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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices were unchanged in all areas when compared to previous week's values. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand covered the full range with most assessing further market conditions and refilling needs following the extended holiday weekend. Supplies of all sizes were at least sufficient to satisfy trade needs. Floor stocks were balanced to fully adequate. In the parts structure, movement was moderate at best for early week trading. Dark meat was balanced to well cleared, breast items were adequate to readily available, and wings were at least sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.



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 26-MAY-2008

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Boston/New England	TFEWR		:	78.97	16
Chicago	76.00-79.00	77.00	25 :	75.17	58
Ohio Cities	TFEWR		:	76.57	13
Denver	91.50	91.50	11 :	88.96	13
Detroit	79.00-80.00	79.45	11 :	79.00	58
Los Angeles	92.00	91.67	60 :	89.61	132
New York	76.00-79.00	77.73	22 :	79.42	41
Philadelphia	75.50-77.00	76.14	11 :	77.68	22
Pittsburgh	75.00-78.00	76.45	11 :	81.96	56
St. Louis	76.00-76.75	76.14	19 :	77.72	32
San Francisco	92.50	92.67	32 :	93.16	60

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	05/26/08	Change Last Wk	5/19/08	05/28/07
501	82.53	1.75	80.78	82.89

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	82.00-84.00	82.82	33
Central	69.00-82.00	76.43	78
Western	81.00-88.00	86.49	41
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent			
Mississippi	82.00-85.00	83.97	93

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broiler/fryers for this week's trading is 84.00 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
1,055	76.00-87.00	82.24

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	1,324
BREASTS - B/S	152.50	5,521
BREASTS - WHOLE	85.50	1,387
THIGH MEAT - B/S	128.50	1,089
LEG QUARTERS	48.50	8,834
WINGS	104.00	2,597

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 following the extended holiday weekend. Offerings of most sizes were at least sufficient for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair. The market tone was no better than steady. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breasts and tenders were available and slow to clear; bone-in breast were noted as in better balance than the previous week. Drums were in good balance to well cleared. The balance of items were mostly adequate and clearing satisfactorily.

SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was light to moderate with most plants assessing market conditions following the extended Memorial Day weekend. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to handle trade need. Processing schedules for this week were lighter due to plants being down for the holiday. In the parts structure, trading was moderate at best. Breast items and wings were adequate to readily available and dark meat was in good balance to well cleared. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged from last week. Prices reported on truck lot trading, for this week's deliveries, were mixed. Offerings were generally adequate. Lighter weights were in the strongest position. Buying activity declined as buyers' evaluate needs. Retailer demand was fair to fairly good, best for parts. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was up .80 to 83.09, with the volume reported at 28 loads down 20 percent.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority delivered prices unchanged to slightly lower; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady. Retail and food service demand was in a full range; best into features, fast food promotions, catering and dark meat. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate; weights desirable to trending heavy. Transportation logistics were major issue. Supplies of dark meat items were very limited, breast cuts fully available, and wings available. The market tone was steady to firm on dark meat lines, steady to barely steady on breast cuts and wings.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to moderate for post holiday fill-in needs. Seller offerings were adequate and generally in good balance. 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 generally steady. In the parts complex, breast items and wings were adequate to readily available. Dark meat cuts remained in the best position with supplies adequate to well cleared.

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	71-90
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operation.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was mostly fair to no better than moderate following the holiday lengthened weekend as dealers cautiously assess market conditions. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts and tenders were fully adequate to readily available; bone-in breast were generally sufficient for current needs. Dark meat cuts were adequate to well cleared and wings were at least adequate. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair. The market tone was fully steady for drums; barely steady for boneless skinless breasts and tenders. 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.

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT	WTD	VOLUME
	TRADING*	AVG**	/LBS	
BREAST - B/S	150	149.36	540,390	
TENDERLOINS	140	139.17	93,610	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	80-81	89.01	83,280	
BREAST - LINE RUN	80	80.42	55,800	
LEGS	67-68	70.45	112,280	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	47-48	47.85	263,440	
DRUMSTICKS	64-65	71.80	102,480	
THIGHS	60-61	70.49	67,000	
B/S THIGHS	126-127	128.89	43,080	
WINGS (WHOLE)	95-96	91.15	180,760	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-14	13.15	15,920	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	37.27	2,560	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	55.29	10,200	

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.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS 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	RANGE	MAJ	WTD
	(000)			AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,576	124.00-199.00	-	137.40
TENDERLOINS	728	127.00-226.00	127-130	133.06
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	538	43.00-46.00	43-45	44.59
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,269	47.00-49.00	47-48	47.40
WINGS (WHOLE)	1,104	63.00-124.00	-	79.21
DRUMSTICKS	318	57.00-66.00	57-60	58.83
THIGHS	1,930	52.00-59.00	53-55	54.42

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER/FRYERS (In Thousands)

	Estimate	Actual	Avg Wts	Actual	Avg Wts
	05/27	05/23	05/23	05/20	05/16
Alabama	4,290	3,440	5.45	4,107	5.27
Arkansas	5,047	4,404	5.35	4,963	5.06
Delmarva	2,265	2,628	5.83	2,276	5.84
KY-LA-TN	2,419	2,450	4.91	2,446	4.89
Mississippi	3,081	3,312	5.68	3,118	5.62
North Carolina	2,698	3,242	6.76	2,782	6.81
Texas	2,572	2,960	5.40	2,584	5.35
Total	22,372	22,436	5.63	22,276	5.54
Mon-Tue	33,641 (A)			44,616 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 27-May 2008 is estimated to be 33,471,000 up 0.13 percent from a week ago, and down 0.8 percent from a year ago.

(last week 33,427,000 last year 33,727,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER 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	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
	(000)			AVG
BREAST - B/S	350	119.00-198.00	-	133.60
TENDERLOINS	124	120.00-146.00	-	126.81
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	208	65.00-70.00	65-66	65.19
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	467	42.00-48.00	45	44.65
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	848	44.00-49.00	47-48	47.40
WINGS (WHOLE)	202	68.00-88.00	-	77.57
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR MAY 27, 2008 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
55.00 - 59.00	71.80	56.83

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 26-MAY-2008 TO 30-MAY-2008, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	121.00 - 157.00	124.00 - 140.00
TENDERLOINS	118.00 - 215.00	137.00 - 142.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	63.00 - 104.00	81.00 - 87.00
LEGS	52.00 - 72.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	44.00 - 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 - 68.00	-
B/S THIGHS	123.00 - 132.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	69.00 - 99.00	94.00
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	96.5-112.5
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	100-117

FROZEN HENS 5# & UP

FROZEN DUCKS

FROZEN SQUABS

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

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

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 28-Apr 2008 is estimated to be 33,998,000 up 2.46 percent from a week ago, and up 7.0 percent from a year ago.

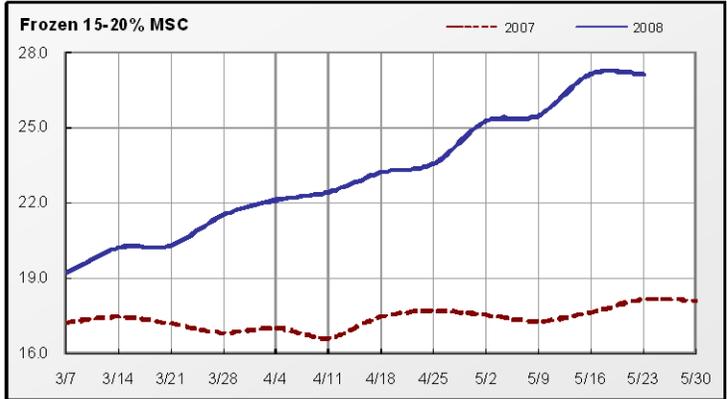
National Mechanically Separated Chicken

(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 steady to fully steady. Supplies of fresh 15-20% were adequate and clearing satisfactorily with the remainder in good balance to well cleared. Frozen demand was moderate to fairly good. Supplies of raw materials were short of current needs with good interest noted from all users. Domestic movement was moderate. Export demand was moderate to good with most inquiry from Mexico and Central American countries. All schedules were light to seasonally normal.

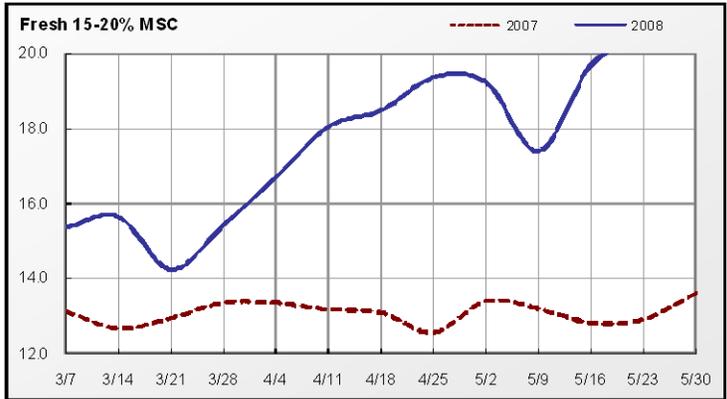
Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	23-May-08	Last Week	Last Year	23-May-08	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range	26.00 - 30.00	24.00 - 28.00	17.00	23.50 - 25.00	23.50 - 25.00	17.00-18.00
Wtd Avg Price	27.74	25.74	17.00	24.43	24.29	17.33
Volume Traded	92	92	260	234	141	362
Volume Exported	52	52	260	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	23.00 - 30.00	21.00 - 30.00	15.50-21.00	15.00 - 28.00	15.00 - 28.00	10.00-16.00
Wtd Avg Price	27.13	27.15	18.11	20.51	19.69	13.62
Volume Traded	1,051	1,790	1,180	2,294	3,047	1,856
Volume Exported	1,011	1,590	1,060	612	755	368
20% or More						
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
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

Prices were unchanged to slightly higher. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 26-MAY-08

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-13		9.56

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS

Prices were slightly higher when compared to the previous week. Demand was mostly moderate for the adequate to at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were reduced due to the Memorial Day holiday. 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 26-MAY-08

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7.5-14	CENTS/LB.	9.95
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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