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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady in the West, steady in the Midwest and Northeast. Retail demand was light to moderate. Food service was slow to fair, best into fast food and catering. Supplies of all sizes were at least sufficient for limited trade needs. Floor stocks were in a full range. Transportation concerns disturbed movement and deliveries in some areas. In the parts structure, Bone-in breast were adequate, but boneless skinless and tenders were readily available to plentiful and slow to move. Wings were mixed but available. Dark meat was in good balanced to well cleared and remained in the best position. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed 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 85.00 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 80.75 cents last year on June 06, 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	178.50
BREASTS - B/S	150.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	86.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	128.50
LEG QUARTERS	48.50
WINGS	102.50

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

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was steady. Demand into all channels was light to moderate, best for retail and fast food. Supplies of all sizes were at least sufficient to handle trade needs. Transportation problems were concerns for all parties due to lack of trucks. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate for mid-week trading. Dark meat remained in good balance to well cleared, with thighs and drumsticks in the best position. Breast items at least adequate with some interest. Wings were mixed, with jumbos often slow to move. In production areas live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly lighter weights.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was generally fair as most dealers were cautious and selective during midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes were at least sufficient for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light. The market tone was mostly steady. In the parts complex, breast items and tenders were readily available and competitively priced in most instances. Wings were fully adequate and most dark meat cuts were adequate and clearing satisfactorily.

MIDWEST REGION Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady. Offerings sufficient for the limited trade interest. Retail trade activity was light to moderate. Food service trade was irregular, slow to fairly good, best into fast food, catering, and festive activities. Floor stocks were in full range; weights desirable. Transportation issues disrupted trade and deliveries. Parts interest was centered on dark meat cuts with little interest on front half lines. Supplies of boneless skinless breasts and tenders remained plentiful, wings mixed and all dark meat lines remained tight to short. The market tone was barely steady to weak on breast cuts and wings, and steady to fully steady leg items.

WESTERN REGION The market tone on whole broiler fryers was steady to fully steady with offerings generally adequate for needs. Movement into retail and distributive sectors was light to moderate at best. Floor stocks were balanced with weights desirable. Parts trading was selective and stimulated by price. Supplies of breast cuts and wings were adequate to available and dark meat items adequate to close. The trade sentiment was steady to fully steady on dark meat cuts, barely steady on wings, and barely steady to weak on breast items.

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 31, 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 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 176 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 31, 2008. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through May 31, 2008 were 3.92 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED TOTAL 19 SELECTED STATES

WEEK ENDING 05/31/08	2008	2007	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
	<i>Thousand</i>		
EGGS SET	216,480	218,990	- 01
CHICKS PLACED	175,570	180,055	- 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 12-Jul-08 is estimated at 162.1 million head. This compares to 162.0 million head the previous week and to 170.0 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 169.0 million head and the composite weighted average price was 81.12 cents per pound.

JUN 03

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

JUN 04

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			WTD	ITEM	POUNDS			WTD
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG		(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG
BREAST - B/S	500	116.00-192.00	-	128.72	BREAST - B/S	460	115.00-189.00	-	129.39
TENDERLOINS	145	112.00-184.00	-	127.80	TENDERLOINS	129	112.00-191.00	-	124.27
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	205	62.00-69.00	64-67	66.14	LEGS	163	62.00-69.00	62-64	64.43
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	419	45.00-49.00	46-47	46.79	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	474	45.00-48.00	46-47	46.92
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	723	46.00-50.00	48-49	48.61	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	892	46.00-50.00	48-49	48.29
WINGS (WHOLE)	161	65.00-95.00	-	71.09	WINGS (WHOLE)	165	65.00-95.00	-	73.79
WINGS (CUT)	TOO FEW TO REPORT				WINGS (CUT)	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
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 F.O.B. DOCK

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
57.50 - 60.50	58.90	56.50 - 60.50	58.63	58.54

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 no better than fair during midweek trading as dealers were cautious and selective. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts and tenders were readily available at discounted levels; bone-in breasts were at least sufficient for current needs. Drums were clearing satisfactorily and wings were fully adequate. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light. The market tone was barely steady to weak for boneless skinless breasts and tenders; fully steady for drums and thighs. 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.

JUN 03	CURRENT NEG	WTD	VOL/LBS	JUN 04	CURRENT NEG	WTD	VOL/LBS
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG		ITEM	TRADING*	AVG	
BREAST - B/S	145	141.22	587,957	BREAST - B/S	140-145	140.24	481,644
TENDERLOINS	135	135.94	171,450	TENDERLOINS	130-135	136.69	80,080
BREAST - WITH RIBS	80-81	86.54	173,960	BREAST - WITH RIBS	80-81	92.28	58,280
BREAST - LINE RUN	80	80.30	66,600	BREAST - LINE RUN	80	80.16	55,800
LEGS	67-68	71.99	167,120	LEGS	67-68	69.11	149,600
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	47-48	48.46	244,760	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	47-48	49.03	160,400
DRUMSTICKS	64-65	69.84	85,408	DRUMSTICKS	64-65	72.33	83,440
THIGHS	60-61	69.88	96,400	THIGHS	60-61	68.60	58,800
B/S THIGHS	126-127	129.28	78,400	B/S THIGHS	126-127	128.68	58,240
WINGS (WHOLE)	95-96	87.20	196,490	WINGS (WHOLE)	95-96	94.67	141,080
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-14	13.66	42,440	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-14	12.96	26,800
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	39.21	6,840	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	38.76	9,160
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	53.80	26,920	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	54.76	21,080

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

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL		AVG
	(1,000)	06/03	(1,000)	05/30	06/02	05/30	(1,000)	05/26	WTS
Alabama	4,118	4,185	4,107	3,879	5.75	5.46	4,128	4.73	
Arkansas	5,172	5,257	4,892	5,376	5.69	5.64	5,090	(A)	
Delmarva	2,192	2,283	2,316	2,542	5.82	5.79	2,291	(A)	
KY-LA-TN	2,102	2,347	2,426	2,367	5.16	4.97	2,264	(A)	
Mississippi	3,055	3,074	3,130	3,285	5.79	5.69	3,110	5.87	
North Carolina	2,810	2,845	2,693	3,309	7.00	7.24	2,663	6.21	
Texas	2,569	2,570	2,511	2,697	5.48	5.30	2,569	5.38	
Total	22,018	22,561	22,075	23,455	5.81	5.75	22,115	5.28	
Mon-Wed	67,204 (B)				55,498 (B)				

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 04-Jun-08 is estimated to be 32,941,000 head down 0.74 percent from a week ago and up 1.25 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 33,186,000, last year 32,533,000)

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 07-JUN-08

Class	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	06/07/08 (1)	05/31/08	Thousand head	
Broiler/fryer	166,376(2)	155,748		
Light hens	1,377	1,109		
Heavy hens	1,618	1,355		
Total	169,371	158,212		

(1)ESTIMATED

2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 07-Jun-08 is 167.3 million head compared to 166.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 166.7 million head or 0.6 million less than estimated available. For the week of 14-June-08 the estimated available is 167.4 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS	LBS	LBS	LBS
AM 06/02/08	111,135	79,674		
AM 05/01/08	97,599	79,328		
CHG	13,536	346		
PCT CHG	14	0		

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	06/02/08	05/26/08	06/04/07	06/02/08	05/26/08	06/04/07
PACIFIC COAST	2,248	1,811	2,273	8,134	9,842	5,618
LOS ANGELES	216	224	130	1,404	1,376	1,660

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 JUNE 2, 2008

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

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES FOR 06/03/08

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW HIGH AVG				LOW HIGH AVG		
	HEAVY FOWL lb.	.80	1.60		1.28	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	3.50	7.25	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	2.00	8.00	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	1.50	8.25	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	2.00	3.25	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	8.25	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	1.60	1.75	1.67	DUCKS ea.	5.00	9.50	-
RABBITS lb.	1.25	4.25	2.18	RABBITS ea.	-	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	3.00	7.25	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	4.50	-
GUINEA KEETS ea	2.85	4.35	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	1.75	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-				
TOTAL COOPS	63						

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending May 30, 2008

	Whole Chickens		Legs W/Thighs	Necks,Backs & Wings	Livers Gizzards	Hens
	RAYON					
Low	87.98	167.16	101.18	17.60	4.40	65.99
High	93.70	175.96	114.38	22.00	8.80	65.99
Mostly	87.98	171.56	109.98	17.60	8.80	65.99
SAN JUAN						
Low	87.98	167.16	96.78	17.60	4.40	65.99
High	92.38	175.96	109.98	22.00	8.80	65.99
Mostly	87.98	171.56	105.58	17.60	8.80	65.99
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	87.98	171.56	105.58	17.60	4.40	68.19
High	94.58	180.36	118.78	22.00	8.80	68.19
Mostly	87.98	175.96	114.38	19.80	4.40	68.19
BECERRA						
Low	90.18	171.56	109.98	17.60	4.40	70.39
High	96.78	184.76	123.17	22.00	8.80	70.39
Mostly	90.18	180.36	118.78	22.00	8.80	70.39

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds continued light to fair as dealers saw no need to extend beyond regular commitments. Offerings were at least sufficient for current trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights varied, but were noted as mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices remained unchanged at 78 to 88 cents. Trade sentiment was generally steady. In the parts complex, b/s breasts and tenders were readily available and slow to move. Wings were reported as fully adequate to available. Dark meat cuts were adequate to well cleared with thighs and drums in the best position.

		BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE		72-90	
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		(A)	
NO. OF BOXES		(A)	

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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