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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was steady in the Northeast, steady to fully steady in the Midwest and West. Retail and food service demand was light to fairly good, best into fast food outlets and catering services. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate to handle trade needs. Floor stocks were in a full range. Delivery problems were noted in some areas due to transportation issues. In the parts structure, movement was mostly fair for mid-week trading. Breast items in better balance, but were still at least adequate overall. Wings were irregular but readily available. Dark meat was adequate to well cleared. In production areas, live supplies moderate. Weights were mostly desirable but instances light in areas experiencing extreme heat.

**GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .50 cents to 85.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 80.75 cents last year on June 13, 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	178.00
BREASTS - B/S	148.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	85.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	129.00
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. Retail and food service demand was fair to moderate, best where fast food promotions were featured. Supplies of all sizes were sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was mostly fair for mid-week trading. Breast items were adequate to better balanced with some interest noted. Wings were sufficient, and dark meat was in good balance to well cleared. In production areas, live supplies were mostly moderate. Weights were mostly desirable but trending lighter in some areas due to extreme heat.

**NORTHEAST REGION** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly fair to instances moderate and typical of midweek trading. Offerings were at least sufficient for the lighter sizes; adequate for the heavier sizes. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair at best. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, breast items were generally sufficient for trade needs. Wings were irregular but were at least adequate. Legs, drums and thighs were adequate to well cleared.

**MIDWEST REGION** Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady to fully steady. Offerings were adequate on light to moderate trade interest. Retail and food service demand was light to fairly good with festivals, fast food and catering seeing most interest. Floor stocks were in full range; weights desirable. Supplies of dark meat were adequate to close; breast cuts and wings adequate. The market tone was generally steady on all parts.

**WESTERN REGION** The market tone was fully steady. Offerings were in fair balance to adequate for trade needs. Buying activity was moderate. Retailer demand was fairly good overall. Floor stocks were generally adequate. Trade sentiment was generally steady to fully steady on parts.

## BROILER -TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 217 million eggs in incubators during the week ending June 7, 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 179 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 7, 2008. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through June 7, 2008 were 4.10 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 06/07/08	2008	2007	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
	<i>Thousand</i>		
EGGS SET	216,986	219,184	- 01
CHICKS PLACED	179,444	180,462	- 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 19-Jul-08 is estimated at 163.9 million head. This compares to 162.1 million head the previous week and to 170.8 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 167.8 million head and the composite weighted average price was 81.24 cents per pound.

**JUN 10 SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

**JUN 11**

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	386	112.00-188.00	-	124.69	BREAST - B/S	340	112.00-195.00	-	124.25
TENDERLOINS	136	110.00-182.00	-	118.24	TENDERLOINS	186	105.00-191.00	-	118.23
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	158	60.00-70.00	63-65	63.92	LEGS	223	60.00-70.00	63-65	63.95
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	387	43.00-48.00	46-47	46.31	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	379	43.00-48.00	46-47	46.26
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,012	46.00-50.00	48-49	48.26	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,012	45.00-50.00	48-49	48.38
WINGS (WHOLE)	175	65.00-95.00	-	76.74	WINGS (WHOLE)	170	65.00-95.00	72-75	74.44
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
56.00-60.00	58.41	55.00-60.00	57.80	58.02

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 during midweek trading as dealers kept floor stocks in close balance with immediate needs. Offerings of breast items were noted as in better balance than a week earlier and was least adequate for current needs. Drums and thighs were clearing satisfactorily. Wings were irregular and noted as fully sufficient. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair with best draw centering around scattered features. The market tone was generally steady for breast items and wings; at least steady for drums and thighs.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

JUN 10	CURRENT NEG	WTD	VOL/LBS	JUN 11	CURRENT NEG	WTD	VOL/LBS
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG		ITEM	TRADING*	AVG	
BREAST - B/S	140	138.85	624,783	BREAST - B/S	140	139.75	448,956
TENDERLOINS	130	127.78	197,900	TENDERLOINS	130	131.08	70,520
BREAST - WITH RIBS	78-79	82.73	206,080	BREAST - WITH RIBS	78-79	91.25	52,640
BREAST - LINE RUN	78	79.45	59,400	BREAST - LINE RUN	78	79.64	70,200
LEGS	67-68	68.42	144,000	LEGS	67-68	74.32	143,020
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	47-48	48.49	257,040	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	47-48	48.61	311,507
DRUMSTICKS	64-65	72.32	50,920	DRUMSTICKS	64-65	72.54	73,480
THIGHS	60-61	68.32	95,320	THIGHS	60-61	68.10	58,980
B/S THIGHS	126-127	126.90	58,520	B/S THIGHS	126-127	127.88	48,600
WINGS (WHOLE)	95-96	92.52	139,400	WINGS (WHOLE)	95-96	97.68	126,600
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-14	13.71	34,880	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-14	13.03	15,880
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	38.66	12,680	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	39.24	7,120
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	50.06	32,480	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	50.34	17,000

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)	06/10	(1,000)	06/06	06/09	06/06	(1,000)	06/04	WTS
Alabama	4,035	4,277	4,142	4,072	5.47	5.53	4,047	5.75	
Arkansas	5,041	5,224	4,936	5,057	5.55	5.21	5,178	5.69	
Delmarva	2,114	2,206	2,232	2,531	5.82	5.84	2,177	5.82	
KY-LA-TN	2,120	2,429	2,383	2,529	5.03	5.05	2,127	5.16	
Mississippi	2,967	3,047	3,023	3,556	5.69	5.56	3,043	5.79	
North Carolina	2,829	2,842	2,676	2,921	6.86	6.58	2,657	7.00	
Texas	2,546	2,526	2,531	2,449	5.41	5.21	2,463	5.48	
Total	21,652	22,551	21,923	23,115	5.67	5.55	21,692	5.81	
Mon-Wed	66,369 (A)						65,876 (A)		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 11-Jun-08 is estimated to be 32,394,000 head down 0.48 percent from a week ago and up 1.18 percent from a year ago. (Last week 32,551,000, last year 32,016,000)

**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 14-JUN-08

Class	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	06/14/08 (1)	Thousand head	06/07/08	Thousand head
Broiler/fryer	169,260(2)		166,376	
Light hens	1,448		1,377	
Heavy hens	1,704		1,618	
Total	172,412		169,371	

(1)ESTIMATED

2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 14-Jun-08 is 167.4 million head compared to 166.2 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 169.6 million head or 2.2 million more than estimated available. For the week of 21-June-08 the estimated available is 166.7 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 06/09/08	109,786		82,123	
AM 06/01/08	111,135		79,674	
CHG	-1,349		2,449	
PCT CHG	-1		3	

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)**

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	06/09/08	06/02/08	06/11/07	06/09/08	06/02/08	06/11/07
<b>PACIFIC COAST</b>	2,144	2,248	2,262	8,119	8,134	5,414
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>	216	216	130	1,403	1,404	1,622

**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 9, 2008

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

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES FOR 06/10/08**

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW HIGH AVG			LOW HIGH AVG		
	HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	-	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	.30	.35	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.80	2.50
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	9.50
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	.50	1.00
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	8.00
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	1.00
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	2.50	4.25
DUCKS lb.	-	1.80	-	DUCKS ea.	-	10.00
RABBITS lb.	.40	2.00	-	RABBITS ea.	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.00	4.25
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	.50	1.40	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea	1.60	3.00	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	1.40	4.25
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	.50	-			
TOTAL COOPS	91					

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY**

Cents per pound for the week ending June 6, 2008

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/Thighs	Necks,Backs & Wings	Livers Gizzards	Hens
<b>RAYON</b>						
Low	89.81	131.43	113.90	17.52	4.38	65.71
High	96.38	179.62	122.67	21.90	8.76	65.71
Mostly	89.81	170.86	113.90	19.71	4.38	65.71
<b>SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	88.49	166.47	109.52	17.52	4.38	65.71
High	96.38	175.24	122.67	21.90	8.76	65.71
Mostly	88.49	170.86	113.90	17.52	8.76	65.71
<b>NEW SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	89.81	170.86	113.90	17.52	4.38	67.90
High	97.69	179.62	122.67	26.29	8.76	67.90
Mostly	89.81	179.62	113.90	21.90	8.76	67.90
<b>BECERRA</b>						
Low	90.68	170.86	118.28	21.90	8.76	70.09
High	97.69	184.00	131.43	26.29	13.14	70.09
Mostly	90.68	184.00	122.67	26.29	8.76	70.09

**DELMARVA** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was usually fair to moderate as dealers saw no need to extend beyond regular commitments. Seller offerings were generally sufficient for current trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but noted as mostly desirable with hot temperatures only having minimal affects on sizes. Processing schedules were moderate. 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 fully adequate. Wings were irregular, but fully sufficient. Dark meat cuts were adequate and clearing satisfactorily.

**BRANDED U.S. GRADE A**

RANGE  
WEIGHTED AVERAGE  
NO. OF BOXES

65-91  
(A)  
(A)

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