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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was steady to firm in the West, fully steady to firm elsewhere. Retail demand was light to moderate, with improvements expected by the end of the week. Food service demand was light to good, best for fast food, catering, and entertainment areas. Supplies were balanced to limited to satisfy trade needs, however, in the Northeast small sizes were well cleared. Floor stocks were in a full range, mostly adequate. Trucks were limited causing sales and delivery problems. In the parts structure, movement was fair to mostly moderate. Breast items were adequate to ample. Wings were available to tight. Dark meat items were in good balance to short and moving satisfactorily. 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 87.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 81.25 cents last year on July 3, 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	179.50
BREASTS - B/S	154.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	87.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	130.00
LEG QUARTERS	51.00
WINGS	102.00

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

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was at least fully steady. Demand was fair to good best where needs increased for the holiday. Supplies of all sizes were usually adequate to satisfy trade needs. Processing schedules for this week are mostly part time with most plants down Friday for the July 4th holiday. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate for mid-week trading. Breast items and wings were sufficient with tenders and cutlets at least adequate. Dark meat items were in good balance to tight, with leg quarters in the best position. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fairly good to good for midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes were well cleared and held with confidence. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone was firm. In the parts complex, breast items were at least adequate to fully adequate for current needs; wings were clearing satisfactorily and legs and leg quarters were in close balance to well cleared.

MIDWEST REGION Whole broiler/fryer market tone was fully steady to mostly firm. Producer offerings very limited on light to moderate inquiry. Assurance of delivery and tight trucking availability disrupted sales and movement. Retail and food service trade was mixed, light to good, best into food service with retail expected to see increased movement tomorrow and Friday. Floor stocks were in full range, mostly adequate; weights varied. Breast cuts were fully adequate to ample, wings available to tight and dark meat lines were limited. The market tone was firm on leg items; wings steady to at times firm; and steady to barely steady on the balance.

WESTERN REGION The whole fryer and WOG market tone was steady to firm with very limited offers. Demand into retail sectors was moderate with good interest on features and deli items. Distributive movement was moderate to good; best call into catering, fast food, and bar and grills. Floor stocks were mostly balanced with sizes in a desirable range. Supplies of wings and dark meat cuts were close with tenders and boneless skinless breasts adequate to available. The trade sentiment was steady to firm on wings and dark meat cuts with the balance of parts steady.

BROILER -TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 211 million eggs in incubators during the week ending June 28, 2008. This was up slightly 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 28, 2008. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through June 28, 2008 were 4.64 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 06/28/08	2008	2007	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
	<i>Thousand</i>		
EGGS SET	211,006	210,141	0
CHICKS PLACED	178,612	178,938	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 09-Aug-08 is estimated at 164.8 million head. This compares to 165.0 million head the previous week and to 170.5 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 167.4 million head and the composite weighted average price was 77.70 cents per pound.

JUL 01 SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

JUL 02

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 AVG	ITEM	POUNDS			WTD AVG
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY			(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	
BREAST - B/S	390	130.00-192.00	-	141.28	BREAST - B/S	327	132.00-195.00	-	140.03
TENDERLOINS	145	110.00-196.00	-	122.09	TENDERLOINS	187	105.00-189.00	-	118.06
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT				BREAST - LINE RUN	104	75.00-81.00	-	79.56
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	213	65.00-71.00	67-69	67.48	LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	590	47.00-52.00	49-50	49.56	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	435	47.00-51.00	49-50	49.52
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,037	48.00-54.00	51-52	51.16	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	862	49.00-54.00	51-52	51.97
WINGS (WHOLE)	200	76.00-92.00	-	81.60	WINGS (WHOLE)	146	75.00-92.00	-	77.34
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
59.50-64.50	61.85	58.50-63.00	61.15	61.23

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 remained fair to moderate during midweek trading. Offerings of breast items were fully sufficient for current needs; wings were about adequate to adequate with fairly good movement. Tenders were at least adequate to available and most dark meat cuts balance to well cleared. Movement through retail and distributive channels was at least moderate. The market tone was no better than steady for breast items; at least steady to fully steady for leg cuts and wings.

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

JUL 01	CURRENT NEG	WTD	JUL 02	CURRENT NEG	WTD
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG	ITEM	TRADING*	AVG
BREAST - B/S	155	151.37	BREAST - B/S	155	150.79
TENDERLOINS	130	130.81	TENDERLOINS	130	126.15
BREAST - WITH RIBS	79-80	85.46	BREAST - WITH RIBS	79-80	86.10
BREAST - LINE RUN	79	80.10	BREAST - LINE RUN	79	79.81
LEGS	70-71	71.73	LEGS	70-71	72.75
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	50-51	51.39	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	51-52	51.89
DRUMSTICKS	64-65	73.24	DRUMSTICKS	64-65	71.94
THIGHS	60-61	74.08	THIGHS	60-61	72.37
B/S THIGHS	126-127	125.33	B/S THIGHS	126-127	127.00
WINGS (WHOLE)	98-99	95.27	WINGS (WHOLE)	98-99	99.75
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-14	13.24	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-14	13.09
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	39.18	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	39.52
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	48.43	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	47.50

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)	07/01	(1,000)	06/27	06/30	06/27	(1,000)	06/25	WTS
Alabama	4,224	4,228	4,171	4,204	5.39	5.39	4,045	5.41	
Arkansas	5,359	5,382	4,909	4,659	5.56	5.30	4,859	5.60	
Delmarva	2,281	2,250	2,301	3,027	5.80	6.00	2,230	5.90	
KY-LA-TN	2,458	2,501	2,185	2,615	5.07	5.12	2,145	5.04	
Mississippi	3,087	3,086	3,089	3,966	5.79	5.76	2,979	5.83	
North Carolina	2,856	2,845	2,738	3,790	6.94	6.88	2,710	7.04	
Texas	2,555	2,553	2,547	2,565	5.41	5.14	2,592	5.28	
Total	22,820	22,845	21,940	24,826	5.69	5.68	21,560	5.70	
Mon-Wed	68,224 (A)						66,075 (A)		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.
 Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 02-Jul-08 is estimated to be 34,141,000 head up 5.53 percent from a week ago and up from holiday a year ago.
 (Last week 32,353,000, last year 12,237,000)

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 159
	DRY PACK 128
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 175
	DRY PACK 117
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 114
	DRY PACK 112
DUCKS	235-238

