,480
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)		35-40	38.33	5,400
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)		50-55	55.08	8,800

NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, northern NJ, MA, CT, RI, & 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.

**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	1,844	115.00-188.00	120-129	126.35
TENDERLOINS	727	110.00-220.00	113-117	114.71
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
LEG QRTRS (BULK)	1,215	41.00-45.00	43-45	43.86
LEG QRTRS (4/10)	914	44.00-51.00	46-48	46.38
WINGS (WHOLE)	1,318	71.00-100.00	71-75	80.53
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
THIGHS	1,450	53.00-57.00	55	55.21

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (In thousands)**

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	04/21	04/17	04/17	04/14	04/10
Alabama	4,136	4,182	5.32	4,164	5.29
Arkansas	5,022	5,159	5.35	5,183	5.38
Delmarva	2,272	2,227	5.84	2,249	5.75
KY-LA-TN	2,443	2,351	5.04	2,258	5.04
Mississippi	3,115	3,104	5.76	3,145	5.77
North Carolina	2,948	2,887	6.91	2,700	6.95
Texas	2,500	2,472	5.45	2,422	5.43
Total	22,436	22,382	5.63	22,121	5.62
Mon	22,436 (A)			22,121 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 21-Apr 2008 is estimated to be 33,567,000 up 1.12 percent from a week ago and up 2.5 percent from a year ago.

(last week 33,195,000 last year 32,756,000)

**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	345	121.00-190.00	-	130.94
TENDERLOINS	241	120.00-185.00	-	144.47
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	625	62.00-70.00	64-65	64.17
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	375	42.00-46.00	44-45	44.70
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	787	43.00-49.00	46	45.90
WINGS (WHOLE)	195	72.00-84.00	-	79.79
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

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Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for Apr 21, 2008 -- F.O.B. Dock

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
53.50 - 57.00	55.69	55.84

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 21-APR-2008 TO 25-APR-2008, CENTS PER POUND

	Price per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	121.00 - 147.00	123.00 - 133.00
TENDERLOINS	115.00 - 209.00	124.00 - 133.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	74.00 - 100.00	77.00 - 89.00
LEGS	64.00 - 71.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	43.00 - 52.00	44.00 - 47.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	45.00 - 52.00	46.00 - 48.00
DRUMSTICKS	55.00 - 65.00	-
THIGHS	56.00 - 68.00	-
B/S THIGHS	111.00 - 128.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	66.00 - 114.00	-
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 25.00	-
LIVERS	32.00 - 49.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 53.00	-

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

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	94.5-110.5
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	98-115
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

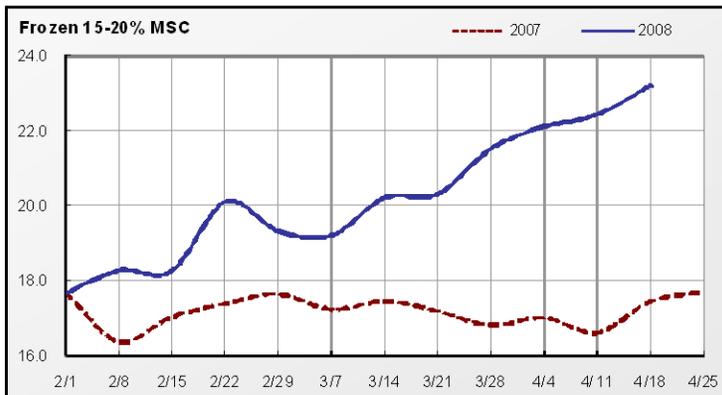
**National Mechanically Separated Chicken**

(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 mostly steady, instances fully steady. Supplies of fresh 15-20% were in good balance and clearing satisfactorily with the balance close and well cleared. Frozen demand was moderate to good. Supplies of raw materials continue tight and held with confidence with good demand from all users. Domestic movement was moderate to fairly good with good call into pet food channels. Export demand was moderate to good with most inquiry from Mexico and Central American countries. Schedules were mixed, ranging light to normal due to tight supplies of raw materials and decreased finished product production.

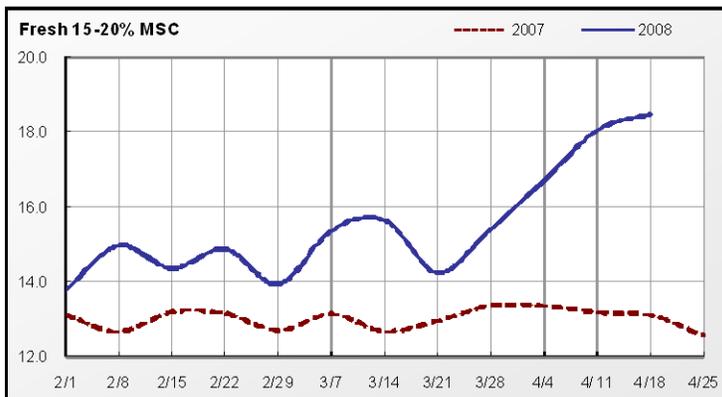
**Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)**

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	18-Apr-08	Last Week	Last Year	18-Apr-08	Last Week	Last Year
<b>15% or Less</b>						
Price Range	17.00	22.00	17.00	19.00 - 24.00	21.00 - 22.00	16.00-17.00
Wtd Avg Price	17.00	22.00	17.00	22.50	21.56	16.37
Volume Traded	53	54	259	247	181	443
Volume Exported	53	54	259	-	-	-
<b>15-20%</b>						
Price Range	18.00 - 28.00	17.00 - 26.00	15.50-21.00	15.00 - 26.00	14.00 - 24.00	11.00-16.00
Wtd Avg Price	23.21	22.44	17.71	18.48	18.06	12.56
Volume Traded	1,603	1,745	1,632	2,701	3,311	2,696
Volume Exported	1,523	1,465	1,252	713	1,062	530
<b>20% or More</b>						
Price Range	-	-	-	-	16.50 - 23.00	14.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	-	19.10	14.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	204	40
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	Mar 2008	Feb 2008	Mar 2007	Mar 2008	Feb 2008	Mar 2007
<b>15% or Less</b>						
Wtd Avg Price	18.77	20.40	17.02	19.04	17.58	16.36
Volume Traded	215	584	1,583	1,010	1,566	1,932
Volume Exported	215	264	1,302	-	-	-
<b>15-20%</b>						
Wtd Avg Price	20.43	18.82	17.13	15.08	14.37	13.12
Volume Traded	7,601	8,143	7,161	7,548	11,547	11,788
Volume Exported	6,640	7,223	5,993	899	2,321	3,346
<b>20% or More</b>						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	17.00	18.03	14.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	408	775	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

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**SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS**

Trading levels were generally unchanged. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings from the field. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 21-APR-08

**RANGE MAJORITY WTD AVG**

AT FARM BUYER LOADING 7-12.75 CENTS/LB. 9.60

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS**

Prices were generally unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was moderate for the generally adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were noted as normal to instances heavy. Sales of finished product was moderate. The undertone was at least steady.

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