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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices were unchanged in the Midwest and East, but one cent higher in the West. Trade sentiment was steady, however, steady to firm in the West. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate, best for fast food and catering, with optimism noted for upcoming Memorial Day. Supplies were usually sufficient to satisfy trade need. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate for early week trading. Dark meat cuts were adequate to well cleared. Breast items were fully adequate to available, and wings mixed but readily available. 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 19-MAY-2008 (cents per lb)

Areas	US grade A		Lds	Composite	
	Majority	Wtd Avg		Wtd Avg	Lds
Boston/New England	TFEWR			78.72	16
Chicago	76.00-79.00	77.51	27	75.35	54
Ohio Cities	TFEWR			74.76	17
Denver	91.50	91.50	11	89.59	14
Detroit	79.00-81.00	79.55	11	78.95	51
Los Angeles	92.00	91.22	60	85.90	166
New York	76.00-79.00	77.95	22	79.14	49
Philadelphia	75.50-77.00	76.32	11	77.90	24
Pittsburgh	75.00-78.00	76.64	11	81.88	57
St. Louis	76.00-77.25	76.57	19	78.08	29
San Francisco	92.50	92.59	32	83.65	92

### Composite Weighted Average

Loads	05/19/08	Change Last Wk	05/12/08	05/21/07
569	80.78	-.75	81.53	82.87

**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	82.36	35
Central	68.00-82.00	76.02	65
Western	80.00-90.00	86.48	48
<b>Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent</b>			
Mississippi	82.00-85.00	83.81	90

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broiler/fryers for this week's trading is 83.50 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
1,113	76.00-84.50	81.90

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	178.00	1,389
BREASTS - B/S	152.50	5,749
BREASTS - WHOLE	85.00	1,419
THIGH MEAT - B/S	127.00	1,146
LEG QUARTERS	48.00	9,085
WINGS	105.00	2,698

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 mostly fair as dealers assess market conditions entering the week. Offerings of most sizes were sufficient for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, breast items and wings were more than sufficient for current trade needs; drums were well cleared. Other dark meat cuts were adequate and clearing satisfactory.

**SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was steady. Demand covered the full range, best where retail ads were featured with optimism noted as Memorial Day approaches. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, dark meat items were fully steady with tights and drumsticks in the strongest position. Breast items and wings were mixed but available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Final majority prices were 1 cent higher than last week. The market tone was steady to firm. Prices reported on truck lot trading for this week's deliveries were unchanged to higher. Offerings were mixed but overall adequate. Buying activity had increased. Retailer demand was generally good. Dealers reported light to desirable weekend carryovers. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was 82.29 with 35 loads reported.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Final majority delivered prices generally unchanged; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady. Retail and food service demand was slow to moderate. Best noted into fast food and catering. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate; weights desirable. Parts trade was light. Supplies of dark meat items were limited, breast cuts plentiful, and wings available. The market tone was steady to firm on dark meat lines, steady to weak on breast cuts and about steady on wings.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to moderate for early week business. Offerings were at least sufficient for current trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processing schedules were mostly moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 78 to 88 cents. Trade sentiment was generally steady. In the parts complex, breast items were at least adequate to available. Wings were mixed and dark meat cuts were adequate to well cleared with thighs and drumsticks in the tightest position.

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	72-90
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 no better than moderate as dealers assess market conditions entering the week. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts were at least adequate to available; bone-in breast and wings were at least 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; about steady to barely steady for boneless skinless breast. 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 TRADING*	CURRENT	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	155-160	153.85	153.85	485,740
TENDERLOINS	140-145	140.28	140.28	98,440
BREAST - WITH RIBS	80-81	90.60	90.60	82,960
BREAST - LINE RUN	80	81.06	81.06	57,600
LEGS	67-68	67.85	67.85	124,920
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	46-47	47.67	47.67	153,680
DRUMSTICKS	63-64	66.67	66.67	69,390
THIGHS	60-61	69.66	69.66	33,520
B/S THIGHS	126-127	129.68	129.68	51,160
WINGS (WHOLE)	96-97	90.76	90.76	143,520
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-14	13.19	13.19	22,040
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	39.23	39.23	5,200
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	56.48	56.48	15,000

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	1,533	131.00-198.00	138-146	141.38
TENDERLOINS	729	100.00-225.00	137-142	136.81
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	349	41.00-46.00	43-46	43.69
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,064	44.00-51.00	45-47	45.93
WINGS (WHOLE)	1,065	62.00-101.00	-	82.88
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
THIGHS	1,371	53.00-55.00	55	54.98

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

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	05/19	05/15	05/15	05/12	05/08
Alabama	4,285	4,180	5.43	4,110	5.93
Arkansas	5,018	5,393	5.38	5,324	5.40
Delmarva	2,227	2,272	5.86	2,181	5.78
KY-LA-TN	2,506	2,433	5.12	2,428	5.12
Mississippi	3,131	3,072	5.76	2,781	5.91
North Carolina	2,939	2,722	6.83	2,877	6.83
Texas	2,569	2,618	5.43	2,637	5.48
Total	22,675	22,690	5.64	22,338	5.77
Mon	22,675 (A)			22,338 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 19-May 2008 is estimated to be 33,924,000 up 1.21 percent from a week ago. and up 3.2 percent from a year ago. (last week 33,520,000 last year 32,887,000)

**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	450	131.00-198.00	-	140.18
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	213	62.00-70.00	65-66	64.93
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	403	42.00-48.00	45	45.13
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	687	44.00-49.00	47-48	47.41
WINGS (WHOLE)	200	70.00-95.00	-	80.00
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 19, 2008 -- F.O.B. Dock

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
56.00 - 60.00	58.00	57.

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 19-MAY-2008 TO 23-MAY-2008, CENTS PER POUND

	Price per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	132.00 - 160.00	138.00 - 149.00
TENDERLOINS	137.00 - 215.00	137.00 - 150.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	78.00 - 104.00	81.00 - 92.00
LEGS	65.00 - 72.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	40.00 - 53.00	46.00 - 48.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	46.00 - 53.00	48.00 - 50.00
DRUMSTICKS	59.00 - 69.00	-
THIGHS	55.00 - 69.00	-
B/S THIGHS	127.00 - 134.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	70.00 - 99.00	-
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 30.00	-
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	96-112
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	99.5-116.5
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

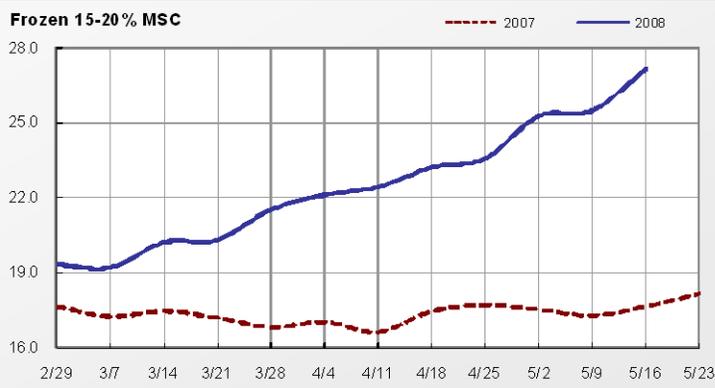
**National Mechanically Separated Chicken**

(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 was about steady, instances firm. Supplies of fresh 15-20% were mostly adequate this week with the remainder balanced to well cleared. Frozen demand was fairly good. Supplies of raw materials continue close with good interest from all users. Domestic movement was moderate. Export demand was moderate to good with most inquiry from Mexico, Caribbean, and Central American countries. All schedules were light to seasonally normal. Frame values ranged 5 to 9 cents FOB, mostly 7 to 9 cents FOB.

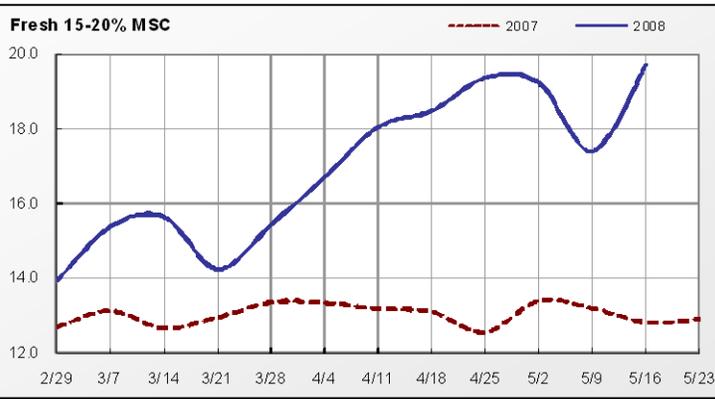
**Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)**

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	16-May-08	Last Week	Last Year	16-May-08	Last Week	Last Year
<b>15% or Less</b>						
Price Range	24.00 - 28.00	23.00 - 27.00	17.00-17.50	23.50 - 25.00	23.00 - 25.00	17.00
Wtd Avg Price	25.74	24.70	17.07	24.29	23.91	17.00
Volume Traded	92	94	302	141	202	362
Volume Exported	52	54	302	-	-	-
<b>15-20%</b>						
Price Range	21.00 - 30.00	21.00 - 28.25	15.00-21.00	15.00 - 28.00	11.00 - 27.00	11.00-16.00
Wtd Avg Price	27.15	25.50	18.16	19.69	17.40	12.91
Volume Traded	1,790	1,773	1,049	3,047	3,111	2,957
Volume Exported	1,590	1,713	769	755	612	734
<b>20% or More</b>						
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
<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.

Source: USDA AMS Poultry Market News & Analysis

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**SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS**

Trading levels were generally unchanged compared to last week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of heavy fowl. Schedules were reduced. 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 19-MAY-08

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>	<b>WTD AVG</b>
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-12.75		9.49

\* 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 were noted as mostly normal. Sales of finished product was fair to moderate. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 19-MAY-08

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>	<b>WTD AVG</b>
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7.5-12.75		9.85
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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