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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were higher in all areas when compared to last week. Trade sentiment was steady to firm. Retail and food service demand was generally moderate. Supplies were adequate to tight. Floor stocks were mixed. In the parts structure, movement was fair to good for early week trading. Breast items were adequate to ample, with boneless skinless in the longest position. Wings were adequate to well cleared. Dark meat items were barely adequate to tight and moving well. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable.

**Final Report** of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 07-JUL-2008

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Boston/New England	TFEWR		:	81.86	18
Chicago	80.00-83.00	82.32	25 :	82.44	47
Ohio Cities	TFEWR		:	80.11	13
Denver	95.50	95.50	11 :	94.93	14
Detroit	82.00-83.00	82.78	9 :	83.14	57
Los Angeles	96.00	95.31	58 :	93.75	125
New York	78.00-81.00	80.15	20 :	81.87	42
Philadelphia	77.50-79.00	78.64	11 :	80.43	22
Pittsburgh	77.00-80.00	79.36	11 :	84.51	51
St. Louis	80.75-82.00	81.32	19 :	82.50	27
San Francisco	96.50	95.41	32 :	96.57	61

Composite Weighted Average				
Loads	07/07/08	Change	Last Wk 6/30/08	07/09/07
477	86.34	2.73	83.61	81.12

**WOG BROILERS** (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delivered to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities:

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
Eastern	85.00-87.00	86.34	27
Central	78.00-88.00	83.18	60
Western	86.00-97.50	91.93	41

### Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	86.00-89.00	87.76	84
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**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.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,014	80.00-87.50	86.23

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed FINAL weighted average price on ice-packed parts:

	WTD. AVG.	VOLUME
	(CENTS PER POUND)	(000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	177.50	1,286
BREASTS - B/S	153.00	5,250
BREASTS - WHOLE	86.50	1,304
THIGH MEAT - B/S	128.50	1,051
LEG QUARTERS	51.00	8,639
WINGS	101.00	2,471

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

**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair to fairly good as dealers assess market conditions following the extended holiday weekend. Offerings of 3 pound and lighter sizes were in close balance to well cleared; heavier sizes were generally sufficient for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone was fully steady to firm on the smaller sizes; generally steady on the heavier sizes. In the parts complex, breast items were at least adequate to fully adequate with boneless skinless breast noted as slightly more available. Wings and most dark meat cuts were adequate to well cleared with drums and legs in the best balance.

**SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Post holiday demand was light to moderate following the weekend. Supplies of all sizes were usually no more than adequate to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was light to moderate for early week trading. Wings were adequate, and breast items were sufficient with tenders and cutlets more available. Dark meat items were in good balance to tight with drums and leg quarters in the best position. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Final majorities were 1 cent higher than last Monday's final majority prices. The market tone on whole fryers and WOGs was steady to firm. Holiday fill-in demand was moderate to instances good. Offerings light to adequate. Floor stocks adequate. Sizes desirable. The market tone on boneless skinless breast was steady to barely steady, dark items steady to fully steady, balance of items mostly steady. 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. Trading reported on parts at: boneless breasts 139- 158, bone-in breasts 82-102, thigh meat 127, drums 64-80, leg quarters 54-62, 4-10 leg quarters 61, thighs 65-77, wings 85-109 cents delivered. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was up 2.58 cents to 90.21 cents with a volume 35 loads, 3% higher than last week.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Final majority delivered prices into Chicago and St. Louis increased 4 cents; Detroit up 2 to 3 cents; Ohio cities TFEWR. Trade sentiment on whole fryers was fully steady to firm for the limited offerings. Retail and food service demand covered the full range, light to good following the holiday weekend. Fast food and catering outlets provided the best activity. Floor stocks were mixed, close to long with some buyers reducing regular orders. Supplies of dark meat items and wings adequate to tight, boneless skinless breast adequate to fully adequate. Trade sentiment on dark meat items and wings steady to firm, balance of items generally steady.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to moderate following the extended holiday weekend with needs being assessed. Offerings were adequate to well cleared with smaller weights in the closest balance. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 80 to 91 cents. Trade sentiment was at least steady. In the parts complex, dark meat items were in good balance to short with drums, thighs, and leg quarters in the best position. Breast items and wings were at least adequate or available with mixed interest.

BOILER/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	76-94
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operation.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying activity was fairly good over the holiday week and generally noted as fair entering the week as dealers assess market developments. Offerings of boneless skinless breast were noted as slightly more available and was fully adequate for current needs; bone-in breast were at least sufficient. Wings and dark meat lines were well cleared. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone was steady to barely steady for breast items; at least steady to fully steady for leg cuts and wings.

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

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S		155	148.66	560,941
TENDERLOINS		130	129.07	124,200
BREAST - WITH RIBS	79-80		89.43	42,640
BREAST - LINE RUN		79	80.08	66,600
LEGS	70-71		72.53	135,360
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	52-53		53.39	237,540
DRUMSTICKS	64-65		74.30	84,610
THIGHS	60-61		73.86	81,680
B/S THIGHS	126-127		127.40	44,080
WINGS (WHOLE)	98-99		97.74	136,821
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-14		13.24	29,600
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40		39.76	5,840
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55		50.10	20,440

NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, northern NJ, MA, CT, RI, & 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.

**ARKANSAS BROILER PARTS** FOB 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 (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,389	124.00-155.00	138-142	139.75
TENDERLOINS	425	110.00-169.00	-	132.13
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,477	46.00-57.00	50	49.72
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,141	48.00-55.00	49-50	51.03
WINGS (WHOLE)	1,420	76.00-94.00	-	84.65
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
THIGHS	1,131	51.00-64.00	53	53.47

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (In thousands)**

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	07/07	07/03	07/03	06/30	06/26
Alabama	4,279	3,682	5.41	4,171	5.32
Arkansas	5,096	4,680	5.55	4,909	5.48
Delmarva	2,259	2,276	5.77	2,301	5.81
KY-LA-TN	2,208	2,400	5.03	2,185	5.04
Mississippi	3,108	3,039	5.63	3,089	5.62
North Carolina	2,863	2,741	6.92	2,738	6.93
Texas	2,235	2,498	5.34	2,547	5.18
Total	22,048	21,316	5.65	21,940	5.60
Mon	22,048 (A)			21,940 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.  
 Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 07-Jul 2008 is estimated to be 32,986,000 down 2.55 percent from a week ago. and up 1.8 percent from a year ago.  
 (last week 33,848,000 last year 32,411,000)

**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	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	333	130.00-195.00	-	139.77
TENDERLOINS	180	110.00-186.00	-	119.93
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
LEGS	198	65.00-72.00	67-69	67.95
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	401	49.00-53.00	50-51	50.52
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	944	50.00-56.00	53-54	53.43
WINGS (WHOLE)	200	74.00-95.00	-	81.5
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-

Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for Jul 07, 2008 -- F.O.B. Dock

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
60.75 - 64.50	62.48	61.75

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.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 07-JUL-2008 TO 11-JUL-2008, CENTS PER POUND

	Price per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	127.00-158.00	127.00-145.00
TENDERLOINS	110.00-145.00	110.00-133.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	77.00-105.00	80.00-87.00
LEGS	69.00-75.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	50.00-58.00	51.00-54.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	52.00-60.00	52.00-55.00
DRUMSTICKS	59.00-68.00	-
THIGHS	60.00-71.00	-
B/S THIGHS	123.00-130.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	83.00-102.00	91.00-97.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00-25.00	-
LIVERS	32.00-49.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00-59.00	-

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	98.5-114.5
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	102-119
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	

**DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

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, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

BROILER/FRYER 2# & OVER	DRY PACK	128
	ICE PACK	159
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	175
	DRY PACK	117
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	112
	ICE PACK	114
DUCKS		235-238

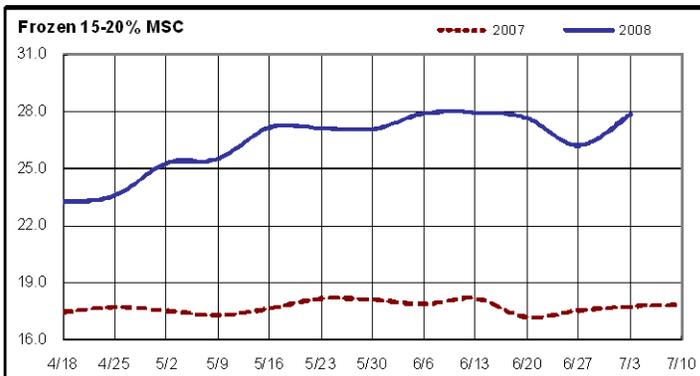
**National Mechanically Separated Chicken**

(F.O.B. Shipper Dock or equivalent; negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand lb quantities, cents/lb; delivery within 2 weeks.)

The MSC market tone was steady to fully steady. Supplies of fresh 15-20% were in good balance to well cleared with the remainder in close balance to tight. Demand for fresh and frozen was moderate to good. Supplies of raw materials continue tight. Domestic movement was fair to moderate. Export demand was good with most inquiry from Mexico and Central American countries. All schedules were seasonally short for the Independence holiday. Frame values were steady ranging 5 to 9 cents FOB, mostly 7 to 9 cents.

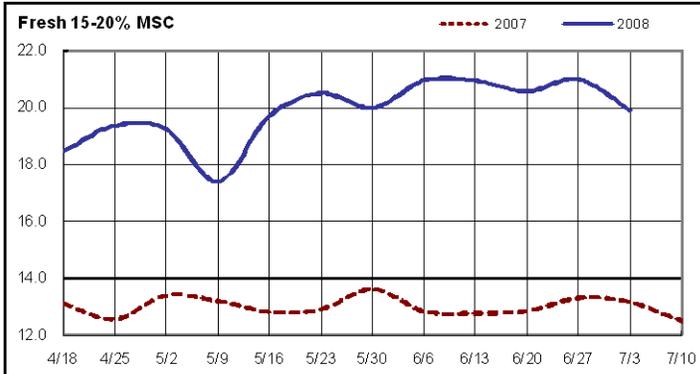
**Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)**

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	3-Jul-08	Last Week	Last Year	3-Jul-08	Last Week	Last Year
<b>15% or Less</b>						
Price Range	30.00	25.00	16.00-20.00	24.00 - 25.50	24.00 - 25.50	15.00-19.00
Wtd Avg Price	30.00	25.00	17.79	24.63	24.63	16.24
Volume Traded	40	55	385	161	161	260
Volume Exported	-	55	263	-	-	-
<b>15-20%</b>						
Price Range	22.00 - 32.00	18.00 - 30.00	16.00-21.00	16.50 - 25.50	16.50 - 26.00	11.00-16.00
Wtd Avg Price	27.83	26.19	17.85	19.89	20.99	12.50
Volume Traded	1,420	831	890	2,766	1,989	2,375
Volume Exported	940	831	890	792	-	856
<b>20% or More</b>						
Price Range	-	-	-	-	-	14.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	-	-	14.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	-	80
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



**Monthly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)**

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	Jun 2008	May 2008	Jun 2007	Jun 2008	May 2008	Jun 2007
<b>15% or Less</b>						
Wtd Avg Price	26.00	25.34	17.98	24.78	23.96	17.88
Volume Traded	164	386	1,429	684	878	1,665
Volume Exported	164	266	1,309	-	-	-
<b>15-20%</b>						
Wtd Avg Price	27.60	26.32	17.69	20.83	19.28	12.99
Volume Traded	5,261	7,125	8,020	10,252	12,816	12,822
Volume Exported	4,620	6,705	7,440	1,345	2,806	1,961
<b>20% or More</b>						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	-	-	14.03
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	-	725
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



Note: Volume exported refers to that portion of the total volume that is destined for export markets.

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**SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS**

Prices were unchanged to slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 07-JULY-08

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-13		9.83

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS**

Prices were generally unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was mostly moderate for the generally adequate offerings. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Sales of finished product was fair to moderate. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 07-JULY-08

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7.5-15	CENTS/LB.	10.00
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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