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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was mostly steady in the Midwest and Northeast, but steady to firm in the West. Retail demand was moderate at best. Food service was light to fairly good, best into fast food and catering services. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to satisfy trade needs. Floor stocks were in a full range. Deliveries in some areas were affected due to transportation difficulties. In the parts structure, trading was fair to instance moderate for midweek trading. Breast items were adequate to fully adequate, dark meat was adequate to short, and wings were at least sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, but mostly desirable.



GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .50 cents to 84.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 80.50 cents last year on May 30, 2007.

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

DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)

ITEM	
LINE RUN TENDERS	178.50
BREASTS - B/S	151.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	85.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	128.50
LEG QUARTERS	48.50
WINGS	103.00

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

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was steady. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate with limited feature activity. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was mostly fair for mid-week business. Dark meat remained in the best position aided by export interest. Breast items were mixed, but readily available, and wings were at least adequate. 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 during midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes were at least sufficient for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair. The market tone was mostly steady. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breasts and tenders were fully adequate to readily available for the generally light demand; bone-in breast were sufficient with some improvements noted for first-of-the month. Wings were fully sufficient for current needs. Dark meat cuts were adequate and clearing satisfactorily.

MIDWEST REGION The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was steady. Offers were fully sufficient for the limited trade call. Food service activity was mixed, light into full-service and casual restaurants, moderate to fairly good demand into fast food and catering. Retail movement was moderate for the most part. Floor stocks were in full range; weights desirable to heavy. Transportation issues negatively impacting deliveries and transactions. Supplies of boneless skinless breasts, tenders, and front halves fully sufficient, wings mixed and dark meat lines tight to short. The market tone was barely steady on breast cuts and wings; steady to fully steady on dark meat.

WESTERN REGION The market tone was steady to firm. Offerings were mainly adequate. Lightweights in the closest position. Buying activity was fair. Buyer's cautious not to over or under procure product. Retailer demand was moderate to good; with best interest where promotions in progress. Floor stocks in fair balance with immediate needs.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States

Down 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 216 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 24, 2008. This was down 1 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 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 24, 2008. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through May 24, 2008 were 3.74 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 05/24/08	2008	2007	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	216,453	219,527	-01
CHICKS PLACED	176,575	179,069	-01

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 05-Jul-08 is estimated at 162.0 million head. This compares to 162.0 million head the previous week and to 169.1 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 150.1 million head and the composite weighted average price was 80.68 cents per pound.

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 (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	500	120.00-186.00	-	130.96
TENDERLOINS	169	110.00-188.00	-	125.12
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	220	60.00-68.00	64-65	64.32
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	403	42.00-48.00	45-46	45.37
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	812	44.00-49.00	47-48	47.73
WINGS (WHOLE)	200	70.00-95.00	-	78.50
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 F.O.B. DOCK

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
55.00 – 60.00	57.69	57.34

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 mostly fair to instances moderate during midweek trading as dealers kept floor stocks in close balance with demand. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts and tenders were fully adequate to available with light movement; bone-in breast were adequate for current needs. Dark meat cuts were clearing satisfactorily and wings were more than sufficient. Movement through retail and distributive channels was mostly fair. The market tone was at least 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	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	150	154.05	668,423
TENDERLOINS	140	141.01	171,700
BREAST - WITH RIBS	80-81	87.16	146,680
BREAST - LINE RUN	80	80.58	59,400
LEGS	67-68	67.87	199,700
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	47-48	47.67	277,000
DRUMSTICKS	64-65	70.63	63,200
THIGHS	60-61	68.04	49,760
B/S THIGHS	126-127	127.10	86,140
WINGS (WHOLE)	95-96	86.71	229,360
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-14	13.46	39,040
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	38.47	15,600
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	53.11	38,600

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.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL		AVG WTS
	(1,000)	05/27	(1,000)	05/23	05/26	05/23	(1,000)	05/21	
Alabama	4,188	4,290	2,154	3,440	4.73	5.45	4,005	5.49	
Arkansas	5,130	5,047	(A)	4,404	(A)	5.35	4,790	5.62	
Delmarva	2,282	2,265	(A)	2,628	(A)	5.83	2,291	5.96	
KY-LA-TN	2,281	2,419	(A)	2,450	(A)	4.91	2,476	5.17	
Mississippi	3,137	3,081	2,814	3,312	5.87	5.68	3,025	5.77	
North Carolina	2,747	2,698	1,137	3,242	6.21	6.76	2,807	6.95	
Texas	2,574	2,572	2,690	2,960	5.38	5.40	2,612	5.51	
Total	22,339	22,372	11,222	22,436	5.28	5.63	22,006	5.76	
Mon-Wed	55,980 (B)						66,622 (B)		

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations
(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 28-May-08 is estimated to be 33,422,000 head up 1.21 percent from a week ago and down -1.55 percent from a year ago.
(Last week 33,022,000, last year 33,948,000)

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 31-MAY-08

Class	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	05/31/08 (1)	Thousand head	05/24/08	Thousand head
Broiler/fryer	155,748(2)		169,043	
Light hens	1,109		1,500	
Heavy hens	1,355		1,697	
Total	158,212		172,240	

(1)ESTIMATED

2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 31-May-08 is 167.0 million head compared to 157.1 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 156.1 million head or 10.9 million less than estimated available. For the week of 07-June-08 the estimated available is 167.3 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 05/26/08	108,816		79,793	
AM 05/01/08	97,599		79,328	
CHG	11,217		465	
PCT CHG	11		1	

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	05/26/08	05/19/08	05/28/07	05/26/08	05/19/08	05/28/07
PACIFIC COAST	1,811	2,371	2,438	9,842	7,520	5,829
LOS ANGELES	224	226	161	1,376	1,357	1,680

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 26, 2008

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

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES FOR 05/27/08

	AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY			FOR 05/27/08		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	1.10	2.10	1.68	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	3.75
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	2.00	12.00
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.85	3.25
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	11.00
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.80	1.75	1.39	ROOSTERS ea.	-	2.00
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	.50	1.70	.92	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	1.50	10.50
RABBITS lb.	1.50	2.65	2.03	RABBITS ea.	-	4.50
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.00	5.00
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	1.25	2.25
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	8.25	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-			
TOTAL COOPS	59					

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending May 23, 2008

	Whole Chickens		Legs	Necks,Backs & Wings	Livers Gizzards	Hens
	Breasts	W/Thighs				
RAYON						
Low	93.46	179.06	109.18	17.47	4.37	65.51
High	98.26	187.79	126.65	26.20	8.73	65.51
Mostly	98.26	183.43	122.28	21.84	8.73	65.51
SAN JUAN						
Low	91.71	174.69	109.18	17.47	4.37	65.51
High	98.70	183.43	122.28	21.84	13.10	65.51
Mostly	98.70	179.06	117.92	17.47	8.73	65.51
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	94.77	174.69	113.55	21.84	8.73	67.69
High	99.14	187.79	126.65	26.20	13.10	67.69
Mostly	99.14	187.79	122.28	21.84	8.73	67.69
BECERRA						
Low	96.08	179.06	117.92	21.84	8.73	69.88
High	100.45	192.16	131.02	30.57	13.10	69.88
Mostly	98.26	192.16	126.65	26.20	13.10	69.88

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to moderate for mid-week business. Offerings were usually sufficient for immediate trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processor 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 were adequate to available. Wings were available and dark meat cuts were adequate to well cleared.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
75-90
RANGE
WEIGHTED AVERAGE (A)
NO. OF BOXES (A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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