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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were mostly unchanged in all areas when compared to previous week. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand following the holiday weekend was slow to moderate at best with mostly needs being refilled. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. In the parts structure, trading was fair to moderate with needs being assessed and markets monitored. Dark meat was adequate to close balanced and moving satisfactorily. Breast cuts were at least adequate to available. Wings were mixed and varied by size, but were overall obtainable. In production, areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**FINAL BROILER FRYER** 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 12-MAY-2008 (cents per lb)

Areas	US grade A		Lds	Composite	
	Majority	Wtd Avg		:Wtd Avg	Lds
Boston/New England	TFEWR			78.82	17
Chicago	76.00-79.00	77.85	28	74.93	55
Ohio Cities	TFEWR			75.60	19
Denver	90.50	90.50	11	90.65	13
Detroit	79.00-81.00	79.55	11	79.55	50
Los Angeles	91.00	90.64	59	89.29	129
New York	76.00-79.00	78.30	20	80.20	46
Philadelphia	75.50-77.00	76.36	11	77.46	23
Pittsburgh	75.00-78.00	77.09	11	81.85	56
St. Louis	76.50-77.75	76.98	19	78.21	30
San Francisco	91.50	91.75	28	83.85	90

### Composite Weighted Average

Loads	05/12/08	Change Last Wk	05/05/08	05/14/07
528	81.53	-.49	82.02	81.76

**WOG Broilers** - (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and ltl quantities:

Marketing Regions	Majority	Wtd Avg	Lds
Eastern	82.00-83.50	82.69	31
Central	68.00-82.00	75.56	68
Western	81.00-91.00	85.64	51

### Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	80.00-84.00	82.75	93
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**GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is **83.00** cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/12 to 3 pound birds.

### MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG

LOADS	RANGE	FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,104	76.00-83.50	81.44

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed FINAL weighted average price on ice-packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000) POUNDS
LINE RUN TENDERS	177.50	1,369
BREASTS - B/S	152.50	5,699
BREASTS - WHOLE	85.50	1,394
THIGH MEAT - B/S	126.00	1,131
LEG QUARTERS	47.50	8,985
WINGS	103.00	2,683

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**NORTHEAST REGION** 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 sufficient for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was moderate. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, breast items and wings were at least adequate; drums were in good balance to well cleared. Other dark meat cuts were generally adequate and clearing satisfactorily.

**SOUTHERN REGION** Trade sentiment was mostly steady to fully steady. Demand was moderate to fairly good. Supplies of all sizes were usually adequate for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate. Boneless breast were limited, and split breast shown with confidence. Dark meat parts were fully steady to firm. Wings are about steady to steady with offerings adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable weights.

**WESTERN REGION** Final majority prices on whole broiler fryers were unchanged from last week. The market tone on whole fryers was steady to instances firm, WOGs fully steady to firm. Demand was mixed ranging light and disappointing to moderate. Some instances of load cancellations were noted for this week while others noted improved interest for barbecuing. Offerings light to adequate. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Weights desirable. The market tone on white meat was barely steady to fully steady, dark items steady to fully steady. Demand light to moderate. Offerings of white meat adequate to fully adequate, dark meat light to adequate. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was 83.98, 5.27 cents higher from last week with 43 loads.

**MIDWEST REGION** Final majority delivered prices unchanged; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady. Retail and food service demand was slow to moderate. Best activity centered around eight-piece cut-up and boneless/skinless breast. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate; weights desirable. Parts trade was light. Supplies of leg cuts limited, breast cuts plentiful, large wings balanced and small wings available. The market tone was steady to firm on dark meat lines, about steady to weak on breast cuts and about steady on wings.

**DELMARVA** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to moderate for post Mother's Day weekend fill-in needs. Offerings were usually adequate for current trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were 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 at least sufficient. Wings were adequate and dark meat cuts were adequate to well cleared.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FORM DELMARVA

### BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	75-90
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying activity remained fair to moderate as dealers assess market developments entering the week. Offerings of breast items and tenders were fully sufficient for current needs. Most dark meat cuts were clearing satisfactorily. Wings were at least adequate. Movement through retail and distributive channels was moderate. The market tone was fully steady to firm for drums; steady to about steady for the breast items. The balance of items were generally 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	160-165	151.61	781,940	
TENDERLOINS	140-145	140.67	178,760	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	80-81	92.79	91,200	
BREAST - LINE RUN	80	81.26	61,200	
LEGS	67-68	68.59	200,720	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	46-47	48.63	148,800	
DRUMSTICKS	62-63	70.64	64,280	
THIGHS	60-61	69.76	8,960	
B/S THIGHS	126-127	121.38	103,080	
WINGS (WHOLE)	96-97	95.75	308,266	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-14	12.94	16,880	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	37.64	2,120	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	54.91	13,720	

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	1,471	136.00-192.00	138-146	143.32
TENDERLOINS	532	130.00-222.00	137-142	139.50
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	747	43.00-46.00	44	44.23
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,554	43.50-48.00	45-48	45.72
WINGS (WHOLE)	1,452	70.00-104.00	-	82.38
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
THIGHS	1,768	53.00-56.00	54-55	54.24

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (In thousands)**

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	05/12	05/08	05/08	05/05	05/01
Alabama	4,308	5,337	5.93	4,177	5.30
Arkansas	5,409	5,402	5.40	5,490	5.27
Delmarva	2,260	2,232	5.78	2,251	5.82
KY-LA-TN	2,459	2,467	5.12	2,407	5.01
Mississippi	3,126	3,134	5.91	3,117	5.75
North Carolina	2,952	2,830	6.83	2,841	6.85
Texas	2,562	2,611	5.48	2,577	5.42
Total	23,076	24,013	5.77	22,860	5.58
Mon	23,076 (A)			22,860 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 12-May 2008 is estimated to be 34,524,000 up 0.64 percent from a week ago. and up 6.3 percent from a year ago.

(last week 34,304,000 last year 32,477,000)

**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	(000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	390	132.00-200.00	-	138.46
TENDERLOINS	130	132.00-148.00	-	134.88
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	208	66.00-70.00	66-67	66.73
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	374	44.00-45.00	44-45	44.36
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	714	44.00-48.00	47-48	47.03
WINGS (WHOLE)	202	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 12, 2008 -- F.O.B. Dock

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
57.00 - 57.50	57.18	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 12-MAY-2008 TO 16-MAY-2008, CENTS PER POUND

	Price per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	132.00-161.00	138.00 -149.00
TENDERLOINS	123.00-154.00	137.00 -144.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	75.00-104.00	79.00 - 93.00
LEGS	53.00- 72.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	44.00- 51.00	45.00 - 48.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	46.00- 53.00	48.00 - 50.00
DRUMSTICKS	57.00- 69.00	-
THIGHS	59.00- 69.00	-
B/S THIGHS	126.00-132.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	70.00- 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	95.5-111.5
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	99-116
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

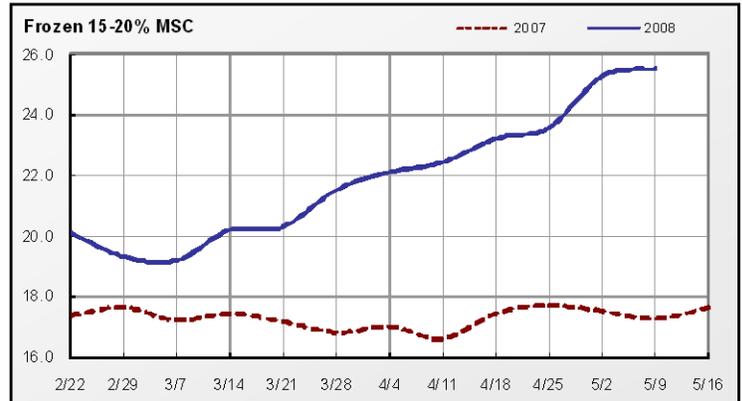
**NATIONAL MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

(FOB Shipper Dock or equiv., negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand lb. quantities, cents/lb.; delivery within 2 weeks.)

The MSC market tone was mixed. Supplies of fresh 15-20% were adequate to more available this week with the remainder of categories in balance to well cleared. Frozen demand was fair to good. Supplies of raw materials were close with continued good interest from all users. Domestic movement was moderate. Export demand was moderate to good with most inquiry from Central American countries, Mexico steady. Schedules were mixed, ranging light to seasonally normal.

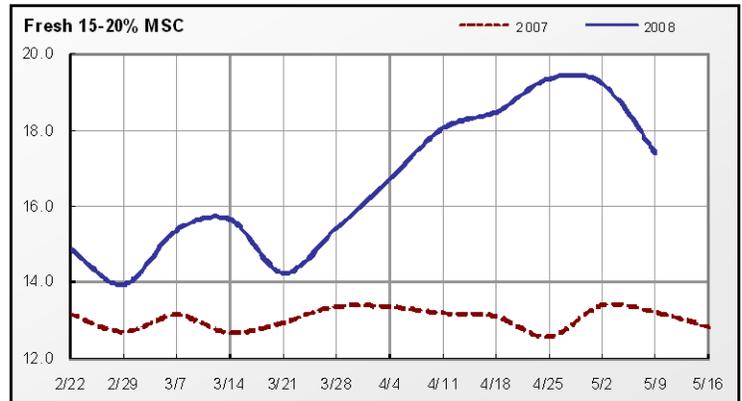
**Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)**

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	9-May-08	Last Week	Last Year	9-May-08	Last Week	Last Year
<b>15% or Less</b>						
Price Range	23.00 - 27.00	22.00	17.00-22.00	23.00 - 25.00	22.00 - 25.00	16.50-17.00
Wtd Avg Price	24.70	22.00	17.66	23.91	23.01	16.75
Volume Traded	94	53	301	202	201	320
Volume Exported	54	53	261	-	-	-
<b>15-20%</b>						
Price Range	21.00 - 28.25	22.00 - 28.00	15.50-21.00	11.00 - 27.00	15.00 - 26.00	11.00-16.00
Wtd Avg Price	25.50	25.27	17.65	17.40	19.23	12.82
Volume Traded	1,773	1,512	1,170	3,111	1,651	2,980
Volume Exported	1,713	1,472	988	612	501	613
<b>20% or More</b>						
Price Range	-	-	-	-	-	14.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	-	-	14.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	-	120
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
<b>15% or Less</b>						
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	-	-	-
<b>15-20%</b>						
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
<b>20% or More</b>						
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.

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS**

Trading was mixed compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\* FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 12-MAY-08

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-12.75 CENTS/LB.		9.36

\*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 adequate to at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Sales of finished product was fair to moderate. The undertone was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\* FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 12-MAY-08

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7.5-12.75 CENTS/LB.		9.86
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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