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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were trending 4 cents higher in the Midwest, 1 cent higher in the West and 3 cents higher in the Northeast when compared to last week. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm in all areas. Demand light to good, with some features noted for retail, and best into fast food and catering service. Supplies were adequate to tight to satisfy trade needs, however, in the Northeast small sizes were in the best balance. Floor stocks sufficient, instances short in the Midwest. Transportation issues continue to cause sales and delivery problems. In the parts structure, movement was fair to good for late week trading. Breast items were adequate to long. Wings adequate to close, instances tight. Dark meat items were balanced to well cleared with some export attention noted. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.

**Preliminary Report** Prices negotiated for truck lot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 07-JUL-2008 (cents per lb)

### US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	80.00-83.00	76.00-87.75	81.97	22
New York	79.00-82.00			
Los Angeles	96.00			

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	86.00-89.00	75.00-93.00	87.76	84

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broiler/fryers for this week's trading is 87.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

### PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG
825	85.50-87.50	86.23
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice-packed parts:		
ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000) POUNDS

**Due to July 4th holiday, no weighted average on parts available until Monday. Thursday's weighted averages may be used as a Friday preliminary.**

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

**SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYER** Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Demand was fair to good, best for retail and where increased interest is expected for the holiday. Supplies of all sizes were close balanced to short to satisfy trade needs. Processing plants were mixed with some plants down Friday for the July 4th holiday. In the parts structure, movement was fair to good for late week trading. Breast items were sufficient with tenders and cutlets more manageable. Wings were adequate and clearing well. Dark meat items were in good balance to barely adequate. In productions areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fairly good to good approaching the holiday weekend. Offerings of all sizes were in good balance to instances tight. Movement through retail and distributive channels was moderate. Fast food interest was fair to moderate. The market tone was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, breast items were at least sufficient for current needs; wings and dark meat cuts were no more than adequate and clearing satisfactorily.

**WESTERN REGION** The whole fryer and WOG market tone was fully steady to firm. Offers were very light for needs. Demand into retail and food service sectors was light to good with best interest on feature items and into delis, catering, fast food, and bar and grill areas. 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.

**MIDWEST REGION** Preliminary majority delivered prices increased 4 cents into the Chicago market. Whole broiler/fryer market tone continued fully steady to mostly firm. Whole bird offers very limited on light to good trade call. Fill-in trade noted on small mixed wogs at 85 cents delivered. Retail demand light to moderate, food service moderate to good; best activity noted into fast food, catering, delis, sports bars and holiday festivals. Floor stocks were in balance to short and transport issues continued to affect business; weights varied. Breast cuts were adequate to ample, wings and dark meat lines were tight. The market tone was fully steady to firm on leg items and wings, steady to barely steady on breast cuts.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to good, best where holiday and first of the month needs increased. Offerings were adequate to well cleared with smaller weights in the best balance. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy with many plants down tomorrow for the July 4th holiday. Less than trucklot asking prices were higher at 80 to 91 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, breast items were mixed, but available, and wings were sufficient and moving satisfactorily. Dark meat items were in balance to short of trade needs.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

### BRANDED U.S.GRADE A

RANGE	77-93
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	(A)
	06/30/08 – 07/04/08
	07/02/07 – 07/06/07
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
	06/30/08 – 07/04/08
	07/02/07 – 07/06/07
	(A)

(A) NOT REPORTED TO AVOID DISCLOSING INDIVIDUAL OPERATIONS.

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER PARTS**

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	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	WEEKLY	
					LBS (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	385	130.00-195.00	-	138.77	1,471	141.04
TENDERLOINS	166	110.00-188.00	-	125.33	699	123.03
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT			287	79.63
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT			200	72.88
LEGS	210	65.00-74.00	68-69	68.68	654	67.94
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	389	47.00-53.00	50-51	50.49	1,785	49.75
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	724	50.00-55.00	53-54	52.87	3,765	51.66
WINGS (WHOLE)	200	76.00-95.00	-	82.10	746	79.80
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			376	95.91
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			257	56.58
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			79	58.38
B/S THIGHS	85	115.00-128.00	-	119.71	315	121.00

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR JUL 03, 2008 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
58.50 - 64.50	61.52	61.39

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 at least moderate approaching the fourth of July holiday. Offerings of breast items were at least sufficient for current needs; wings were adequate to well cleared. Tenders were at least adequate to available and most dark meat cuts were clearing well under active retail and export interest. Movement through retail and distributive channels was at least moderate to fairly good. The market tone was generally than steady for breast items; at least steady to instances firm for leg cuts and wings.

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

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS	WEEKLY	
				WTD AVG	WEEKLY VOL /LBS
BREAST - B/S	155	152.00	737,320	150.63	2,379,713
TENDERLOINS	130	129.14	152,240	130.13	604,240
BREAST - WITH RIBS	79-80	85.44	119,480	85.67	536,080
BREAST - LINE RUN	79	80.82	79,200	80.26	271,800
LEGS	70-71	73.13	118,560	72.91	622,800
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	52-53	51.78	326,160	51.67	1,356,160
DRUMSTICKS	64-65	72.98	75,280	73.20	354,762
THIGHS	60-61	72.71	64,960	73.04	282,680
B/S THIGHS	126-127	126.91	54,720	126.44	208,520
WINGS (WHOLE)	98-99	98.10	282,725	97.62	823,085
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-14	13.88	24,480	13.35	98,720
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	39.64	6,600	39.20	28,320
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	47.34	14,260	47.45	93,740

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, RI, AND PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WTD AVG 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	ACTUAL	AVG
	(1,000) 07/03	(1,000) 07/01	WTS 07/01	(1,000) 06/26	WTS 06/24
Alabama	4,186	4,171	5.38	4,217	5.49
Arkansas	4,727	5,232	5.61	5,271	5.56
Delmarva	2,279	2,240	5.84	2,248	5.89
KY-LA-TN	2,453	2,436	5.13	2,381	5.14
Mississippi	3,026	3,087	5.66	3,079	5.69
North Carolina	2,797	2,750	6.88	2,750	6.89
Texas	2,558	2,624	5.38	2,601	5.36
Total	22,026	22,540	5.67	22,547	5.68
Mon-Thur	90,250(A)			88,622(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 03-Jul 2008 is estimated to be 32,953,000 down 2.60 percent from a week ago. and up 3.7 percent from a year ago.

(last week 33,834,000 last year 31,772,000)

**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	

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY,  
DLVRD TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
BROILER/FRYER 2# & OVER	DRY PACK 128
	ICE PACK 159
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK 117
	ICE PACK 114
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK 112
	ICE PACK 114
DUCKS	235-238

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED**

W/E 28-JUN-2008 Under Federal Inspection (Preliminary)

	-----Thousands-----				
	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>4.25 lbs &amp; down</b>	<b>4.26 - 6.25 lbs</b>	<b>6.26 - 7.75 lbs</b>	<b>7.76 lbs &amp; up</b>	
Head	43,143	82,255	24,452	18,893	168,743
Avg Live Wgt	3.82	5.39	6.83	8.15	5.50
% of total /1	26%	49%	14%	11%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	41,907	78,958	19,451	26,614	166,930
Avg Live Wgt	3.87	5.35	6.62	8.48	5.62
% of total /1	25%	47%	12%	16%	100%
Year Ago 2/	44,303	86,365	26,126	9,466	166,260
Avg Live Wgt	3.79	5.40	7.07	10.94	5.55
% of total /1	27%	49%	17%	7%	100%
To date/2008	1,122,021	2,070,618	624,737	457,045	4,274,421
To date/2007	1,116,351	2,096,772	626,968	305,827	4,145,918

/1May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

Weight Class Description:

(A) This size product is normally marketed bone-in into fast food and food service sectors and may include Cornish hens.

(B) This size product is normally marketed into the retail grocery sector in tray pack or bagged forms.

(C) This size product is normally marketed either into the retail grocery sector in tray pack and IQF form or is further processed and marketed into various sectors.

(D) This size product is normally marketed deboned or as roasters or roasting chicken.

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

(PRELIMINARY)

W/E 28-JUNE-2008	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	168,743	1,564	1,711	3,275	422
Avg Wt	5.50	3.28	7.71	5.59	6.42
Last week	166,930	1,465	1,687	3,152	450
Same wk yr ago	166,260	1,097	1,682	2,779	472
Avg Wt	5.55	3.21	8.07	6.15	6.45
To-date/2008	4,274,421	36,630	40,691	77,321	11,557
To-date/2007	4,145,918	29,142	36,588	65,730	13,344

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 165.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 170.8 million head, or 5.2 million more than estimated available.

**ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

Week Ending	Million Head Slaughtered	Million Head Available	Pct	Avg Wt
May 24	169.9	168.7	101%	5.54
31	154.4	167.0	92%	5.43
June 7	169.8	167.3	101%	5.53
14	168.9	167.4	101%	5.41
21	169.0	166.7	101%	5.62
28	170.8	165.6	103%	5.50
Year to date	4326.4	4347.7	100%	
July 5		165.9		
12		166.7		

**BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**

**UNAVAILABLE DUE TO JULY 04 HOLIDAY**

**EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

FOR DELIVERY THE WEEK OF 30-JUNE-2008

**DUCKLINGS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	176-180	180-186
MOSTLY		
MIDWEST	158-174	166-180
MOSTLY		

**ROASTERS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	76.00-83.00	76.00-82.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	73.00-87.00	78.00-86.00

**SQUABS:** NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	64.80-89.91
14 OZ.	71.28-101.25
16 OZ.	77.04-112.08

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

**CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS**

Prices were higher on whole body ducks, with higher prices being paid for less than truck lot orders. All other items remained unchanged. Trade sentiment continued steady. Demand was good. Supplies were adequate to available for current trade requirements. Processing schedules were reduced for the July 4th holiday. Prices paid, first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$6.25-6.85, bone in legs at \$2.25-2.90, gizzards at \$1.20-1.40, wings at \$.70-.75, livers at \$1.15-1.85, and feet at \$.55-1.40.

PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 30-JUNE-2008

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	158-193	155-198

**GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - JULY 01, 2008**

DATE OF AUCTION: PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED  
\*\*AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY\*\*

	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.20 - 1.30 ea.
Pullets 4-6 LBS	- 1.90
Pekin Ducks	7.00 - 14.00 ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.60 - .70
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.80 - .90
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	1.10 - 1.20
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	1.10 - 1.20
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.65 - .75
Guinea Fowl	9.00 - 10.00 ea.
Banty Roosters	3.00 - 5.00 ea.
Banty Hens	2.00 - 2.25 ea.
Leghorn Hens	.60 - .70 ea.
Leghorn Roosters	1.75 - 2.00 ea.
Silkies	2.00 - 3.00 ea.
Pigeons	1.50 - 2.50 ea.
White Pigeons	3.75 - 4.00 ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.60 - 1.70
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	1.10 - 1.20
Bunnies	.50 - 3.00 ea.
Guinea Pigs	.25 - 2.00 ea.
Goats	40.00 - 60.00 ea.
Kid Goats	20.00 - 35.00 ea.
Doves	3.00 - 4.00 ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.20 - 1.40 ea.

Total Coops Sold 550

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET**

Sales were too few to report prices. Offerings were generally sufficient for current needs. Demand was noted as in a full range and trading was light to fair at best on both lights and heavy canners with most available supplies were being used internally. Processing schedules were reduced due the July 4th holiday. The undertone was generally steady.

Cents per Pound, Current Negotiations, Without Freight Cost

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

Cents per Pound, Current Negotiations, Freight Cost Included

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

**HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)**

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 07-JUL-2008

**SOUTH CENTRAL**

Trading was TFEWR. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of heavy fowl. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

**SOUTHEAST**

Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was mostly moderate for the generally adequate offerings. Processing schedules for next week were noted as normal. Sales of finished product was fair to moderate. The undertone was steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**LIGHT TYPE HENS**

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

**EASTERN REGION**

Prices were unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was fair to fairly good for the adequate to fully adequate offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules were reduced due to the July 4th holiday. Trade sentiment was steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	3-12	4-8

**SOUTH CENTRAL**

Salvage costs were TFEWR. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings. Schedules were reduced. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

**NORTH CENTRAL**

Prices unchanged. Demand was moderate to fairly good, offerings adequate to ample. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	0-10.5	0-5

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