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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were trending unchanged in all areas when compared to early week prices. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail demand was slow to moderate, best into fast food and catering. Food services demand was light to moderate. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to fully adequate to satisfy trade needs. Floor stocks were adequate to ample. In the parts structure, movement was light to moderate for late-week trading. Breast items were more available, with boneless skinless and tenders plentiful. Wings and dark meat items were adequate to tight and moving satisfactorily. 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 14-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	77.00-87.75	81.22	24
New York	78.00-81.00			
Los Angeles	96.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	86.00-89.00	77.00-93.00	87.86	87

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broiler/fryers for this week's trading is 88.00 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
912	79.50-88.75	86.91

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

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000) POUNDS
LINE RUN TENDERS	179.00	1,109
BREASTS - B/S	152.50	4,784
BREASTS - WHOLE	88.00	1,114
THIGH MEAT - B/S	130.00	1,061
LEG QUARTERS	52.00	7,662
WINGS	103.00	2,323

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

**SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYER** Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was fair to moderate with limited trading entering the weekend. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was slow to moderate for late-week trading. Wings were mixed but available and breast items were fully adequate with some discounting noted. Dark meat items were balanced and clearing well. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was generally fair entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes were at least sufficient for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair at best. Fast food interest was fair to moderate. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, breast items and tenders were readily available and slow to clear; wings and most dark meat cuts were adequate and clearing satisfactorily.

**WESTERN REGION** The preliminary whole fryer majorities were unchanged from last Monday's final majority. The market tone on whole fryers was mostly steady, WOGs fully steady. Retail demand slow to moderate. Food service demand moderate. Some industry members noted demand not up to expectations for normal summer markets. Offerings light to adequate. Floor stocks adequate. The market tone on boneless skinless breasts steady to weak, rib breasts and wings steady, dark items steady to fully steady. Demand light to moderate. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts adequate to ample, rib breasts adequate, wings adequate, dark items light to adequate.

**MIDWEST REGION** Preliminary majority prices for next week's delivery into Chicago were unchanged from last Monday's prices. The market tone on whole birds was generally steady. Additional offers were adequate to available for the fair buying interest. Retail and food service movement light to moderate, good into fast food and catering. Floor stocks were adequate with buyers purchasing for immediate needs only. Sizes desirable to instances heavy. Supplies of boneless skinless breasts ample, wings adequate to tight and dark meat items barely adequate to tight. The market tone was weak on breast items, fully steady to firm on dark meat items and wings, steady on balance of parts items.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was mostly fair entering the weekend. Offerings were readily available to satisfy trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processing schedules were 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 in good supply to close balanced, and wings were sufficient and moving satisfactorily.

\*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	75-96
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	(A)
	07/07/08 - 07/11/08
	07/09/07 - 07/13/07
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
	07/07/08 - 07/11/08
	07/09/07 - 07/13/07
	(A)

(A) NOT REPORTED TO AVOID DISCLOSING 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.

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ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	427	114.00-189.00	-	135.18
TENDERLOINS	174	100.00-189.00	-	113.45
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	360	66.00-71.00	67-69	68.50
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	264	50.00-53.00	50-51	50.46
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	837	49.00-54.00	53-54	52.98
WINGS (WHOLE)	228	75.00-95.00	-	82.12
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR JUL 10, 2008 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
60.00 - 64.00	61.48

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ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	WEEKLY LBS (000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	385	120.00-195.00	-	137.39	2,012			136.64		
TENDERLOINS	134	108.00-189.00	-	119.21	813			117.65		
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT			365			80.44		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT			255			73.29		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			978			68.19		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	406	48.00-53.00	50-51	50.68	1,888			50.52		
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	997	49.00-56.00	53-54	53.25	4,657			53.13		
WINGS (WHOLE)	182	75.00-98.00	77-79	84.15	1,015			82.36		
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			468			95.92		
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			348			60.93		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			143			63.23		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			307			122.33		

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR JUL 11, 2008 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
59.00 - 64.50	61.80	61.93

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 and unaggressive entering the weekend with most dealers cautious and were content to limit orders to most immediate needs. Offerings of breast items and tenderloins were readily available and competitively priced in most instances. Wings and most dark meat cuts were balance to adequate with drums and thighs in the best position. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate best where scattered features were in progress. The market tone was weak for breast items and tenders; at least steady for wings and leg cuts.

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

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS
BREAST - B/S	145-150	145.80	649,680
TENDERLOINS	120-125	127.12	141,080
BREAST - WITH RIBS	79-80	85.63	112,360
BREAST - LINE RUN	79	79.60	54,000
LEGS	70-71	72.27	181,400
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	52-53	53.80	256,400
DRUMSTICKS	64-65	74.94	113,600
THIGHS	60-61	72.60	90,760
B/S THIGHS	126-127	126.81	71,440
WINGS (WHOLE)	99-100	96.54	224,800
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-14	13.80	57,200
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	38.20	8,760
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	48.96	22,000

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	WEEKLY WTD AVG	WEEKLY VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	145	141.47	709,568	146.53	2,929,489
TENDERLOINS	120	128.69	104,040	128.04	618,000
BREAST - WITH RIBS	78-79	87.70	25,720	87.24	360,840
BREAST - LINE RUN	78	78.31	64,800	79.46	293,400
LEGS	70-71	74.70	123,280	72.64	827,520
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	52-53	54.98	153,280	53.96	1,229,340
DRUMSTICKS	64-65	74.79	108,150	74.21	475,920
THIGHS	60-61	71.53	77,960	72.59	388,640
B/S THIGHS	126-127	128.73	49,160	127.46	344,360
WINGS (WHOLE)	99-100	98.63	121,240	97.34	868,381
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-14	13.92	17,160	13.60	146,320
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	39.79	13,480	39.35	47,520
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	50.69	22,120	49.60	118,560

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 WTS		ACTUAL		AVG WTS	
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)
Alabama	07/11	07/10	07/09	07/08	07/09	07/08	07/04	07/02		
Arkansas	4,522	4,275	3,995	4,266	5.49	5.59	(A)	5.27		
Delmarva	5,516	5,438	5,225	5,175	5.62	5.63	(A)	5.51		
KY-LA-TN	2,519	2,234	2,273	2,299	5.91	5.96	(A)	5.87		
Mississippi	2,262	2,474	2,445	2,363	5.11	5.24	(A)	5.06		
North Carolina	3,763	3,106	2,936	3,098	5.76	5.78	(A)	5.66		
Texas	3,581	2,882	2,749	2,769	6.92	6.89	1,255	6.93		
Total	2,560	2,560	2,608	2,599	5.46	5.46	1,311	5.36		
Mon-Fri	24,723	22,969	22,231	22,569	5.73	5.77	6,509	5.63		
Saturday	115,166 (B)						94,562 (B)			
	2,968						460			

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 11-Jul-08 and 12-Jul-08 is estimated to be 36,988,000 head up, due to the holiday, from a week ago and up 5.81 percent from a year ago. (Last week 9,767,000, last year 34,957,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 12-Jul-08 is estimated to be 171,822,000 head up 17.54 percent from a week ago, and up 2.92 percent from a year ago. (Last week 146,181,000, last year 166,955,000)

Actual data incorporated when available.

### 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/FRYER 2# & OVER	DRY PACK 135
	ICE PACK 159
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 175
	DRY PACK 117
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK 112
	ICE PACK 114
DUCKS	235-238

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED**

W/E 05-JUL-2008 Under Federal Inspection (Preliminary)

	-----Thousands-----				
	A	B	C	D	Total
	4.25 lbs & down	4.26 - 6.25 lbs	6.26 - 7.75 lbs	7.76 lbs & up	
Head	39,131	71,954	21,140	13,956	146,181
Avg Live Wgt	3.86	5.39	6.83	8.59	5.51
% of total /1	27%	49%	14%	10%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	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%
Year Ago 2/	39,277	76,255	25,763	7,020	148,315
Avg Live Wgt	3.53	5.35	7.01	8.25	5.29
% of total /1	26%	51%	17%	6%	100%
To date/2008	1,161,152	2,142,572	645,877	471,001	4,420,602
To date/2007	1,155,628	2,173,027	652,731	312,847	4,294,233

/1 May 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)	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
W/E 05-JULY-2008	-----Thousands-----				
Head	146,181	1,169	1,352	2,521	385
Avg Wt	5.51	3.05	7.96	5.68	6.64
Last week	168,743	1,564	1,711	3,275	422
Same wk yr ago	148,315	1,031	1,180	2,211	433
Avg Wt	5.29	3.34	8.00	5.83	6.85
To-date/2008	4,420,602	37,799	42,043	79,842	11,942
To-date/2007	4,294,233	30,173	37,768	67,941	13,777

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 165.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 148.0 million head, or 17.9 million less than estimated available.

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

Week Ending	Million Head Slaughtered	Million Head Available	Pct	Avg Wt
May 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
July 5	148.0	165.9	89%	5.51
Year to date	4474.4	4513.6	99%	
July 12		166.7		
19		168.0		

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

Under Federal Inspection

W/E	-----Thousands-----				%CHG
	07/12/08	07/05/08	%CHG	07/14/07	%CHG
Broilers	171,822	146,181 *	+17.54	166,955 *	+2.92
Cattle	694	591	+17	678 *	+02
Hogs	2,152	1,702	+26	1,951 *	+10

\*Actual

**EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

FOR DELIVERY THE WEEK OF 07-JULY-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	162-178	170-184
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)	74.00-83.00	76.00-82.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	71.00-87.00	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**

Whole body prices were unchanged to higher. Prices increased on boneless breasts and legs, all other items were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady, with a caution noted on industries affecting input costs. Demand continued good. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for current needs. Processing schedules were full-time. Prices paid, first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$6.25-7.05, bone in legs at \$2.25-2.95, 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 07-JULY-2008

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	158-195	155-198

**GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - JULY 08, 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 - 1.40
Chicks	.50 - 1.25 ea.
Pekin Ducks	- 5.00 ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.60 - .80
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.75 - .90
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.70 - .90
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	1.00 - 1.10
Crossbred Roosters 7-11	.65 - .75
Guinea Fowl	6.00 - 9.00 ea.
Banty Roosters	4.00 - 4.25 ea.
Banty Hens	2.00 - 2.50 ea.
Leghorn Roosters	- 1.00 ea.
Silkie	1.50 - 2.50 ea.
Geese 9-14 LBS	.30 - .40
Pigeons	.25 - .50 ea.
White Pigeons	2.50 - 3.00 ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.50 - 1.70
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	1.20 - 1.60
Bunnies	.50 - 1.50 ea.
Guinea Pigs	.25 - 1.50 ea.
Goats	45.00 - 55.00 ea.
Kid Goats	29.00 - 37.00 ea.
Doves	2.00 - 6.00 ea.
Pullets 4-6 LBS	1.90 - 2.00
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.30 - 1.40

Total Coops Sold 650

