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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment ranged steady to firm. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate, slightly better where featured. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to well cleared for trade needs. Floor stocks were adequate to long. In the parts structure, trading was fair to moderate for midweek trading. Breast items were in good balance to closely cleared, dark meat cuts were sufficient to short, and wings were readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.

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 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 78.75 cents last year on April 25, 2007.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	175.00
BREASTS - B/S	146.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	83.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	124.00
LEG QUARTERS	46.00
WINGS	112.50

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

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Demand was light to moderate with optimism for next week as first of the month approaches. Also, forecasts for upcoming weeks are positive due to lighter schedules, holidays, and seasonal interests. Supplies of all sizes were sufficient to closer balanced for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate for midweek business. Dark meat was in good balance to short and continued to move well. Breast items were better balanced to barely adequate, closet for bone-in cuts. Wings were mixed, but readily available. 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 fair to mostly moderate. Offerings of all sizes were adequate to well cleared. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair. The market tone was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, breast items were in good balance to closely cleared; wings were generally sufficient for current needs and dark meat cuts were clearing satisfactorily.

MIDWEST REGION Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady to firm. Offers were light on like trade inquiry; fill-in trade noted at 70 cents on 3 up wogs. Retail and food service demand mostly light to moderate with retail providing best call. Floor stocks were in close balance to occasionally long; weights desirable to instances heavy. Parts trade was limited with buyers cautious near term, but looking for upcoming out-front supply needs. Breast and dark meat cuts were adequate to in close balance, wings were adequate. The market tone was steady to firm on dark meat items and breast cuts; wings were steady to barely steady.

WESTERN REGION The market tone was fully steady to firm. Offerings were close to adequate. Sizes trended heavy. Buying activity was overall moderate. Retailer was generally good, best to cover promotions on both whole body and parts. Floor stocks were adequate. The market tone on parts was mixed with dark meat items generally steady, breasts fully steady to firm and wings about steady to weak.

BROILER -TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 215 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 19, 2008. This was down 2 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 DOWN SLIGHTLY

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 19, 2008. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through April 19, 2008 were 2.86 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 04/19/08	2008	2007	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
	<i>Thousand</i>		
EGGS SET	215,495	220,515	-02
CHICKS PLACED	177,173	177,686	0

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 31-May-08 is estimated at 163.8 million head. This compares to 165.5 million head the previous week and to 167.3 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 157.1 million head and the composite weighted average price was 82.89 cents per pound.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

APR 23

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	780	121.00-195.00	-	125.60	BREAST - B/S	425	121.00-190.00	-	129.28
TENDERLOINS	246	120.00-190.00	-	130.84	TENDERLOINS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
BREAST - LINE RUN	105	72.00-80.00	-	75.73	BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	223	64.00-70.00	66-67	66.55	LEGS	191	64.00-70.00	66-67	66.55
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	474	42.00-46.00	44-45	44.65	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	504	43.00-47.00	44-45	44.70
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	627	44.00-48.00	45-46	45.86	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	707	44.00-49.00	46-47	46.59
WINGS (WHOLE)	215	80.00-88.00	-	83.47	WINGS (WHOLE)	130	75.00-85.00	-	81.08
WINGS (CUT)	TOO FEW TO REPORT				WINGS (CUT)	100	88.00-96.00	-	93.20
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 F.O.B. DOCK

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
55.50 - 58.00	56.72	55.00 - 59.50	56.72	56.31

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 mostly moderate during midweek trading. Offerings of bone-in breast were closely cleared; boneless skinless breasts were about adequate to adequate. Most dark meat cuts were in good balance and clearing satisfactorily; wings were at least sufficient for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair. The market tone was fully steady to firm for bone-in breast, thighs and thigh meat. 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 22	CURRENT NEG	WTD		APR 23	CURRENT NEG	WTD	
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG	VOL/LBS	ITEM	TRADING*	AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	140-145	139.84	725,695	BREAST - B/S	140-145	138.48	795,629
TENDERLOINS	125-130	130.50	184,420	TENDERLOINS	125-130	132.14	116,000
BREAST - WITH RIBS	78-79	84.25	99,520	BREAST - WITH RIBS	79-80	87.97	79,200
BREAST - LINE RUN	78	80.71	63,000	BREAST - LINE RUN	79	81.71	63,000
LEGS	67-68	67.06	194,120	LEGS	67-68	68.36	176,440
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	45-46	46.53	190,680	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	45-46	47.08	183,720
DRUMSTICKS	60-61	68.14	70,280	DRUMSTICKS	60-61	69.49	60,600
THIGHS	60-61	64.67	87,200	THIGHS	60-61	68.35	51,680
B/S THIGHS	121-122	122.69	80,920	B/S THIGHS	122-123	122.98	65,520
WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101	92.25	165,600	WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101	97.19	172,430
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-14	13.66	28,280	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-14	12.95	29,160
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	39.05	12,360	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	38.73	9,160
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	54.52	26,840	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	54.65	22,040

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	
	04/23	04/22	04/21	04/18	04/21	04/18	04/16	04/14	
Alabama	3,839	4,274	3,907	3,501	5.68	5.16	3,939	5.55	
Arkansas	5,116	5,144	4,984	4,534	5.48	5.18	5,217	5.38	
Delmarva	2,219	2,243	2,285	2,235	6.06	5.75	2,239	5.91	
KY-LA-TN	2,427	2,432	2,437	2,197	5.13	4.88	2,286	5.12	
Mississippi	3,014	3,096	3,095	3,398	5.88	5.59	3,124	5.90	
North Carolina	2,962	2,941	2,834	2,983	7.07	7.03	2,767	7.03	
Texas	2,556	2,551	2,570	2,894	5.47	5.38	2,492	5.57	
Total	22,133	22,681	22,112	21,742	5.79	5.55	22,064	5.74	
Mon-Wed	67,250 (A)								66,669 (A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 23-Apr-08 is estimated to be 33,113,000 head up 0.01 percent from a week ago and up 3.18 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 33,109,000, last year 32,094,000)

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 26-APR-08

Class	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	04/26/08 (1)	Thousand head	04/19/08	Thousand head
Broiler/fryer	166,653(2)		168,876	
Light hens	1,301		1,666	
Heavy hens	1,712		1,558	
Total	169,666		172,100	

(1)ESTIMATED

2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 26-Apr-08 is 169.5 million head compared to 163.3 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 167.0 million head or 2.5 million less than estimated available. For the week of 03-May-08 the estimated available is 170.1 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 04/21/08	94,450		77,982	
AM 04/01/08	90,808		72,309	
CHG	3,642		5,673	
PCT CHG	4		8	

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	04/21/08	04/14/08	04/23/07	04/21/08	04/14/08	04/23/07
PACIFIC COAST	2,552	2,838	2,254	6,642	6,883	5,108
LOS ANGELES	268	233	88	1,152	1,157	1,510

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 21, 2008

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

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES FOR 04/22/08

	AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY			FOR 04/22/08		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.85	2.35	2.07	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	.70	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	3.70
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	1.00
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	2.00	3.00	2.59	RABBITS ea.	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	3.00	5.50
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	8.50
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	5.00	7.00
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-			
TOTAL COOPS	28					

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending April 18, 2008

	Whole Chickens		Legs	Necks,Backs & Wings	Livers Gizzards	Hens
	Breasts	W/Thighs				
RAYON						
Low	78.99	164.92	78.12	13.02	8.68	56.42
High	85.93	173.60	86.80	17.36	13.02	56.42
Mostly	85.93	164.92	82.46	17.36	8.68	56.42
SAN JUAN						
Low	78.12	160.58	78.12	13.02	4.34	52.08
High	84.63	173.60	91.14	17.36	8.68	52.08
Mostly	84.63	169.26	86.80	13.02	6.51	52.08
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	79.86	164.92	78.12	13.02	8.68	56.42
High	86.80	177.94	95.48	17.36	13.02	56.42
Mostly	84.63	169.26	91.14	17.36	8.68	56.42
BECERRA						
Low	81.16	169.26	82.46	17.36	8.68	60.76
High	88.10	177.94	104.16	26.04	13.02	60.76
Mostly	85.93	173.60	99.82	21.70	13.02	60.76

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to moderate for mid-week trading. Seller offerings were generally sufficient. Live supplies were moderate; weights varied, but were noted as mostly desirable. Processing schedules ranged moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were one cent higher at 76 to 86 cents. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, most dark meat cuts were in good balance and moving satisfactorily. Breast items were adequate to closely cleared. Wings were mixed with some discounting reported.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
 RANGE
 WEIGHTED AVERAGE
 NO. OF BOXES
 72-87
 (A)
 (A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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