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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices were trending unchanged in the Midwest and East, but up 1 cent from last week in the West. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady, occasionally firm. Retail demand covered the full range, best were features were noted. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate for trade needs. Floor stocks were adequate to ample. Transportation continued to generate logistic concerns. In the parts structure, Breast items were at least adequate, wings were adequate to fully adequate and dark meat was about adequate to adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed 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 02-JUN-2008

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Boston/New England	TFEWR		:	78.84	16
Chicago	76.00-79.00	77.46	28 :	76.47	55
Ohio Cities	TFEWR		:	76.84	14
Denver	92.50	92.42	12 :	89.96	14
Detroit	77.00-81.00	78.64	11 :	79.20	54
Los Angeles	93.00	92.18	60 :	90.79	137
New York	76.00-79.00	77.67	21 :	78.73	58
Philadelphia	75.50-77.00	76.09	11 :	77.64	22
Pittsburgh	75.00-78.00	76.27	11 :	82.08	56
St. Louis	76.00-77.25	76.49	19 :	77.90	31
San Francisco	93.50	93.26	31 :	93.03	64

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	06/02/08	Change	Last Wk 5/26/08	06/04/07
521	82.82	.29	82.53	82.74

**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	83.09	32
Central	69.00-82.00	77.41	66
Western	80.00-88.00	85.70	53
<b>Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent</b>			
Mississippi	82.00-86.00	84.79	89

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broiler/fryers for this week's trading is 84.50 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**

1,110	76.00-85.00	82.56
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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	177.50	1,369
BREASTS - B/S	150.00	5,699
BREASTS - WHOLE	85.00	1,394
THIGH MEAT - B/S	126.00	1,131
LEG QUARTERS	48.50	8,985
WINGS	104.00	2,683

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 light to mostly fair as dealers assess market conditions entering the week. Offerings of most sizes were at least sufficient for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to 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 at least adequate. Leg quarters and drums were in good balance to well cleared.

**SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was light to moderate with optimism noted for first of the month. Supplies of all sizes were sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was moderate at best for early week trading. Breast items were at least adequate with boneless skinless and tenders more available. Wings were mixed and dark meat remained in good balance to well cleared. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** The market tone was fully steady overall. Mixed levels of trading were reported; with prices lower, unchanged and higher. Offerings were light to at least adequate. Trade reported some discounts were available. Buying activity had improved, somewhat. Retailer demand was moderate to good. Dealers reported desirable weekend carryovers. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was unchanged and the volume reported was up 25 percent. Trading reported on parts at 49-57 for leg quarters, 86-107 for wings, 84-104 for rib attached breasts and 127-140 for boneless breasts.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Final majority delivered prices were generally unchanged; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady. Retail demand was best for features and noted as slow to moderate, while food service was slow to fairly good, best activity into fast food and catering. Floor stocks adequate to ample; weights desirable. Transportation issues continued to create logistics issues. Supplies of dark meat items were very limited and wanted, breast cuts fully available, and wings available. The market tone was steady to firm on dark meat lines, steady to weak on breast cuts and wings.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds ranged light to moderate as dealers assess current market conditions. Offerings were at least adequate for immediate trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices remained unchanged at 78 to 88 cents. Trade sentiment was usually steady. In the parts complex, breast items were fully adequate to readily available. Wings were mixed. Dark meat cuts continued in the best position and were reported as 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	73-90
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 entering the week as dealers cautiously assess market conditions. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts and tenders were readily available and slow to clear; bone-in breast were at least sufficient for current needs. Most dark meat cuts were adequate to well cleared with drums in the best balance. Wings were fully adequate. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair. The market tone was barely steady to weak for boneless skinless breasts and tenders. 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	WTD	VOLUME
	TRADING*		AVG**	/LBS
BREAST - B/S	145-150		144.82	517,733
TENDERLOINS	135		136.78	110,040
BREAST - WITH RIBS	80-81		89.18	66,360
BREAST - LINE RUN	80		80.57	63,000
LEGS	67-68		67.81	116,920
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	47-48		47.81	170,480
DRUMSTICKS	64-65		72.11	26,320
THIGHS	60-61		69.40	26,880
B/S THIGHS	126-127		128.52	40,040
WINGS (WHOLE)	95-96		91.27	104,360
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-14		13.29	21,000
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40		38.40	6,240
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55		53.03	19,480

\* 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	RANGE	MAJ	WTD
	(000)			AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,580	116.00-198.00	-	131.94
TENDERLOINS	647	100.00-226.00	123-127	127.78
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		-
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		-
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	905	44.00-46.00	45-46	45.15
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,302	47.00-52.00	47-48	47.27
WINGS (WHOLE)	1,598	62.00-124.00	-	73.60
DRUMSTICKS	398	57.00-66.00	57-60	58.76
THIGHS	1,651	45.00-55.00	55	54.67

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

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	06/02	05/29	05/29	05/26	05/22
Alabama	4,276	4,227	5.80	2,154	5.41
Arkansas	5,185	5,030	5.55	(A)	5.63
Delmarva	2,275	2,285	5.77	(A)	5.82
KY-LA-TN	2,409	2,361	4.97	(A)	5.05
Mississippi	3,111	3,067	5.69	2,814	5.94
North Carolina	2,799	2,764	7.00	1,137	6.89
Texas	2,570	2,547	5.26	2,690	5.33
Total	22,625	22,281	5.72	11,222	5.71
Mon	22,625 (B)			11,222 (B)	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 02-Jun 2008 is estimated to be 33,850,000 up 101.01 percent from a week ago, and up 3.8 percent from a year ago.

(last week 16,840,000 last year 32,610,000)

**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	RANGE	MAJ	WTD
	(000)			AVG
BREAST - B/S	500	118.00-189.00	-	129.04
TENDERLOINS	129	112.00-188.00	-	124.21
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	208	60.00-70.00	63-64	63.08
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	414	45.00-49.00	47	47.15
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,012	45.00-50.00	48-49	48.60
WINGS (WHOLE)	190	65.00-95.00	-	78.32
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 Jun 02, 2008 -- F.O.B. Dock

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
56.50 - 60.50	58.69	57.94

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 02-JUN-2008 TO 06-JUN-2008, CENTS PER POUND

	Price per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	118.00 - 153.00	120.00 - 140.00
TENDERLOINS	107.00 - 213.00	124.00 - 143.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	60.00 - 99.00	75.00 - 87.00
LEGS	63.50 - 72.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	45.00 - 52.00	46.00 - 49.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	47.00 - 54.00	49.00 - 51.00
DRUMSTICKS	60.00 - 71.00	-
THIGHS	55.00 - 69.00	-
B/S THIGHS	127.00 - 138.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	68.00 - 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	97-113
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	100.5-117.5
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

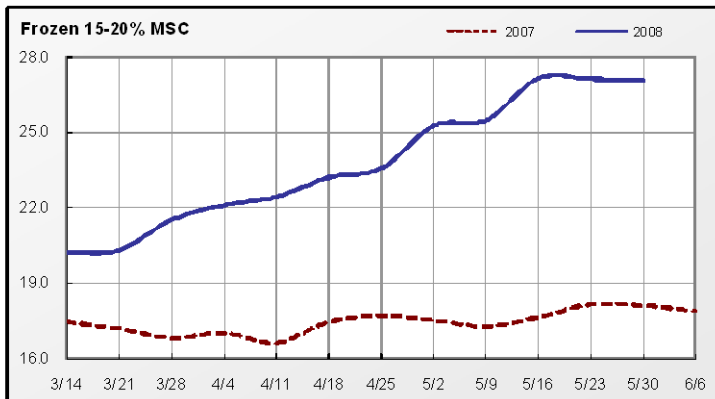
**National Mechanically Separated Chicken**

(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 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 continue tight and sought after by all users. Domestic movement was generally moderate. Export demand was moderate to fairly good with most inquiry from Mexico and Central American countries. Many dealing with the difficulties created by trucking issues and container shortages. All schedules were light to seasonally normal.

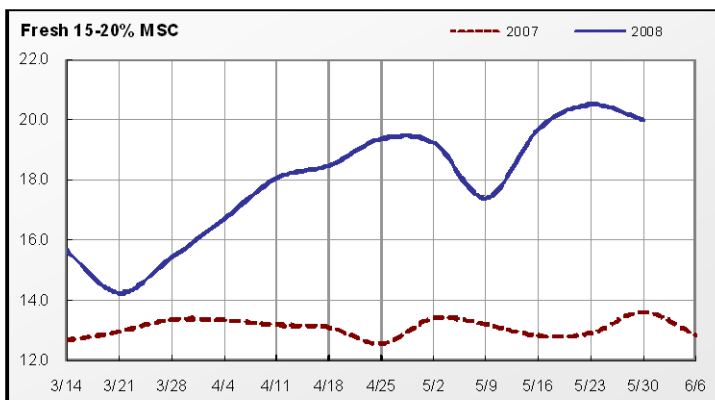
**Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)**

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	30-May-08	Last Week	Last Year	30-May-08	Last Week	Last Year
<b>15% or Less</b>						
Price Range	25.00	26.00 - 30.00	18.00	24.00 - 25.00	23.50 - 25.00	17.00-18.00
Wtd Avg Price	25.00	27.74	18.00	24.40	24.43	17.28
Volume Traded	55	92	262	100	234	281
Volume Exported	55	52	262	-	-	-
<b>15-20%</b>						
Price Range	24.00 - 30.00	23.00 - 30.00	16.00-21.00	16.00 - 28.00	15.00 - 28.00	11.00-16.00
Wtd Avg Price	27.06	27.13	17.88	19.99	20.51	12.84
Volume Traded	999	1,051	1,420	2,713	2,294	2,759
Volume Exported	919	1,011	1,300	326	612	409
<b>20% or More</b>						
Price Range	-	-	-	-	-	14.00-14.50
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	-	-	14.13
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	-	162
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.

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**SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS**

Trading levels were slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were reduced. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 02-JUNE-08

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-13		9.83

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS**

Prices were slightly higher when compared to the previous week. Demand was at least moderate. Offerings were about adequate to adequate. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Sales of finished product was 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 02-JUNE-08

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-14.5	CENTS/LB.	10.01
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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