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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices for next week were trending unchanged in the West, but three cents higher in the East and Midwest. Trade sentiment ranged steady to firm. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate, best for features and fast food promotions. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to closely cleared for trade needs. Floor stocks were mixed. In the parts structure, trading was fair to moderate, slightly better where weekend needs increased. Breast items and dark meat cuts were mostly balanced to at times short and moving satisfactorily. Wings were mixed, but readily available with limited interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights varied, but were mostly desirable.

**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 28-APR-2008 (cents per lb)

### US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	75.00-78.00	71.00-86.75	77.06	25
New York	76.00-79.00			
Los Angeles	90.00			

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	80.00-83.00	68.00-85.00	81.69	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
905	79.50-84.00	81.07

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	176.50	1,118
BREASTS - B/S	147.00	4,997
BREASTS - WHOLE	84.50	1,124
THIGH MEAT - B/S	123.00	1,019
LEG QUARTERS	45.50	7,713
WINGS	111.50	2,427

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

**SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYER** Trade sentiment was at least steady to firm. Demand entering the weekend was fair to moderate with optimism for next week as first of the month approaches. Supplies of all sizes were in balance to closely cleared for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate for end of the week trading. Dark meat and breast items were no more than adequate to often short and moving satisfactorily. Wings were mixed, but at least adequate with limited interest. 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 moderate to fairly good entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes were about adequate to instances tight. Retail and distributive movement was fair. Fast food interest was fair to moderate. The market tone was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, breast items in good balance and clearing satisfactorily. Dark meat cuts were adequate to well cleared. Wings were generally sufficient for current needs.

**WESTERN REGION** Preliminary majority prices were unchanged. Prices reported on early trading at unchanged to higher prices, with new negotiations in the strongest position. Offerings were generally adequate. Sizes were in a full range with heavy weights in the longest position. Retailer demand was moderate to good. Best interest noted where promotions in progress. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers.

**MIDWEST REGION** Preliminary majority delivered prices on next week's trade into the Chicago market increased. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady to firm. Offers were light on a limited to moderate trade call. Retail demand was light to fairly good, best into areas of good weather and weekend features. Food service movement was light to moderate; best activity noted into fast food. Floor stocks were short to fully adequate; weights desirable. Parts trade was moderate on eight-piece cut-up, whole and boneless/skinless breast, and limited on wings and dark meat varied. Breast and dark meat lines were adequate to in close balance, and wings were available. The market tone was steady to firm on dark meat and breast cuts; wings were steady to weak.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to moderate entering the weekend. Offerings were in good balance to closely cleared for present trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights varied, but were mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were one cent higher at 78 to 88 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, breast items and most dark meat cuts were in good balance to tight. Wing were irregular, but reported as at least sufficient.

\*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	74-89
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	04/21/08 - 04/25/08 (A)
	04/23/07 - 04/27/07 (A)
NO. OF BOXES	04/21/08 - 04/25/08 (A)
	04/23/07 - 04/27/07 (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 24, 2008					APR 25, 2008						
ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	WEEKLY (000)	WTD AVG	
BREAST - B/S	415	123.00-195.00	-	135.29	415	125.00-197.00	-	134.66	2,380	130.30	
TENDERLOINS	122	125.00-190.00	-	137.13	166	122.00-194.00	-	131.34	908	135.13	
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				423	78.09	
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				297	69.07	
LEGS	210	62.00-70.00	65-67	66.44	TOO FEW TO REPORT				1,257	65.37	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	408	42.00-47.00	45	44.98	403	44.00-47.00	-	45.00	2,163	44.80	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	787	44.00-49.00	46-47	46.27	822	44.00-49.00	46-47	46.64	3,730	46.27	
WINGS (WHOLE)	184	75.00-85.00	-	81.67	175	75.00-82.00	-	78.17	899	80.93	
WINGS (CUT)	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				487	93.37	
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				311	55.54	
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				93	56.52	
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				115	115.00-122.00	-	117.26	445	116.62	
WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR APR 24, 2008 -- F.O.B. DOCK.					WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR APR 25, 2008 -- F.O.B. DOCK.						
RANGE		TODAY'S AVERAGE			RANGE		TODAY'S AVERAGE			5-DAY AVERAGE	
55.00 - 59.50		57.49			56.00 - 60.50		57.81			56.88	

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 increased slightly as dealers secured product to cover weekend needs and was noted as fair to mostly moderate overall. Offerings of breast items were in good balance and clearing. Most dark meat cuts were adequate to well cleared. Wings were irregular but generally sufficient for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair. The market tone was fully steady to firm for breast items and tenders. The balance of items were at least steady.  
ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

APR 24, 2008				APR 25, 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	145	141.00	886,763	145-150	140.18	990,901	139.76	4,150,650
TENDERLOINS	130	131.26	163,160	130-135	133.23	110,280	131.29	691,500
BREAST - WITH RIBS	80-81	84.96	114,360	80-81	89.96	74,440	86.33	443,160
BREAST - LINE RUN	80	82.41	61,200	80	82.43	63,000	81.23	307,800
LEGS	67-68	68.91	117,360	67-68	68.14	225,640	67.87	930,200
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	45-46	46.97	234,720	45-46	47.57	134,000	47.04	947,720
DRUMSTICKS	60-61	69.95	64,880	60-61	69.15	77,680	69.32	328,700
THIGHS	60-61	69.38	57,480	60-61	68.47	50,240	67.46	300,320
B/S THIGHS	122-123	123.91	52,440	122-123	125.33	68,260	123.56	303,500
WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101	94.96	187,456	100-101	94.93	143,960	95.06	854,047
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-14	13.77	30,600	12-14	13.41	16,640	13.33	138,160
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	38.71	7,280	35-40	39.30	7,760	38.88	41,960
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	54.18	12,120	50-55	55.10	16,040	54.67	85,840

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	04/25	04/24	04/23	04/22	04/23	04/22	04/18	04/16		
Arkansas	3,643	4,258	3,714	4,056	5.37	5.43	3,501	5.40		
Delmarva	4,773	5,126	5,101	5,138	5.27	5.43	4,697	5.37		
KY-LA-TN	2,193	2,219	2,248	2,317	5.87	5.96	2,235	5.89		
Mississippi	2,195	2,404	2,426	2,383	5.15	5.20	2,197	5.14		
North Carolina	3,230	3,116	3,003	3,078	5.89	5.85	3,398	5.86		
Texas	2,808	2,946	2,890	2,831	7.00	7.01	2,983	7.01		
Total	2,560	2,558	2,463	2,603	5.42	5.48	2,894	5.51		
Mon-Fri	21,402	22,627	21,845	22,406	5.67	5.72	21,905	5.69		
Saturday	111,279	(A)					110,956	(A)		
	963	(included in total for date shown)					1,394			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 25-Apr-08 and 26-Apr-08 is estimated to be 32,020,000 head down 2.59 percent from a week ago and down -8.95 percent from a year ago. (Last week 32,871,000, last year 35,168,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 26-Apr-08 is estimated to be 165,558,000 head down 0.22 percent from a week ago, and up 2.60 percent from a year ago. (Last week 165,918,000, last year 161,364,000)

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 19-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	43,450	77,984	27,235	17,249	165,918
Avg Live Wgt	3.86	5.50	6.86	8.36	5.59
% of total /1	26%	47%	17%	10%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	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%
Year Ago 2/	38,685	79,138	27,381	14,406	159,610
Avg Live Wgt	3.71	5.36	6.92	8.32	5.50
% of total /1	24%	50%	17%	9%	100%
To date/2008	689,758	1,255,458	397,391	267,842	2,610,449
To date/2007	678,853	1,289,195	350,166	187,891	2,506,105

/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 19-APR-2008	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	165,918	1,567	1,571	3,138	442
Avg Wt	5.59	3.22	7.94	5.58	6.44
Last week	165,977	1,549	1,494	3,043	453
Same wk yr ago	159,610	1,026	1,280	2,306	525
Avg Wt	5.50	3.23	7.89	5.82	5.99
To-date/2008	2,610,449	22,542	23,858	46,400	7,296
To-date/2007	2,506,105	17,811	21,571	39,382	8,358

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 168.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 167.9 million head, or 0.2 million less than estimated available.

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

Week Ending	Million Head Slaughtered	Million Head Available	Pct	Avg Wt
Mar 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
19	167.9	168.1	100%	5.59
Year to date	2642.2	2665.5	99%	
Apr 26		169.5		
May 3		170.1		

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

Under Federal Inspection

W/E	-----Thousands-----				%CHG
	04/26/08	04/19/08	%CHG	04/27/07	%CHG
<b>Broilers</b>	165,558	165,918 *	-0.22	161,364 *	+2.60
<b>Cattle</b>	695	676	+03	675 *	+03
<b>Hogs</b>	2,251	2,322	-03	1,983 *	+14

\*Actual

**EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

FOR DELIVERY THE WEEK OF 21-APR-2008

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

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
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

	RANGE	MOSTLY
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 were unchanged this period. Trade sentiment was fully steady with a firm undertone noted. Demand continued good to very good. Supplies were adequate to meet trade requirements. Schedules were 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 21-APR-2008

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	138-180	135-180

**GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION -**

DATE OF AUCTION: APRIL 22, 2008

PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

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

	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.90 - .95 ea.
Pullets 4-6 LBS	1.20 - 1.25
Pekin Ducks	5.00 - 6.00 ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.80 - .90
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	1.00 - 1.10
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	1.20 - 1.30
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	1.30 - 1.50
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.80 - .90
Guinea Fowl	10.00 - 12.00 ea.
Banty Roosters	4.00 - 4.50 ea.
Banty Hens	2.00 - 3.00 ea.
Silkie	4.50 - 5.50 ea.
Pigeons	3.90 - 4.00 ea.
White Pigeons	5.10 - 5.40 ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	2.90 - 3.30
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	2.00 - 2.20
Bunnies	2.00 - 4.00 ea.
Guinea Pigs	2.00 - 3.75 ea.
Goats	30.00 - 45.00 ea.
Kid Goats	15.00 - 25.00 ea.
Doves	8.00 ea .
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.95 - 1.05 ea.
Total Coops Sold	450

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

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST  
**LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)** TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT  
**HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)** TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED  
**LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)** TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT  
**HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)** TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

**LIVE HEAVY TYPE HENS**

(7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
 PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB.,  
 GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER  
 THE WEEK OF 28-APR-08

**SOUTH CENTRAL** Negotiations were if insufficient volume to report sales. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

AT FARM BUYER LOADING **RANGE MAJORITY**  
 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 at least adequate offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules were normal to heavy. Trade sentiment was steady.

REMOVAL COST **RANGE MAJORITY**  
 3-12 4-8

**SOUTHEAST** Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was at least 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 **RANGE MAJORITY**  
 AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT  
 FOB PLANT TOO FEW TO REPORT

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTH CENTRAL** Trading was TFEWR. Demand was slow for fully adequate offerings of light fowl. Schedules were as desired. Finished sales were light. Salvage costs were expected to rise.

REMOVAL COST **RANGE MAJORITY**  
 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.

REMOVAL COST **RANGE MAJORITY**  
 0-10.5 0-5

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