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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was at least steady to firm. Retail demand was light to moderate. Food service was light to instances good, best for fast food and catering. Supplies were usually sufficient, however in the Northeast heavier sizes were at least sufficient to satisfy trade needs. Floor stocks were adequate to long. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate for mid-week trading. Breast items were adequate to ample, with boneless skinless and tenders in the longest position. Wings and dark meat were sufficient to short and moving well. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable.



**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .50 cents to 88.00 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 81.25 cents last year on July 11, 2007.

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

### DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)

ITEM	
LINE RUN TENDERS	179.00
BREASTS - B/S	153.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	88.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	130.50
LEG QUARTERS	52.00
WINGS	103.00

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. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was mostly fair for mid-week trading. Breast items were readily available, and wings were barely adequate to tight. Dark meat was sufficient to closely cleared, best for leg quarters due to export interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable.

**NORTHEAST REGION** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers remained fair to moderate as dealers assess market conditions during midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes were balanced to adequate. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair. The market tone was steady to at least steady. In the parts complex, breast items and tenders were readily available and slow to clear; wings and most dark meat cuts were clearing satisfactorily.

**MIDWEST REGION** The market tone on whole broiler/fryers continued at least fully steady, occasionally firm. Producer offerings were light for a light to moderate buyer interest. Movement was irregular into all sectors; mostly light into retail and light to good into food service. Best activity noted into fast food, catering, and delis. Floor stocks were adequate to long; weights desirable. In parts trade, interest was marginal, limited to needed items which included wings and dark meat cuts. Breast cuts remained ample and sharply discounted; wings and dark meat adequate to tight. The market tone was fully steady to firm on leg items and wings, barely steady to weak on breast cuts.

**WESTERN REGION** The market tone on whole fryers and WOGs was steady to instances firm, mostly steady to fully steady. Retail demand was light to moderate with buyers not as aggressive for post holiday needs. Food Service demand was moderate to instances good with some noting activity not up to expectations. Floor stocks adequate to instances fully adequate with some isolated load cancelations noted. Parts demand was light to moderate. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts were adequate to instances burdensome, tenderloins adequate to ample, rib breasts adequate, balance of items light to adequate. The market tone on boneless breasts was barely steady to weak, tenderloins steady to instances weak, wings and rib breasts steady, dark items steady to fully steady.

## Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States

### Down 4 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 208 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 5, 2008. This was down 4 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 5, 2008. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through July 5, 2008 were 4.81 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

## BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED TOTAL 19 SELECTED STATES

	PERCENT CHANGE		
WEEK ENDING 07/05/08	2008	2007	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	207,941	216,018	-04
CHICKS PLACED	174,510	178,318	-02

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 16-Aug-08 is estimated at 162.6 million head. This compares to 164.8 million head the previous week and to 169.5 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 167.7 million head and the composite weighted average price was 77.88 cents per pound.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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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		TOO FEW TO REPORT			BREAST - B/S	455	114.00-189.00	-	137.11
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TENDERLOINS	180	100.00-189.00	-	115.13
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	193	65.00-71.00	67-69	67.83	LEGS	219	65.00-71.00	67-69	67.91
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	431	48.00-53.50	50-51	50.34	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	386	48.00-53.00	50-51	50.58
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	922	49.00-55.00	53-54	53.03	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	957	49.00-55.00	53-54	52.92
WINGS (WHOLE)	190	74.00-95.00	-	81.95	WINGS (WHOLE)	215	75.00-95.00	-	82.26
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
60.00- 64.75	62.28	60.00 - 64.50	61.63	61.98

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 light to fair during midweek trading as dealers assumed a cautious position and worked hand-to-mouth. Offerings of breast items and tenderloins were readily available. Wings, legs and drums were clearing well. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate with scattered features providing the best interest. The market tone was barely steady to weak for breast items and tenders; at least steady to fully steady for wings and leg cuts.

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

JUL 08	CURRENT NEG	WTD		JUL 09	CURRENT NEG	WTD	
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG	VOL/LBS	ITEM	TRADING*	AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	155	149.81	587,520	BREAST - B/S	150	148.76	421,780
TENDERLOINS	130	128.44	184,800	TENDERLOINS	125	125.86	63,880
BREAST - WITH RIBS	79-80	86.71	111,440	BREAST - WITH RIBS	79-80	89.19	68,680
BREAST - LINE RUN	79	79.79	50,400	BREAST - LINE RUN	79	79.63	57,600
LEGS	70-71	71.26	225,080	LEGS	70-71	73.51	162,400
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	52-53	53.56	300,520	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	52-53	54.43	281,600
DRUMSTICKS	64-65	71.73	97,680	DRUMSTICKS	64-65	75.48	71,880
THIGHS	60-61	72.14	84,360	THIGHS	60-61	72.89	53,880
B/S THIGHS	126-127	127.79	110,440	B/S THIGHS	126-127	126.77	69,240
WINGS (WHOLE)	98-99	95.24	173,400	WINGS (WHOLE)	99-100	98.90	212,120
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-14	13.74	22,040	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-14	13.10	20,320
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	39.42	13,080	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	39.50	6,360
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	49.54	32,840	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	48.75	21,160

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)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	WTS
	07/09	07/08	07/07	07/04	07/07	07/04	07/02	06/30	
Alabama	4,048	4,318	4,179	(A)	5.56	(A)	3,845	5.39	
Arkansas	5,465	5,378	4,917	(A)	5.67	(A)	5,281	5.56	
Delmarva	2,275	2,270	2,218	(A)	6.00	(A)	2,254	5.80	
KY-LA-TN	2,446	2,393	2,408	(A)	5.10	(A)	2,416	5.07	
Mississippi	2,964	3,079	3,118	(A)	5.83	(A)	3,106	5.79	
North Carolina	2,835	2,843	2,659	1,255	7.01	5.68	2,759	6.94	
Texas	2,556	2,556	2,585	1,311	5.42	5.38	2,596	5.41	
Total	22,589	22,837	22,084	6,509	5.77	4.97	22,257	5.69	
Mon-Wed	67,474 (B)						66,737 (B)		

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 09-Jul-08 is estimated to be 33,796,000 head up 1.19 percent from a week ago and up 2.67 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 33,399,000, last year 32,917,000)

**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 135
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 175
	DRY PACK 117
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 114
	DRY PACK 112
DUCKS	235-238

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 12-JUL-08

Class	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	07/12/08 (1)	Thousand head	07/05/08	Thousand head
Broiler/fryer	172,426(2)		151,747	
Light hens	1,432		1,237	
Heavy hens	1,767		1,335	
Total	175,625		154,319	

(1)ESTIMATED

2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 12-Jul-08 is 166.7 million head compared to 169.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 172.8 million head or 6.1 million more than estimated available. For the week of 19-Jul-08 the estimated available is 168.0 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 07/07/08	121,336		78,347	
AM 06/01/08	111,135		79,674	
CHG	10,201		-1,327	
PCT CHG	9		-2	

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)**

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	07/07/08	06/30/08	07/09/07	07/07/08	06/30/08	07/09/07
<b>PACIFIC COAST</b>	451	838	2,374	7,308	7,849	4,720
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>	273	273	124	1,373	1,505	1,337

**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 JULY 7, 2008

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

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES FOR 07/08/08**

	AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY			FOR 07/08/08		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	-	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	1.50
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.50	1.10
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	4.25	5.00
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	1.75	5.00
ROOSTERS lb.	-	.80	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	3.50
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	1.00	1.70	1.30	RABBITS ea.	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.50	4.25
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	3.25	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	.75	1.00	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-			
TOTAL COOPS	62					

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY**

Cents per pound for the week ending July 4, 2008

	Whole Chickens		Legs	Necks,Backs & Wings	Livers Gizzards	Hens
	Breasts	W/Thighs				
<b>RAYON</b>						
Low	67.68	158.20	87.89	17.58	6.59	61.52
High	76.90	166.99	96.68	21.97	8.79	61.52
Mostly	72.51	166.99	92.29	17.58	6.59	61.52
<b>SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	65.04	153.81	92.29	17.58	4.39	61.52
High	75.59	162.60	101.07	21.97	8.79	61.52
Mostly	75.59	162.60	96.68	17.58	4.39	61.52
<b>NEW SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	66.80	162.60	96.68	21.97	4.39	61.52
High	79.10	171.39	105.47	26.37	8.79	61.52
Mostly	72.51	166.99	96.68	21.97	4.39	61.52
<b>BECERRA</b>						
Low	74.71	166.99	96.68	21.97	4.39	63.72
High	79.98	175.78	105.47	26.37	8.79	63.72
Mostly	74.71	166.99	101.07	21.97	8.79	63.72

**DELMARVA** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to moderate for mid-week trading. Offerings were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. 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 92 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. In the parts complex, breast items were at least adequate with limited interest. Dark meat was adequate to close balanced, and wings were in good supply and moving well.

**BRANDED U.S. GRADE A**  
70-98  
(A)  
(A)

RANGE  
WEIGHTED AVERAGE  
NO. OF BOXES

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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