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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was mostly steady for midweek trading. Demand was mostly fair to fairly good, as dealers assess market developments for the Mother's Day weekend. Supplies of all sizes were about adequate to adequate for trade needs with lighter sizes in the Midwest noted as limited. Floor stocks were to fully adequate. In the parts structure, trading was fair to moderate. Breasts items and tenders were adequate to well cleared. Drums were in good balance to short; other dark meat cuts were sufficient and clearing satisfactorily. Wings were irregular and at least adequate for trade needs. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights varied, but were mostly desirable.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged 83.00 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 79.25 cents last year on May 09, 2007.

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

DOCK PRICE

ITEM	(CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	177.50
BREASTS - B/S	153.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	85.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	127.00
LEG QUARTERS	47.50
WINGS	104.50

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

<u>SOUTHERN REGION</u> Trade sentiment in most areas was at least steady to fully steady. Demand from interested buyers is slow in midweek negotiations. Offerings of most product type are available but are held with a degree of confidence. First receivers have sufficient inventories and await only willing consumers with the ability to make purchases. Schedules in processing areas currently show a few weekend kills. Live supplies provide the ability to maintain schedules at desirable weights.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair to moderate during midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes were sufficient for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, breast items were adequate to well cleared; dark meat cuts were sufficient and clearing satisfactorily. Wings were mixed and noted as at least adequate.

MIDWEST REGION Whole broiler/fryer market tone continued steady. Offerings were limited on light weight birds, adequate on heavy weights. Retail and food service demand was somewhat improved on Mother's Day preparation, light to moderate, occasionally fairly good. Best trade centered on eight-piece cut-up and portion sized boneless/skinless breast. Floor stocks were in close balance to fully adequate; weights desirable. Part supplies were available to barely adequate with wings available to long. The market tone was steady to firm on breast cuts, steady to fully steady on dark meat; wings were steady to about steady.

WESTERN REGION The market tone was about steady. Offerings were in balance to fully adequate for current trade needs. Buying activity was generally moderate. Retailer demand was moderate to good; particularly where features in progress. Floor stocks were adequate. Parts were steady to occasionally fully steady.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 214 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 3, 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 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Down 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 3, 2008. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through May 3, 2008 were 3.21 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

PERCENT CHANGE

WEEK ENDING 05/03/08 2008 2007 PREVIOUS YEAR EGGS SET 213,567 218,353 -02 CHICKS PLACED 177,234 180,084 -02 Source: NASS, USDA -02

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 14-Jun-08 is estimated at 163.6 million head. This compares to 163.6 million head the previous week and to 170.1 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 166.2 million head and the composite weighted average price was 81.88 cents per pound.

MAY 06

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

MAY 07

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.

Р	OUND	S		WTD	P	OUNDS	3		WTD
<u>ITEM</u>	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	<u>AVG</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>(000)</u>	RANGE	MAJORITY	<u>AVG</u>
BREAST - B/S	405	136.00-205.00	-	147.62	BREAST - B/S	465	141.00-205.00	-	149.56
TENDERLOINS	217	132.00-195.00	-	141.64	TENDERLOINS	130	132.00-144.00	-	134.66
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO R	REPORT		BREAST - LINE RUN	Т	OO FEW TO R	EPORT	
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO R	REPORT		FRONT HALVES	T	OO FEW TO R	EPORT	
LEGS	193	63.00-72.00	66-67	66.95	LEGS	223	64.00-70.00	66-67	66.55
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	404	42.00-46.00	44-45	44.61	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	414	43.00-47.00	45	45.34
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	747	44.00-49.00	47	46.85	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	716	44.00-49.00	46-47	46.69
WINGS (WHOLE)	198	72.00-95.00	-	79.88	WINGS (WHOLE)	200	75.00-95.00	-	83.50
WINGS (CUT)	٦	OO FEW TO R	EPORT		WINGS (CUT)	Т	OO FEW TO R	EPORT	
DRUMSŤICKŚ	7	OO FEW TO R	EPORT		DRUMSTICKS	Т	OO FEW TO R	EPORT	
THIGHS	٦	OO FEW TO R	EPORT		THIGHS	Т	OO FEW TO R	EPORT	
B/S THIGHS	٦	TOO FEW TO R	EPORT		B/S THIGHS	Т	OO FEW TO R	EPORT	

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 - 59.00
 57.81
 55.50 - 59.50
 57.67
 57.41

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 fairly good during midweek trading. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts, tenders were no more than adequate to instances tight; bone-in breasts were sufficient for current needs. Dark meat cuts were adequate to well cleared with drums and leg quarters noted as in the best position. Wings were irregular but in better balance than the previous week. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone was fully steady to firm for boneless skinless breasts, tenders and drumsticks. The balance of items were steady to fully steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

MAY 06 ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS	MAY 07 (CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	160-165	152.62	722,120	BREAST - B/S	160-165	150.26	720,160
TENDERLOINS	140-145	136.64	258,326	TENDERLOINS	140-145	141.06	82,280
BREAST - WITH RIBS	80-81	86.88	178,240	BREAST - WITH RIBS	80-81	89.88	49,240
BREAST - LINE RUN	80	81.06	59,400	BREAST - LINE RUN	80	81.38	57,600
LEGS	67-68	67.81	127,600	LEGS	67-68	68.34	220,680
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	46-47	46.78	237,920	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	46-47	47.94	216,000
DRUMSTICKS	60-61	65.73	106,280	DRUMSTICKS	61-62	71.56	41,440
THIGHS	60-61	69.27	88,620	THIGHS	60-61	68.11	63,789
B/S THIGHS	126-127	125.36	67,800	B/S THIGHS	126-127	126.59	36,000
WINGS (WHOLE)	96-97	94.10	318,040	WINGS (WHOLE)	96-97	93.69	147,480
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIF	PPED) 12-14	13.34	29,560	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIP	PED) 12-14	12.99	23,560
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	39.28	14,200	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	38.93	5,040
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	50.34	33,040	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	53.20	28,960

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.

AVC

								AVG
	ESTIMATED		<u>ACTUAL</u>		AVG WTS		ACTUAL	WTS
	(1,000)		(1,000)				(1,000)	
	05/07	05/06	05/05	05/02	05/05	05/02	04/30	04/28
Alabama	4,133	4,184	4,177	3,792	5.63	5.17	3,898	5.74
Arkansas	5,539	5,508	5,490	4,851	5.55	4.62	5,233	5.39
Delmarva	2,258	2,226	2,251	2,610	5.86	5.98	2,237	5.96
KY-LA-TN	2,397	2,444	2,407	2,459	5.26	4.92	2,411	5.15
Mississippi	3,133	3,105	3,117	3,131	5.80	5.83	3,046	6.01
North Carolina	2,972	2,944	2,841	2,740	7.24	6.86	2,876	7.13
Texas	2,555	2,552	2,577	3,081	5.60	5.36	2,571	5.49
Total	22,987	22,963	22,860	22,664	5.81	5.44	22,272	5.80
Mon-Wed	69.026	(A)					67.027 (/	۹)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 07-May-08 is estimated to be 34,391,000 head up 2.90 percent from a week ago and up 4.87 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 33,421,000, last year 32,794,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DLVRD TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
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 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		207-226

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 10-MAY-08									
	CUR	RENT V	VEEK	PREVIOU	S WEEK				
		05/	10/08 (1)		05/03/08				
Class		00,		ousand head					
		4.7		Jusanu nea					
Broiler/frye	r		2,588(2)		168,746				
Light hens			1,604		1,333				
Heavy hen	S		1,715		1,657				
Total			5,907		171,736				
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	mated numb								
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(INCL GOV	Γ STOCKS) (I								
	PROCESS	ED TUR	KEY	PROC	ESSED PC	ULTRY			
		L	.BS			LBS			
AM 05/05/	าล	Q;	8,174			78,972			
AM 04/01/			0,808			72,309			
	J6					,			
CHG			7,366			6,663			
PCT CHG			8	PCT CHG 8 9					
						9			
COLD OT	DAOE NO	/CB4Cb1	- /INI - III/			9			
	DRAGE MO								
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P 05	ROCESSED	TURKI	EYS	PROC	ESSED PC	ULTRY			

280 CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

LOS

ANGELES 222

TOTAL COOPS 35

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S.GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5LBS AND UP, FOR WEEK OF MAY 5, 2008

95

1,194

1,606

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

HACKETTSTOW					FOR 05		
	-			ALL OUT OF STAT			
	LOW I	HIGH	AVG		LOW I	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	1.40	1.85	1.71	HEAVY FOWL ea	a	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea		-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-	-
BROILERS lb.	1.05	1.25	1.15	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	1.20	3.00	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	4.50	9.75	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	2.50	3.75	-
ROOSTERS lb.	1.10	1.50	1.34	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	2.00	-	DUCKS ea.	6.50	7.50	-
RABBITS lb.	1.00	2.55	1.61	RABBITS ea.	-	5.50	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	4.00	4.50	-
GUINEA FOWL Ib)	-	-	GUINEA FOWL 6	a	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	4.25	5.00	-
GUINEA KEETS 6	ea	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea		-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	9.50	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea		-	-	TURKEY POULT	S ea	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-				

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending May 2, 2008

Who Chic			Legs N //Thighs	Necks,Backs & Wings	Livers Gizzards	Hens	
RAYON							
Low	79.94	160.75	91.24	13.03	4.34	52.13	
High	86.89	173.78	104.27	17.38	8.69	52.13	
Mostly	83.42	169.44	104.27	13.03	8.69	52.13	
SAN JUA	. N.I						
	78.20	165.09	95.58	8.69	4.34	52.13	
Low					_		
High	85.59	178.13	104.27	13.03	8.69	52.13	
Mostly	82.55	169.44	99.92	13.03	8.69	52.13	
NEW SA	N JUAN						
Low	81.24	165.09	91.24	13.03	8.69	4.31	
High	87.76	182.47	108.61	19.55	13.03	54.31	
Mostly	83.42	169.44	104.27	17.38	13.03	54.31	
BECERRA							
Low	82.55	169.44	95.58	17.38	8.69	56.48	
High	89.06	182.47	112.96		13.03	56.48	
Mostly	82.55	173.78	108.61	17.38	13.03	56.48	
iviostry	02.00	113.10	100.01	17.30	13.03	50.40	

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to at times good with best movement where featured. Offerings were generally adequate for current trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but reported as mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 78 to 88 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. In the parts complex, breast items were in good balance to well cleared. Wings were irregular, but noted as at least adequate. Dark meat items were adequate to well cleared with drums and legs in the best position.

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

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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