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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady in the West, steady elsewhere. Retail demand covered the full range. Food service demand was slow to moderate, best in to fast food and catering. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. Floor stocks were adequate. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate for mid-week trading. Breast items were in good balance to well cleared. Boneless skinless breast were better balanced to closely cleared. Wings and bone-in breast were at least sufficient. Dark meat items were adequate to close with drums and legs in the best position. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable 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 86.00 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 20, 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	150.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	85.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	129.00
LEG QUARTERS	49.50
WINGS	103.00

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

**SOUTHERN REGION** Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was fair to moderate with some improvement noted. 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 well cleared with increased interest on boneless skinless breast. Wings were mixed. Dark meat was adequate to to barely adequate and moving satisfactorily. In production areas, live supplies were mostly moderate, but mostly lighter weights.

**NORTHEAST REGION** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers remained fair to mostly moderate during midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes were adequate for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breasts were in good balance with good movement; bone-in breast and wings were at least sufficient for trade needs. Dark meat cuts were mostly adequate to well cleared with drums in the best balance.

**MIDWEST REGION** Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady. Producer offerings were light to moderate on like trade inquiry. Retail and food service demand was slow to moderate, occasionally good into a few fast food, catering and retail operations where aggressive promotions or advertisements were active. Floor stocks were in balance; weights desirable. Parts trade inquiry was good on eight-piece cut-up and at times small wings and boneless/skinless breast. Supplies of small wings limited, large wings fully available, breast cuts mixed and dark meat lines in balance with trade needs. The market tone was steady to firm on small wings and steady on all other parts.

**WESTERN REGION** The market tone was generally steady to fully steady. Offerings were adequate overall. Buying activity was fair. Retailer demand was fairly good overall; best where promoted. Floor stocks were adequate.

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

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 215 million eggs in incubators during the week ending June 14, 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 SLIGHTLY

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 179 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 14, 2008. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through June 14, 2008 were 4.28 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 06/14/08	2008	2007	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
	<i>Thousand</i>		
EGGS SET	214,815	217,590	- 01
CHICKS PLACED	179,188	179,754	0

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 26-Jul-08 is estimated at 165.1 million head. This compares to 163.9 million head the previous week and to 170.3 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 166.4 million head and the composite weighted average price was 80.51 cents per pound.

JUN 17

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

JUN 18

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	439	125.00-195.00	130-132	135.38	BREAST - B/S	405	125.00-198.00	130-134	137.75
TENDERLOINS	152	120.00-189.00	-	130.57	TENDERLOINS	176	118.00-194.00	-	137.44
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	TOO FEW TO REPORT				LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	428	45.00-50.00	48	48.04	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	428	44.00-50.00	47-48	47.77
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	874	44.00-52.00	49-50	49.08	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	897	45.00-52.00	49-50	48.83
WINGS (WHOLE)	200	70.00-92.00	-	77.60	WINGS (WHOLE)	155	69.00-95.00	-	74.32
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	120	115.00-123.00	-	120.17	B/S THIGHS	125	115.00-123.00	-	117.40

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
55.00-61.00	58.15	54.50-61.00	58.12	58.42

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 fair to mostly moderate during midweek trading. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts were in good balance and clearing satisfactorily; bone-in breasts and wings were at least sufficient for current needs. Dark meat cuts were adequate and manageable with leg quarters and drums noted as well cleared. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair. The market tone was fully steady to firm for boneless skinless breasts; steady to fully steady for leg cuts. The balance of items were steady.

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

JUN 17	CURRENT NEG	WTD	VOL/LBS	JUN 18	CURRENT NEG	WTD	VOL/LBS
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG		ITEM	TRADING*	AVG	
BREAST - B/S	140-145	140.31	627,848	BREAST - B/S	145	136.71	591,270
TENDERLOINS	130	130.30	171,130	TENDERLOINS	130	130.42	111,680
BREAST - WITH RIBS	78-79	94.68	129,880	BREAST - WITH RIBS	78-79	86.65	67,920
BREAST - LINE RUN	78	79.79	68,400	BREAST - LINE RUN	78	80.09	57,600
LEGS	68-69	69.47	120,640	LEGS	68-69	69.54	173,960
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	49-50	48.59	420,360	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	49-50	50.01	214,880
DRUMSTICKS	64-65	71.30	100,620	DRUMSTICKS	64-65	73.09	57,800
THIGHS	60-61	70.60	72,320	THIGHS	60-61	69.08	62,240
B/S THIGHS	126-127	125.61	84,400	B/S THIGHS	126-127	126.73	51,160
WINGS (WHOLE)	95-96	92.37	230,600	WINGS (WHOLE)	5-96	95.77	180,960
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-14	13.49	29,600	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-14	13.02	22,680
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	38.94	10,600	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	38.71	7,920
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	50.29	25,600	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	48.50	22,920

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)	06/17	(1,000)	06/13	06/16	06/13	(1,000)	06/09	WTS
Alabama	4,021	4,248	4,175	4,529	5.34	5.38	4,104	5.47	
Arkansas	5,052	5,211	4,904	4,564	5.57	5.52	5,153	5.55	
Delmarva	2,072	1,954	2,272	2,796	5.78	5.97	2,117	5.82	
KY-LA-TN	2,433	2,430	2,076	2,261	5.09	4.76	2,003	5.03	
Mississippi	3,011	3,059	3,064	3,188	5.67	5.45	3,004	5.69	
North Carolina	2,821	2,840	2,666	2,745	6.94	6.56	2,787	6.86	
Texas	2,569	2,573	2,643	2,477	5.36	5.12	2,572	5.41	
Total	21,979	22,315	21,800	22,560	5.66	5.54	21,740	5.67	
Mon-Wed	66,526 (A)								65,830 (A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 18-Jun-08 is estimated to be 32,883,000 head up 0.80 percent from a week ago and up 0.74 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,623,000, last year 32,641,000)

**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 21-JUN-08

Class	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	06/21/08 (1)	Thousand head	06/14/08	Thousand head
Broiler/fryer	167,489(2)		169,260	
Light hens	1,566		1,448	
Heavy hens	1,666		1,704	
Total	170,721		172,412	

(1)ESTIMATED

2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 21-Jun-08 is 166.7 million head compared to 170.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 167.8 million head or 1.1 million more than estimated available. For the week of 28-June-08 the estimated available is 165.6 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 06/16/08	113,735		80,310	
AM 06/01/08	111,135		79,674	
CHG	2,600		636	
PCT CHG	2		1	

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)**

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	06/16/08	06/09/08	06/18/07	06/16/08	06/09/08	06/18/07
<b>PACIFIC COAST</b>	1,710	2,144	2,536	7,637	8,119	5,214
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>	217	216	117	1,532	1,403	1,460

**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 16, 2008

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

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES FOR 06/17/08**

	AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY			FOR 06/17/08		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	1.85	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	5.25	6.25
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	1.10	2.85
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	6.00
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	2.25
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	1.00	-	DUCKS ea.	-	10.00
RABBITS lb.	1.15	1.60	1.37	RABBITS ea.	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.50	3.75
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	1.35
GUINEA KEETS ea	1.50	2.00	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	2.00
GUINEA PIGS ea.	1.00	1.65	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-			
TOTAL COOPS	53					

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY**

Cents per pound for the week ending June 13, 2008

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/Thighs	Necks,Backs & Wings	Livers Gizzards	Hens
<b>RAYON</b>						
Low	90.68	166.47	109.52	17.52	4.38	67.90
High	96.38	175.24	118.28	21.90	8.76	67.90
Mostly	93.31	166.47	109.52	21.90	8.76	67.90
<b>SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	89.81	162.09	105.14	17.52	4.38	65.71
High	95.07	170.86	118.28	21.90	8.76	65.71
Mostly	92.00	166.47	109.52	19.71	6.57	65.71
<b>NEW SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	92.00	166.47	109.52	21.90	4.38	70.09
High	98.13	179.62	122.67	26.29	8.76	70.09
Mostly	92.00	170.86	118.28	21.90	8.76	70.09
<b>BECERRA</b>						
Low	93.31	170.86	113.90	21.90	8.76	72.28
High	99.45	179.62	127.05	26.29	13.14	72.28
Mostly	93.31	175.24	118.28	26.29	8.76	72.28

**DELMARVA** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to mostly moderate for mid-week business. Offerings were generally sufficient for current trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but noted as desirable. Processor schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices remained unchanged at 78 to 88 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, b/s breasts were balanced to well cleared; bone-in breasts and wings were at least sufficient. Dark meat cuts were adequate to close.

**BRANDED U.S. GRADE A**  
74-91  
RANGE  
WEIGHTED AVERAGE  
NO. OF BOXES  
(A)  
(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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