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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment ranged steady to fully steady, instances firm. Demand was light to moderate, at times improved and fairly good, with hopes for upcoming first of the month. Supplies of all sizes were sufficient to well cleared for trade needs. Floor stocks were adequate to long. In the parts structure, trading was fair to moderate for late week trading. Breast items and dark meat cuts were sufficient to closely cleared, often tight and held with confidence. Wings were readily available and slow to move. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights varied, but were mostly desirable.

**GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .50 cents to 82.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 79.00 cents last year on May 2, 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	176.50
BREASTS - B/S	148.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	83.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	125.00
LEG QUARTERS	46.00
WINGS	106.00

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

**SOUTHERN REGION** Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand into all channels was light to moderate, best for active ads and fast food promotions. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to close balanced for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate for mid-week trading. Dark meat was balanced to closely cleared and moving satisfactorily. Breast items were adequate to well cleared with boneless skinless and tenders in the closest position. 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 at least moderate to fairly good during midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes were in good balance for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was fair. The market tone was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breasts and tenders were closely cleared and held with confidence. Dark meat cuts were mostly adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Wings were readily available and slow to clear.

**MIDWEST REGION** Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady to firm. Offerings were limited for the light to moderate trade interest. Retail and food service demand was improved and noted as light to fairly good. Best call noted on eight-piece cut-up, split-chicken and wings. Floor stocks were adequate; weights desirable to less than desired. Parts trade was light to moderate. Supplies of breast and dark meat were limited, wings ample. The market tone was steady to firm on breast cuts, steady to fully steady on dark meat and wings were steady to weak.

**WESTERN REGION** The market tone was fully steady overall. Offerings were in good balance to adequate for immediate needs. Buying activity was moderate with some interest noted on parts. Retailer demand was moderate to good particularly where featured. Floor stocks were adequate. The market tone was about steady to fully steady on parts with boneless meat items showing the most strength.

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

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 26, 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 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 178 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 26, 2008. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through April 26, 2008 were 3.03 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

## BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED TOTAL 19 SELECTED STATES

WEEK ENDING 04/26/08	2008	2007	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
	<i>Thousand</i>		
EGGS SET	213,228	218,515	-02
CHICKS PLACED	178,108	180,188	-01

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 07-Jun-08 is estimated at 163.6 million head. This compares to 163.8 million head the previous week and to 168.8 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 166.0 million head and the composite weighted average price was 82.74 cents per pound.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

APR 30

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	356	125.00-195.00	-	136.83	BREAST - B/S	467	129.00-205.00	138-141	139.36
TENDERLOINS	106	122.00-190.00	-	133.70	TENDERLOINS	133	131.00-197.00	-	135.30
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT				BREAST - LINE RUN	124	76.00-85.00	-	79.19
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	187	62.00-71.00	66-67	66.39	LEGS	223	64.00-72.00	66-67	66.57
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	403	42.00-47.00	45	45.09	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	380	42.00-47.00	45	44.93
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	696	44.00-49.00	46-47	46.80	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	607	44.00-49.00	46-47	46.34
WINGS (WHOLE)	141	72.00-95.00	75-78	75.30	WINGS (WHOLE)	155	75.00-95.00	-	76.94
WINGS (CUT)	105	88.00-94.00	-	91.71	WINGS (CUT)	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
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
56.00 - 59.50	58.21	55.00 - 61.00	57.08	57.61

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 boneless skinless breast and tenders were closely cleared and held with confidence; bone-in breasts were more than sufficient for current needs. Dark meat cuts were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Wings were readily available and slow to clear. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair. The market tone was fully steady to firm for boneless skinless breasts and tenders; weak for wings. 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 29	CURRENT NEG	WTD		APR 30	CURRENT NEG	WTD	
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG	VOL/LBS	ITEM	TRADING*	AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	150	142.09	742,006	BREAST - B/S	150-155	143.08	787,371
TENDERLOINS	135	134.30	160,640	TENDERLOINS	135-140	134.36	137,480
BREAST - WITH RIBS	80-81	87.15	151,280	BREAST - WITH RIBS	80-81	90.92	48,360
BREAST - LINE RUN	80	81.24	59,400	BREAST - LINE RUN	80	80.62	61,200
LEGS	67-68	67.66	162,640	LEGS	67-68	68.36	203,440
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	45-46	46.46	189,520	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	45-46	47.23	155,000
DRUMSTICKS	60-61	65.62	98,400	DRUMSTICKS	60-61	69.49	66,360
THIGHS	60-61	68.67	88,305	THIGHS	60-61	68.31	45,800
B/S THIGHS	122-123	124.50	68,200	B/S THIGHS	122-123	124.79	70,760
WINGS (WHOLE)	98-99	88.02	180,560	WINGS (WHOLE)	96-97	93.22	227,320
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-14	13.04	24,200	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-14	13.13	25,080
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	39.42	7,200	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	38.31	8,640
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	52.64	20,200	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	53.46	16,280

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	
	04/30	04/29	04/28	04/25	04/28	04/25	04/23	04/21	
Alabama	4,034	4,241	4,091	3,548	5.74	4.97	3,714	5.68	
Arkansas	5,293	5,274	5,080	4,528	5.39	5.26	5,101	5.48	
Delmarva	2,265	2,285	2,272	2,406	5.96	5.86	2,248	6.06	
KY-LA-TN	2,387	2,418	2,361	2,213	5.15	4.89	2,426	5.13	
Mississippi	3,067	3,092	3,114	3,242	6.01	5.85	3,003	5.88	
North Carolina	2,940	2,901	2,815	2,846	7.13	6.91	2,890	7.07	
Texas	2,566	2,560	2,577	2,864	5.49	5.37	2,463	5.47	
Total	22,552	22,771	22,310	21,647	5.80	5.56	21,845	5.79	
Mon-Wed	68,047 (A)								66,363 (A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 30-Apr-08 is estimated to be 33,740,000 head up 2.93 percent from a week ago and up 7.35 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,781,000, last year 31,430,000)

**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 03-MAY-08

Class	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	05/03/08 (1)	04/26/08	05/03/08 (1)	04/26/08
	----- Thousand head -----			
Broiler/fryer	168,746(2)		166,653	
Light hens	1,333		1,301	
Heavy hens	1,657		1,712	
Total	171,736		169,666	

(1)ESTIMATED

2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 03-May-08 is 170.1 million head compared to 167.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 169.1 million head or 1.0 million less than estimated available. For the week of 10-May-08 the estimated available is 170.0 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 04/28/08	97,216		79,566	
AM 04/01/08	90,808		72,309	
CHG	6,408		7,257	
PCT CHG	7		10	

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)**

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	04/28/08	04/21/08	04/30/07	04/28/08	04/21/08	04/30/07
<b>PACIFIC COAST</b>	2,456	2,552	2,286	6,660	6,642	5,558
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>	280	268	86	1,194	1,152	1,503

**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 28, 2008

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

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES FOR 04/29/08**

	AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY			FOR 04/29/08		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	-	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	1.25
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	.60	2.65	1.99	RABBITS ea.	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	4.00	6.26
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-			
TOTAL COOPS	12					

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY**

Cents per pound for the week ending April 25, 2008

	Whole Chickens		Legs W/Thighs	Necks,Backs & Wings	Livers Gizzards	Hens
	Breasts					
<b>RAYON</b>						
Low	78.99	164.92	82.46	13.02	4.34	54.25
High	86.80	177.94	91.14	17.36	8.68	54.25
Mostly	86.80	173.60	91.14	17.36	8.68	54.25
<b>SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	78.12	164.92	78.12	13.02	4.34	52.08
High	86.80	173.60	95.48	17.36	8.68	52.08
Mostly	86.80	169.26	86.80	17.36	6.51	52.08
<b>NEW SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	79.86	169.26	82.46	17.36	8.68	56.42
High	87.67	182.28	99.82	21.70	13.02	56.42
Mostly	79.86	173.60	95.48	19.53	8.68	56.42
<b>BECERRA</b>						
Low	81.16	169.26	86.80	17.36	4.34	60.76
High	88.97	186.62	104.16	21.70	13.02	60.76
Mostly	81.16	177.94	104.16	17.36	8.68	60.76

**DELMARVA** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to good for mid-week business. Offerings were adequate to balanced for immediate trade requirements. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but were reported as mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices remained unchanged at 78 to 88 cents. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, dark meat cuts and breast items were adequate to closely cleared. Wings were available.

RANGE		BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	72-90	(A)	
NO. OF BOXES		(A)	

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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