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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices were unchanged in the West, but higher elsewhere when compared to previous week. Trade sentiment was at least steady, mostly steady to fully steady. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate with mixed opinions for upcoming first of the month business. Supplies of all sizes were sufficient to well cleared for trade needs. Floor stocks were mixed. In the parts structure, trading was fair to moderate following the weekend. Breast items were in good balance to closely cleared, and most dark meat cuts were in balance and moving satisfactorily. Wings were at least adequate to available with mixed interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights varied, but were mostly desirable.



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 28-APR-2008

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Boston/New England	TFEWR		:	79.24	17
Chicago	75.00-78.00	77.27	29 :	75.15	55
Ohio Cities	TFEWR		:	73.18	16
Denver	89.50	89.50	11 :	87.10	15
Detroit	78.00-81.00	79.56	9 :	76.66	57
Los Angeles	90.00	88.98	59 :	84.64	154
New York	76.00-79.00	78.24	21 :	79.78	48
Philadelphia	75.50-77.00	76.55	11 :	77.48	24
Pittsburgh	75.00-78.00	77.18	11 :	80.10	56
St. Louis	76.00-77.25	76.40	19 :	77.36	29
San Francisco	90.50	90.47	33 :	89.97	68

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	04/28/08	Change Last Wk	4/21/08	04/30/07
539	80.57	1.67	78.90	78.35

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	81.00-84.00	81.55	32
Central	67.00-81.00	75.10	69
Western	78.00-90.00	81.95	49
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent			
Mississippi	80.00-83.00	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.

MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG

LOADS	RANGE	FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,106	75.00-84.00	80.53

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	175.00	1,389
BREASTS - B/S	147.00	5,749
BREASTS - WHOLE	84.50	1,419
THIGH MEAT - B/S	123.00	1,146
LEG QUARTERS	45.50	9,085
WINGS	112.50	2,698

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 fair to moderate as dealers assess market conditions entering the week. Offerings of most sizes were no better than adequate to well cleared. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair. The market tone was fully steady. In the parts complex, breast items were in good balance to closely cleared; wings were at least adequate to available. Most dark meat cuts were adequate and clearing satisfactorily.

SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was mixed, but at least steady. Demand following the weekend was light to moderate, best for ads and fast food promotions, with optimism for upcoming first of the month. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate for early week trading. Dark meat and breast items were no more than adequate to well cleared and moving satisfactorily. Wings were readily available with limited interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged from last week's reported levels. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Prices reported on truck lot whole body product at mainly unchanged to slightly higher prices. Buying activity was generally moderate with some improvement noted where features anticipated. Retailer demand was moderate to good. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. The market tone was generally steady to fully steady on parts with breasts in the strongest position. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was 77.79, up .73 from last week; with the volume reported at 34 loads unchanged.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority delivered prices moved higher; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady to fully steady. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate. Expectations were tempered for upcoming first of month business. Floor stocks short to fully adequate; weights desirable. Parts trade was light on limited to adequate offerings. The market tone was steady to fully steady on dark meat lines, steady to firm on breast cuts and mixed on wings.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to moderate entering the week. Seller offerings were usually sufficient for current trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 78 to 88 cents. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, breast items and most dark meat cuts were adequate to well cleared. Wings were mixed. 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	75-90
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operation.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was fair to moderate as dealers assess market conditions entering the week. Offerings of breast items were good balance to well cleared. Most dark meat cuts were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Wings were irregular but generally sufficient for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair. The market tone was fully steady 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.

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	145-150	145-150	143.05	706,920
TENDERLOINS	130-135	130-135	133.98	162,740
BREAST - WITH RIBS	80-81	80-81	88.74	81,480
BREAST - LINE RUN	80	80	82.42	59,400
LEGS	67-68	67-68	67.66	216,140
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	45-46	45-46	47.17	169,680
DRUMSTICKS	60-61	60-61	69.21	32,280
THIGHS	60-61	60-61	67.57	79,898
B/S THIGHS	122-123	122-123	124.66	39,800
WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101	100-101	95.83	139,920
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-14	12-14	13.24	15,040
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	35-40	39.00	2,000
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	50-55	55.47	11,400

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.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS 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	1,237	119.00-187.00	130-132	132.62
TENDERLOINS	446	104.00-220.00	121-126	125.49
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,541	41.00-46.00	41-43	42.84
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,503	45.00-51.00	45-46	45.96
WINGS (WHOLE)	1,293	66.00-93.00	-	82.49
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
THIGHS	1,489	53.00-55.00	55	54.99

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER/FRYERS (In Thousands)

	Estimate	Actual	Avg Wts	Actual	Avg Wts
	04/28	04/24	04/24	04/21	04/17
Alabama	4,249	3,996	5.23	3,907	5.32
Arkansas	5,193	5,137	5.25	4,984	5.35
Delmarva	2,242	2,223	5.85	2,285	5.84
KY-LA-TN	2,426	2,396	5.01	2,437	5.04
Mississippi	3,132	3,081	5.73	3,095	5.76
North Carolina	2,931	2,910	6.82	2,834	6.91
Texas	2,551	2,585	5.37	2,570	5.45
Total	22,724	22,328	5.57	22,112	5.63
Mon	22,724 (A)			22,112(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 28-Apr 2008 is estimated to be 33,998,000 up 2.46 percent from a week ago. and up 7.0 percent from a year ago.

(last week 33,181,000 last year 31,759,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER 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	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	400	125.00-195.00	-	138.15
TENDERLOINS	136	125.00-187.00	-	131.29
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	193	62.00-70.00	66-67	66.50
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	503	42.00-46.00	44-45	44.61
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	667	44.00-49.00	46-47	46.77
WINGS (WHOLE)	200	75.00-85.00	-	79.50
WINGS (CUT)	100	88.00-94.00	-	91.60
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR APRIL 28, 2008 -- F.O.B. DOCK.				
	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE	
	55.50 - 59.00	57.45	57.23	

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 28-APR-2008 TO 02-MAY-2008, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	126.00 - 145.00	126.00 - 137.00
TENDERLOINS	131.00 - 149.00	-
BREAST - LINE RUN	74.00 - 103.00	78.00 - 92.00
LEGS	65.00 - 72.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	42.00 - 50.00	44.00 - 47.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	45.00 - 51.00	46.00 - 48.00
DRUMSTICKS	50.00 - 66.00	-
THIGHS	60.00 - 69.00	-
B/S THIGHS	122.00 - 129.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	67.00 - 103.00	70.00 - 92.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 25.00	-
LIVERS	32.00 - 49.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 56.00	-

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

	R4NGE
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

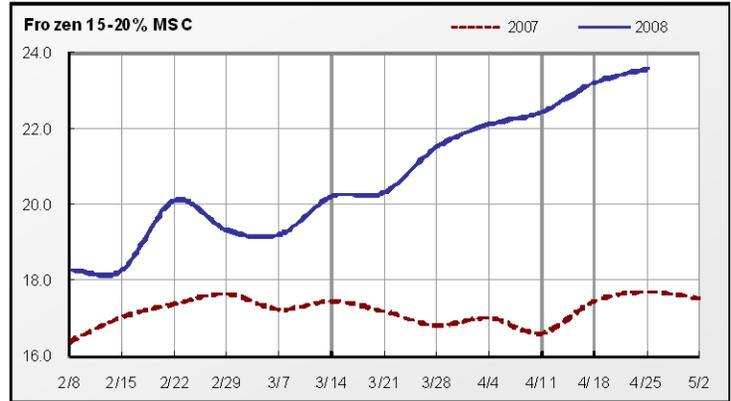
	RANGE
B/F 2# & OVER	ICE PACK 142
	DRY PACK 135
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 140
	DRY PACK 127
	ICE PACK 110
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK 120
DUCKS	199-207

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 steady to fully steady. Supplies of fresh 15-20% were noted as in good balance to well cleared; the balance was closely cleared. Frozen demand was moderate to good. Supplies of raw materials remained tight and where available held with confidence with good demand noted from all users. Domestic movement was moderate to fairly good. Export demand was moderate to good with most inquiry from Mexico and Central American countries. Schedules were mixed, ranging light to normal due to short supplies of raw materials.

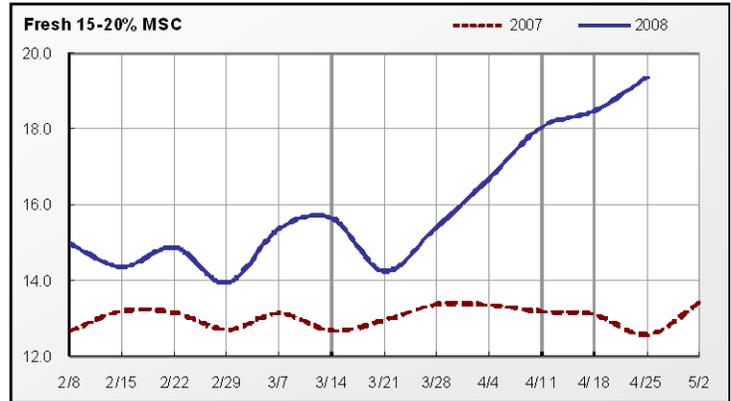
Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	25-Apr-08	Last Week	Last Year	25-Apr-08	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range	22.00	17.00	17.00	23.00 - 25.00	19.00 - 24.00	16.50-18.00
Wtd Avg Price	22.00	17.00	17.00	23.90	22.50	16.96
Volume Traded	54	53	262	181	247	502
Volume Exported	54	53	262	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	20.00 - 28.00	18.00 - 28.00	14.00-21.00	14.00 - 26.00	15.00 - 26.00	11.00-17.00
Wtd Avg Price	23.57	23.21	17.53	19.36	18.48	13.40
Volume Traded	1,547	1,603	1,384	2,800	2,701	2,446
Volume Exported	1,507	1,523	1,184	509	713	163
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	-	-	14.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	-	-	14.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	-	80
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
15% or Less						
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	-	-	-
15-20%						
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
20% or More						
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.

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SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS

Trading was light and of insufficient volume to report prices. Demand was fair for adequate offerings from producers. Schedules were reduced. 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 28-APR-08

RANGE MAJORITY WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING TO FEW TO REPORT PRICES

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS

Prices were generally unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was at least moderate for the mostly 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.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 28-APR-08

RANGE MAJORITY WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING 7.5-12.75 CENTS/LB. 9.82
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT PRICES
FOB PLANT TOO FEW TO REPORT PRICES

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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