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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was steady to firm in the Midwest and West, steady elsewhere. Demand was light to fairly good, with few promotions noted for retail, and best into fast food for food service. Supplies of all sizes were sufficient to tight to satisfy trade needs. Floor stocks were adequate to long. In the parts structure, movement was mostly fair to moderate with some optimism noted to satisfy holiday needs. Breast items and wings were in good balance to well cleared but tenders were fully adequate to ample. Dark meat remained adequate to closely cleared with drums more available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.

GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .75 cents to 86.75 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 81.00 cents last year on June 27, 2007.

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

DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	179.50
BREASTS - B/S	154.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	87.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	129.50
LEG QUARTERS	50.50
WINGS	102.50

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

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was fair to moderate, best to cover holiday needs. Supplies of all sizes were usually no more than adequate to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was mostly fair to moderate with increased interest for the holiday. Breast items and wings were better balanced to well cleared. Dark meat was in good balance to tight. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mix, but mostly desirable.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair to mostly moderate for midweek trading with some improvements noted for the upcoming July 4th week. Offerings of all sizes were generally sufficient for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, breast items and wings were in good balance. Dark meat cuts were clearing satisfactorily with legs and leg quarters in the best balance.

MIDWEST REGION Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady to firm. Producer offerings were light. Retail and food service trade activity was light to moderate for the most part. Floor stocks were adequate to at times long; weights desirable. Parts supplies were sufficient for the light to moderate trade interest. Tenderloins and drums were fully available; other parts were in balance to close for trade needs. The market tone was about steady on tenders, large wings and drumsticks, and steady to firm on all other parts.

WESTERN REGION Trade sentiments were steady to firm. Offerings of whole body product less than 3 pounds was in close balance, with heavy weights adequate overall. Retailer demand was moderate to good. Floor stocks were in good balance with immediate needs.

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

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 214 million eggs in incubators during the week ending June 21, 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 21, 2008. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through June 21, 2008 were 4.46 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 06/21/08	2008	2007	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
	<i>Thousand</i>		
EGGS SET	213,500	216,287	- 01
CHICKS PLACED	179,320	180,026	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 02-Aug-08 is estimated at 165.0 million head. This compares to 165.1 million head the previous week and to 170.2 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 165.7 million head and the composite weighted average price was 78.62 cents per pound.

JUN 24

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

JUN 25

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	137.00-198.00	-	145.38	BREAST - B/S	424	137.00-195.00	-	144.28
TENDERLOINS	143	118.00-189.00	-	127.90	TENDERLOINS	128	118.00-186.00	-	129.05
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	188	62.00-71.00	65-67	65.71	LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	431	45.00-50.00	49	48.96	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	388	46.00-52.00	-	49.21
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	922	46.00-52.00	50-51	50.35	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,047	47.00-54.00	50-52	51.04
WINGS (WHOLE)	215	73.00-85.00	-	78.09	WINGS (WHOLE)	200	73.00-89.00	-	78.55
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
58.00-62.00	60.31	58.50-63.50	60.57	59.99

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 moderate as dealers noted some optimism as they look to the July 4th week. Offerings of breast items and wings were in good balance. Tenders were at least sufficient for current needs. Most dark meat cuts remained adequate to well cleared with legs and leg quarters in the best position. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone was fully steady for breast items, wings and leg cuts. 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 24	CURRENT NEG	WTD		JUN 25	CURRENT NEG	WTD	
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG	VOL/LBS	ITEM	TRADING*	AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	155	147.49	655,811	BREAST - B/S	155	147.19	465,592
TENDERLOINS	130	131.29	169,170	TENDERLOINS	130	135.33	98,680
BREAST - WITH RIBS	79-80	86.63	142,360	BREAST - WITH RIBS	79-80	88.35	114,000
BREAST - LINE RUN	79	80.26	55,800	BREAST - LINE RUN	79	80.41	70,200
LEGS	70-71	70.01	140,120	LEGS	70-71	70.79	171,640
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	50-51	50.42	225,600	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	50-51	51.46	220,800
DRUMSTICKS	64-65	71.38	92,880	DRUMSTICKS	64-65	71.79	52,480
THIGHS	60-61	69.68	73,240	THIGHS	60-61	71.72	40,400
B/S THIGHS	126-127	126.95	68,400	B/S THIGHS	126-127	125.54	35,800
WINGS (WHOLE)	98-99	96.73	184,280	WINGS (WHOLE)	98-99	98.41	162,480
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-14	13.63	17,320	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-14	13.03	17,840
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	39.35	12,520	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	39.40	4,640
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	48.97	42,520	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	51.68	20,560

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)	06/24	(1,000)	06/20	06/23	06/20	(1,000)	WTS
Alabama	3,997	4,165	4,136	4,263	5.41	5.40	3,953	5.34
Arkansas	5,002	5,374	5,120	4,555	5.60	5.38	5,034	5.57
Delmarva	2,242	2,225	2,234	2,514	5.90	5.78	2,065	5.78
KY-LA-TN	2,141	2,342	2,445	2,081	5.04	5.11	2,354	5.09
Mississippi	2,997	3,060	3,085	2,928	5.83	5.88	2,996	5.67
North Carolina	2,849	2,873	2,701	3,028	7.04	6.67	2,770	6.94
Texas	2,561	2,556	2,516	2,766	5.28	5.15	2,561	5.36
Total	21,789	22,595	22,237	22,135	5.70	5.62	21,733	5.66
Mon-Wed	66,693 (A)						65,307 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 25-Jun-08 is estimated to be 32,599,000 head down 0.04 percent from a week ago and up 3.41 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,613,000, last year 31,523,000)

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 142-159
	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 28-JUN-08

Class	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	06/28/08 (1)	06/21/08	06/28/08 (1)	06/21/08
	----- Thousand head -----			
Broiler/fryer	170,146(2)		167,489	
Light hens	1,586		1,566	
Heavy hens	1,795		1,666	
Total	173,527		170,721	

(1)ESTIMATED

2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 28-Jun-08 is 165.6 million head compared to 168.3 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 170.5 million head or 4.9 million more than estimated available. For the week of 05-Jul-08 the estimated available is 165.9 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 06/23/08	113,984		81,126	
AM 06/01/08	111,135		79,674	
CHG	2,849		1,452	
PCT CHG	3		2	

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	06/23/08	06/16/08	06/25/07	06/23/08	06/16/08	06/25/07
PACIFIC COAST	1,035	1,710	2,360	7,723	7,637	4,942
LOS ANGELES	250	217	106	1,505	1,532	1,379

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 23, 2008

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

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES FOR 06/24/08

	AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY			FOR 06/24/08		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.60	.80	.74	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	1.00	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	2.50	5.50
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	2.00
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	3.00
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	1.50	4.75
ROOSTERS lb.	-	1.00	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	6.75
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	20.00
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	1.00	1.80	1.41	RABBITS ea.	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.00	3.75
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea	2.50	3.00	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	11.50	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-			
TOTAL COOPS	82					

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending June 20, 2008

	Whole Chickens		Legs W/Thighs	Necks,Backs & Wings	Livers Gizzards	Hens
	Breasts					
RAYON						
Low	76.05	168.03	101.70	17.69	4.42	61.91
High	84.90	172.45	114.97	22.11	8.84	61.91
Mostly	84.90	172.45	106.12	17.69	8.84	61.91
SAN JUAN						
Low	75.17	163.61	106.12	17.69	4.42	61.91
High	84.01	172.45	119.39	22.11	13.27	61.91
Mostly	84.01	168.03	110.54	22.11	8.84	61.91
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	80.48	168.03	106.12	22.11	8.84	66.33
High	86.23	176.87	114.97	26.53	13.27	66.33
Mostly	84.01	172.45	110.54	22.11	8.84	66.33
BECERRA						
Low	82.69	172.45	106.12	22.11	8.84	64.12
High	88.44	176.87	119.39	26.53	13.27	64.12
Mostly	85.34	172.45	110.54	22.11	13.27	64.12

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds ranged fair to moderate. Offerings were adequate to balanced and clearing satisfactorily. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but noted as desirable. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices remained unchanged at 78 to 88 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, breast items and wings were balanced to well cleared. Dark meat cuts were adequate to close with legs and leg quarters in the best position.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE		WEIGHTED AVERAGE		NO. OF BOXES	
(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.					
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