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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices for next week were unchanged in the Northeast, but higher in the West and Midwest when compared to last week's values. Trade sentiment was at least steady to firm. Demand was mostly fair to fairly good, best where first of the month business and feature activity was noted. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to well cleared for trade needs. Floor stocks were balanced to fully adequate. In the parts structure, trading was fair to moderate. Boneless skinless breasts and tenders were in good balance to short; bone-in breast were at least sufficient. Dark meat was adequate to well cleared, and often noted as tight for boneless cuts. Wings were readily available with light movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, 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 05-MAY-2008

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Boston/New England	TFEWR		:	78.94	16
Chicago	76.00-79.00	77.94	29 :	76.26	56
Ohio Cities	TFEWR		:	73.53	15
Denver	90.50	90.50	12 :	91.04	14
Detroit	79.00-81.00	80.11	9 :	79.12	50
Los Angeles	91.00	90.46	59 :	87.38	134
New York	76.00-79.00	78.25	20 :	79.33	53
Philadelphia	75.50-77.00	76.64	11 :	77.93	22
Pittsburgh	75.00-78.00	77.36	11 :	81.76	57
St. Louis	76.75-78.00	77.15	19 :	78.47	26
San Francisco	91.50	91.48	32 :	91.99	61

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	05/05/08	Change Last Wk	4/28/08	05/07/07
504	82.02	1.45	80.57	79.25

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	82.00-83.50	82.81	33
Central	67.00-82.00	76.29	69
Western	78.00-88.00	83.23	47
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent			
Mississippi	80.00-84.00	82.91	87

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broiler/fryers for this week's trading is 82.50 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
1,129	76.00-84.50	81.08

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	1,409
BREASTS - B/S	149.00	5,799
BREASTS - WHOLE	84.00	1,444
THIGH MEAT - B/S	123.50	1,161
LEG QUARTERS	46.50	9,185
WINGS	107.00	2,713

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 mostly moderate as dealers assess market conditions entering the week. Offerings of most sizes were adequate to well cleared. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone was at least steady. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breasts, tenders and thigh meat were in good balance to closely cleared; bone-in breast were at least sufficient for current needs. Wings were available with light movement. Most dark meat cuts were adequate and clearing satisfactorily.

SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm for the week preceding Mother's Day. Demand was moderate with regular shipping channels active to primary receivers. Extra product where available was held with a degree of confidence. Boneless breast were limited, tenders were sparingly offered, and split breast shown with confidence. Dark meat parts were adequate with boneless thighs receiving a good call. Wings were in slightly better balance. Live supplies were adequate; weights were desirable.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were 1 cent higher than last weeks' reported level. The market tone was firm. Offerings of sized whole birds were in the best position; heavy weights, and mixed weights in the longest position. Buying activity increased on parts but decreased on whole birds. Retailer demand was moderate to good. Dealers reported desirable weekend carryovers. The market tone was steady to firm on parts. Boneless meat items were in the strongest position with dark meat items starting to show some strength. Prices reported on parts for this week's delivery were at 64-72 on drumsticks, leg quarters 47-56, wings 91-109, rib-attached breasts 85-104, and boneless breasts 139-148. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was 78.31, up .52 from last week; with the volume reported at 32 loads down 6 percent.

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. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate; weights desirable. Parts trade was light on limited 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 fair to mostly moderate entering the week with increased buying interest noted. Offerings ranged sufficient to well cleared for immediate trade requirements. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but reported as mostly desirable. Processor 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 were at least sufficient to closely cleared. Wings were clearing better and most dark meat cuts were adequate.

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	74-90
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 mostly moderate entering the week as dealers assessed market conditions. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts, tenders and thigh meat were in good balance to closely cleared; bone-in breasts were at least sufficient for current needs. Dark meat cuts were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Wings were available and slow to clear. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone was fully steady to firm for boneless skinless breasts, thigh meat and tenders; barely steady for wings. The balance of items were steady to at least 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		160	149.51	656,145
TENDERLOINS	140-145		137.40	94,960
BREAST - WITH RIBS	80-81		88.34	86,360
BREAST - LINE RUN	80		81.03	59,400
LEGS	67-68		68.14	225,000
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	45-46		47.29	170,400
DRUMSTICKS	60-61		69.00	30,120
THIGHS	60-61		67.92	47,361
B/S THIGHS	125-126		125.19	54,320
WINGS (WHOLE)	96-97		95.31	101,680
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-14		13.38	13,680
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40		37.65	3,400
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55		52.28	11,800

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	1,069	137.00-188.00	137-142	142.53
TENDERLOINS	407	131.00-194.00	133-138	136.51
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
LEG QRTRS (BULK)	1,418	41.00-54.00	41-44	43.93
LEG QRTRS (4/10)	1,662	45.50-52.00	45-46	45.99
WINGS (WHOLE)	804	65.00-111.00	-	91.33
DRUMSTICKS	438	56.00-64.00	-	57.51
THIGHS	1,528	53.00-61.00	-	53.93

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (In thousands)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	05/05	05/01	05/01	04/28	04/24
Alabama	4,313	4,431	5.30	4,091	5.23
Arkansas	5,481	5,027	5.27	5,080	5.25
Delmarva	2,264	2,242	5.82	2,272	5.85
KY-LA-TN	2,430	2,444	5.01	2,361	5.01
Mississippi	3,101	3,099	5.75	3,114	5.73
North Carolina	2,936	2,780	6.85	2,815	6.82
Texas	2,551	2,520	5.42	2,577	5.37
Total	23,076	22,543	5.58	22,310	5.57
Mon	23,076 (A)			22,310 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 05-May 2008 is estimated to be 34,524,000 up 3.12 percent from a week ago. and up 6.1 percent from a year ago. (last week 33,478,000 last year 32,530,000)

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	425	136.00-205.00	-	146.74
TENDERLOINS	130	132.00-144.00	-	134.40
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	148	64.00-70.00	66-67	66.55
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	395	42.00-46.00	44-45	44.32
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	547	44.00-48.00	46-47	46.10
WINGS (WHOLE)	200	75.00-95.00	-	81.00
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for May 05, 2008 -- F.O.B. Dock

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
56.00 - 59.50	57.81	57.37

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 05-MAY-2008 TO 09-MAY-2008, CENTS PER POUND

	Price per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	132.00 - 154.00	138.00 - 149.00
TENDERLOINS	128.00 - 211.00	128.00 - 144.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	78.00 - 104.00	80.00 - 95.00
LEGS	52.00 - 72.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	42.00 - 52.00	44.00 - 47.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	45.00 - 52.00	47.00 - 49.00
DRUMSTICKS	54.00 - 67.00	-
THIGHS	55.00 - 69.00	-
B/S THIGHS	115.00 - 144.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	69.00 - 99.00	-
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 25.00	-
LIVERS	32.00 - 49.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 60.00	-

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

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	95-111
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	98.5-115.5
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

FRESH FRYERS	102-111
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		207-226

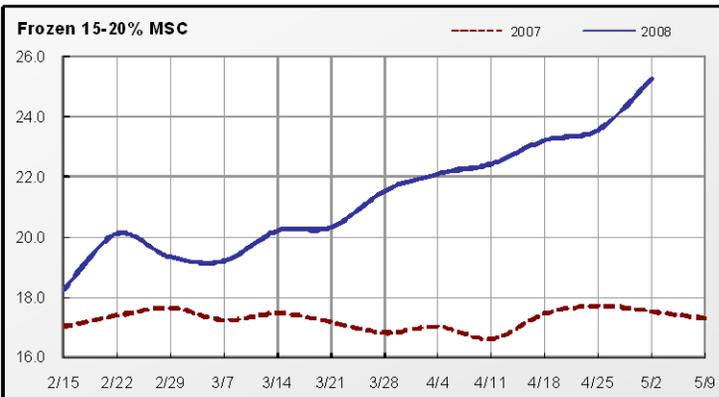
National Mechanically Separated Chicken

(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 market tone remains steady to fully steady. Supplies of fresh 15-20% were adequate to well cleared; the balance was closely cleared. Frozen demand continues moderate to good. Supplies of raw materials were tight with good demand noted from all users. Domestic movement was moderate. Export demand was moderate to good with most inquiry from Central American countries; Mexico mixed with the Labor Day and Cinco de Mayo holidays. Schedules were mixed, ranging light to normal due to short supplies of raw materials.

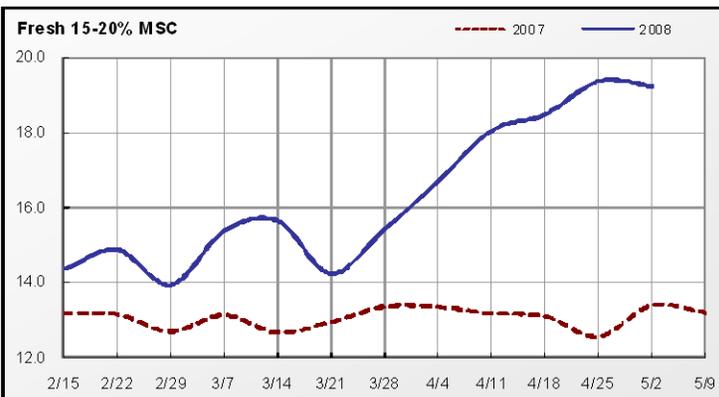
Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	2-May-08	Last Week	Last Year	2-May-08	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range	22.00	22.00	17.00-20.00	22.00 - 25.00	23.00 - 25.00	16.50-17.00
Wtd Avg Price	22.00	22.00	17.85	23.01	23.90	16.87
Volume Traded	53	54	425	201	181	459
Volume Exported	53	54	265	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	22.00 - 28.00	20.00 - 28.00	15.50-21.00	15.00 - 26.00	14.00 - 26.00	11.00-16.00
Wtd Avg Price	25.27	23.57	17.29	19.23	19.36	13.20
Volume Traded	1,512	1,547	1,197	1,651	2,800	2,615
Volume Exported	1,472	1,507	1,157	501	509	409
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		
	Apr 2008	Mar 2008	Apr 2007	Apr 2008	Mar 2008	Apr 2007
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	20.77	18.77	17.13	21.89	19.04	16.57
Volume Traded	216	215	1,129	912	1,010	1,669
Volume Exported	216	215	1,049	-	-	-
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	22.69	20.43	17.36	18.04	15.08	13.06
Volume Traded	7,926	7,601	5,273	12,004	7,548	11,494
Volume Exported	6,493	6,640	4,253	3,263	899	1,224
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	18.43	17.00	14.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	286	408	320
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 levels were generally unchanged. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent hens. 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 05-MAY-08

AT FARM BUYER LOADING RANGE MAJORITY WTD AVG 7-12.5 9.52

* 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 at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules noted as mostly normal. Sales of finished product was fair to 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 05-MAY-08

AT FARM BUYER LOADING RANGE MAJORITY WTD AVG 7.5-12.75 CENTS/LB. 9.83
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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