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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand into retail outlets was fair to moderate. Food service was fair to good best into fast food and catering services. Supplies of all sizes were at least sufficient for current needs. Floor stocks were adequate to ample. In the parts structure, trading was fair to moderate. Dark meat was adequate to tight and continued to move strong. Wings were adequate to ample with light interest. Breast items were more than sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed but mostly desirable weights.

GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .50 cents to 83.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 79.75 cents last year on May 16, 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	177.50
BREASTS - B/S	153.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	85.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	127.00
LEG QUARTERS	48.00
WINGS	104.00

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

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was light to moderate for mid-week trading. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the part structure, dark meat was in good balance to well cleared. Breast items and wings were at least adequate or available with limited interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly fair for midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes were at least sufficient for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breasts were noted as available and slow to clear; bone-in breasts and wings were at least sufficient for current needs. Drums and thighs were well cleared.

MIDWEST REGION The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was steady. Offerings and trade inquiry were light. Movement into all channels saw the full range, mostly light to moderate, with fairly good demand into catering and some fast food. Floor stocks were adequate to long; weights generally desirable. Leg items remained barely adequate to tight, small wings more available than large size and breast offerings were fully available and discounted. The market tone was steady on dark meat and smaller sized wings; large sized wings and breast cuts were about steady to weak.

WESTERN REGION The market tone on whole broiler fryers was steady to fully steady. The market tone on WOGs was steady to instances firm with lighter sizes strongest. Demand light to moderate with some expecting increased activity for next week pre-holiday needs. Sizes desirable. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. The market tone on breast items was steady to instances weak with some noticing less discounting as the week progressed, dark items steady to sometimes fully steady. Parts demand was light to moderate. Offerings of breast items adequate to fully adequate, balance light to adequate.

BROILER -TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 3 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 214 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 10, 2008. This was down 3 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 10, 2008. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through May 10, 2008 were 3.39 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 05/10/08	2008	2007	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
	<i>Thousand</i>		
EGGS SET	213,700	219,938	-03
CHICKS PLACED	176,530	180,594	- 02

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 21-Jun-08 is estimated at 163.0 million head. This compares to 163.6 million head the previous week and to 170.3 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 170.9 million head and the composite weighted average price was 79.91 cents per pound.

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.

MAY 13, 2008					MAY 14, 2008					
ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	
BREAST - B/S	440	132.00-200.00	-	138.20	BREAST - B/S	450	134.00-200.00	-	144.69	
TENDERLOINS	127	132.00-198.00	-	135.34	TENDERLOINS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT			BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT				
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT			FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				
LEGS	219	66.00-70.00	66-67	66.74	LEGS	198	62.00-70.00	65-66	65.30	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	374	42.00-46.00	44-45	44.35	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	404	43.00-47.00	44-45	44.33	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	680	44.00-48.00	47-48	47.00	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	682	44.00-49.00	47-48	47.02	
WINGS (WHOLE)	240	75.00-94.00	-	80.21	WINGS (WHOLE)	190	75.00-95.00	-	82.97	
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			WINGS (CUT)	TOO FEW TO REPORT				
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			DRUMSTICKS	110	59.00-72.00	-	63.24	
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 MAY 13, 2008 -- F.O.B. DOCK.					WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR MAY 14, 2008 -- F.O.B. DOCK.					
RANGE		TODAY'S AVERAGE			RANGE		TODAY'S AVERAGE			5-DAY AVERAGE
56.00 - 58.00		57.18			55.50 - 59.50		57.02			57.12

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 remained mostly fair to moderate during midweek trading. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts were at least adequate to available with light movement; bone-in breast, tenders and wings were more than sufficient for current needs. Most dark meat cuts were adequate to well cleared with drums and thighs in the best balance. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone was fully steady for drums and thighs; barely steady for the boneless skinless breast. The balance of items were generally steady. ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

MAY 13, 2008				MAY 14, 2008			
ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS	ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	160	153.46	799,745	BREAST - B/S	160	151.81	544,436
TENDERLOINS	140-145	140.62	198,050	TENDERLOINS	140-145	138.88	109,120
BREAST - WITH RIBS	80-81	86.01	155,800	BREAST - WITH RIBS	80-81	90.70	73,400
BREAST - LINE RUN	80	80.35	61,200	BREAST - LINE RUN	80	80.74	55,800
LEGS	67-68	69.99	170,480	LEGS	67-68	67.88	267,280
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	46-47	47.96	215,720	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	46-47	48.22	143,000
DRUMSTICKS	62-63	68.24	85,760	DRUMSTICKS	62-63	68.08	47,280
THIGHS	60-61	71.03	52,560	THIGHS	60-61	69.61	41,000
B/S THIGHS	126-127	127.54	70,620	B/S THIGHS	126-127	127.72	60,800
WINGS (WHOLE)	96-97	93.94	153,701	WINGS (WHOLE)	96-97	96.17	134,920
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-14	13.53	37,080	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-14	13.05	17,840
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	39.05	9,880	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	39.88	6,440
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	54.35	27,840	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	55.57	18,600

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.

** WTD AVG 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 (1,000)		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WTS		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WTS
	05/14	05/13	05/12	05/09	05/12	05/09	05/07	05/05	
Alabama	4,040	4,176	4,110	4,227	5.58	4.92	4,083	5.63	
Arkansas	5,396	5,499	5,324	4,510	5.57	5.13	5,465	5.55	
Delmarva	2,174	2,228	2,181	2,239	6.13	5.87	2,285	5.86	
KY-LA-TN	2,365	2,427	2,428	2,429	5.16	4.91	2,379	5.26	
Mississippi	3,062	3,093	2,781	4,049	5.93	5.62	3,150	5.80	
North Carolina	2,894	2,911	2,877	2,838	7.12	6.85	2,828	7.24	
Texas	2,568	2,562	2,637	2,574	5.59	5.37	2,598	5.60	
Total	22,499	22,896	22,338	22,866	5.83	5.47	22,788	5.81	
Mon-Wed	68,471 (A)				68,250 (A)				

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 14-May-08 is estimated to be 33,661,000 head down 1.56 percent from a week ago and up 3.95 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 34,196,000, last year 32,383,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED 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, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	DRY PACK	ICE PACK
BROILER/FRYER 2# & OVER	135	142
ROASTERS 4# & UP	140	127
HENS OVER 5#	110	120
DUCKS	207-226	

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 17-MAY-08

Class	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	05/17/08 (1)	05/10/08	05/17/08 (1)	05/10/08
	----- Thousand head -----			
Broiler/fryer	173,803(2)		172,588	
Light hens	1,529		1,604	
Heavy hens	1,770		1,715	
Total	177,102		175,907	

(1)ESTIMATED

2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 17-May-08 is 169.9 million head compared to 166.5 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 174.2 million head or 4.3 million more than estimated available. For the week of 24-May-08 the estimated available is 168.7 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 05/12/08	102,392		79,986	
AM 05/01/08	97,599		79,328	
CHG	4,793		658	
PCT CHG	5		1	

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	05/12/08	05/05/08	05/14/07	05/12/08	05/05/08	05/14/07
PACIFIC COAST	2,361	2,356	2,385	7,339	7,008	5,482
LOS ANGELES	237	222	148	1,273	1,231	1,628

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 MAY 12, 2008

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

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES FOR 05/13/08

	AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY			FOR 05/13/08		
	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.	.55	.70	.63	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	1.20	3.10
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	9.00	20.00
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	2.50	3.75
ROOSTERS lb.	-	1.20	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	1.00	2.85	2.20	RABBITS ea.	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.50	5.00
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	7.00	8.00
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-			
TOTAL COOPS	40					

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending May 9, 2008

	Whole Chickens		Legs	Necks,Backs & Wings	Livers Gizzards	Hens
	Breasts	W/Thighs				
RAYON						
Low	87.70	171.96	94.58	12.90	4.30	62.34
High	91.57	184.86	107.48	21.50	8.60	62.34
Mostly	91.57	176.26	103.18	17.20	8.60	62.34
SAN JUAN						
Low	85.12	171.96	98.88	12.90	4.30	60.19
High	92.43	180.56	107.48	17.20	8.60	60.19
Mostly	92.43	180.56	103.18	17.20	4.30	60.19
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	88.99	171.96	98.88	17.20	8.60	64.49
High	93.29	184.86	111.78	21.50	12.90	64.49
Mostly	93.29	180.56	107.48	21.50	8.60	64.49
BECERRA						
Low	88.99	176.26	98.88	21.50	8.60	66.64
High	94.58	189.16	116.08	25.79	12.90	66.64
Mostly	92.43	184.86	111.78	25.79	12.90	66.64

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds remained fair to moderate for mid-week business. Offerings were generally sufficient for present trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but noted as mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices continued unchanged at 78 to 88 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. In the parts complex; breast items were at least adequate to available, wings were available, and most dark meat cuts were adequate to well cleared.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
73-90
RANGE
WEIGHTED AVERAGE
NO. OF BOXES
(A)
(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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