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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices were unchanged in the West and Northeast, and mixed in the Midwest, but mostly unchanged from last week. Trade sentiment was irregular ranging steady to fully steady in the Midwest, steady in the Northeast and steady to about steady in the West. Retail and food service demand was slow to moderate, best into fast food and catering. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. Floor stocks were adequate to ample. In the parts structure, movement was light to moderate for early-week trading. Breast items were readily available, with some discounting noted. 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.



**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 14-JUL-2008

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Boston/New England	TFEWR		:	82.11	18
Chicago	80.00-83.00	81.58	26 :	81.00	53
Ohio Cities	TFEWR		:	81.09	14
Denver	95.50	95.50	11 :	94.96	14
Detroit	82.00-84.00	83.44	9 :	83.12	49
Los Angeles	96.00	94.65	59 :	93.41	141
New York	78.00-81.00	80.00	20 :	82.42	52
Philadelphia	77.50-79.00	78.45	11 :	80.84	22
Pittsburgh	77.00-80.00	79.18	11 :	85.03	51
St. Louis	80.00-81.25	80.64	19 :	81.22	32
San Francisco	96.50	96.04	26 :	97.01	55

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	07/14/08	Change	Last Wk 7/07/08	07/16/07
501	86.22	-.12	86.34	81.24

**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	86.00-88.00	86.85	28
Central	76.00-86.00	82.38	64
Western	90.00-98.00	92.54	56
<b>Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent</b>			
Mississippi	86.00-89.00	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.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,096	79.00-90.00	86.77

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	177.00	1,383
BREASTS - B/S	152.50	5,827
BREASTS - WHOLE	88.00	1,448
THIGH MEAT - B/S	130.00	1,204
LEG QUARTERS	52.00	9,390
WINGS	103.00	2,729

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 mostly fair as dealers assess market conditions entering the week. Offerings of all sizes were generally sufficient for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels fair. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, breast items were at least adequate to readily available with boneless skinless breasts and tenders in the longest position; wings and most dark meat cuts were mostly adequate and clearing satisfactorily.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYER** Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was light to moderate with limited trading. Supplies of all sizes mostly adequate to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was slow to moderate for early-week trading. Wings were adequate and moving well. Breast items were fully adequate to ample with some discounting noted. Dark meat was adequate to close balanced and wings were sufficient. In productions areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Final majority prices were unchanged, throughout the region. The market tone was about steady. Offerings were mainly adequate for immediate needs. Buyer's interest had increased with WOGs in the best position. Retailer demand was moderate to good. Dealers reported moderate weekend carryovers. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was 89.08 with the volume reported at 38 loads.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Final majority delivered prices into Detroit unchanged to higher, St. Louis was lower and Chicago unchanged; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole fryer market tone was steady to fully steady. Offers were sufficient for limited to fair trade interest. Retail and food service demand slow to moderate overall; at times fairly good into fast food and catering. Floor stocks were close to long; weights desirable. Supplies of dark meat cuts and wings adequate to close, breast cuts were fully adequate. Trade sentiment on dark meat and wings steady to firm, steady to weak on balance of items.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to moderate entering the week. Seller offerings were at least sufficient for immediate trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but noted as 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 and tenders were readily available with some discounting. Wings and most dark meat items were sufficient and clearing satisfactorily.

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	73-95
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operation.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying activity was light to fair at best and generally unaggressive entering the week as most dealers were content to limit orders to most immediate needs. Offerings of breast items and tenderloins were readily available and often discounted to stimulate additional buyer interest. Wings and most dark meat cuts were adequate and clearing satisfactorily with drums and thighs in the best balance. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair. The market tone was barely steady to weak for breast items and tenders; at least steady for wings and leg cuts.

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		140-145	139.88	418,960
TENDERLOINS		115-120	127.28	88,640
BREAST - WITH RIBS		78-79	88.17	89,960
BREAST - LINE RUN		78	79.52	55,800
LEGS		70-71	71.60	141,280
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)		52-53	54.38	179,800
DRUMSTICKS		64-65	73.87	74,570
THIGHS		60-61	72.05	52,320
B/S THIGHS		126-127	127.88	34,160
WINGS (WHOLE)		99-100	97.39	103,000
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)		12-14	13.39	23,120
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)		35-40	39.41	6,760
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)		50-55	50.69	19,080

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	1,632	110.00-196.00	-	130.72
TENDERLOINS	887	90.00-213.00	105-110	10.30
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,666	48.00-51.00	50-51	50.45
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,279	48.00-56.00	51-54	52.19
WINGS (WHOLE)	1,910	72.00-104.00	75-76	81.09
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
THIGHS	1,274	54.00-58.00	54	54.17

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

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	07/14	07/10	07/10	07/07	07/03
Alabama	4,420	4,208	5.39	4,179	5.41
Arkansas	4,976	5,276	5.58	4,917	5.55
Delmarva	2,253	2,211	5.81	2,218	5.77
KY-LA-TN	2,458	2,485	5.07	2,408	5.03
Mississippi	2,987	3,118	5.65	3,118	5.63
North Carolina	2,881	2,716	6.92	2,659	6.92
Texas	2,558	2,634	5.22	2,585	5.34
Total	22,533	22,648	5.64	22,084	5.65
Mon	22,533 (A)			22,084 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 14-Jul 2008 is estimated to be 33,712,000 up 1.73 percent from a week ago. and up 3.0 percent from a year ago. (last week 33,139,000 last year 32,719,000)

**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	461	108.00-192.00	-	129.98
TENDERLOINS	216	100.00-194.00	-	112.89
BREAST - LINE RUN	125	75.00-85.00	-	79.40
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	213	65.00-77.00	67-69	67.70
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	331	50.00-54.00	52	52.02
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	877	51.00-55.00	53-54	53.26
WINGS (WHOLE)	202	75.00-98.00	77-79	83.45
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 14, 2008 -- F.O.B. Dock  

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
63.00 - 66.50	64.76	62.39

  
 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.

**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 14-JUL-2008 TO 18-JUL-2008, CENTS PER POUND

	Price per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	112.00 - 154.00	112.00 - 137.00
TENDERLOINS	103.00 - 141.00	103.00 - 126.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	61.00 - 104.00	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 - 62.00	52.00 - 55.00
DRUMSTICKS	60.00 - 68.00	-
THIGHS	61.00 -	-
B/S THIGHS	121.00 - 134.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	83.00 - 103.00	97.00 - 100.00
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	99-115
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	102.5-119.5
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	131
	ICE PACK	159
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	175
	DRY PACK	117
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	112
	ICE PACK	114
DUCKS		235-238

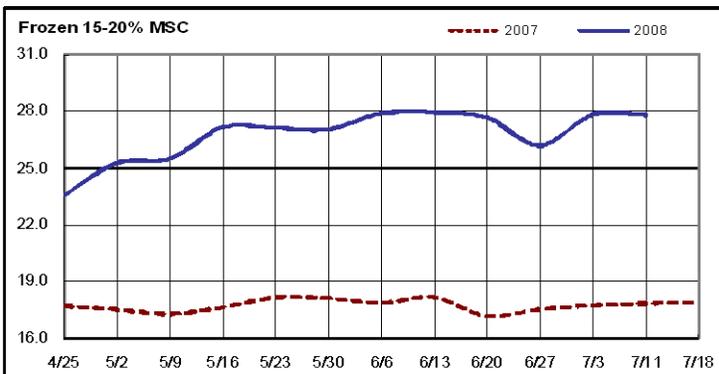
**National Mechanically Separated Chicken**

(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 tight. Domestic trading was moderate to instances good. Export demand was good with most inquiry from Mexico and Central American countries. All schedules were full time. Frame values were steady ranging 5 to 9 cents FOB, mostly 7 to 9 cents.

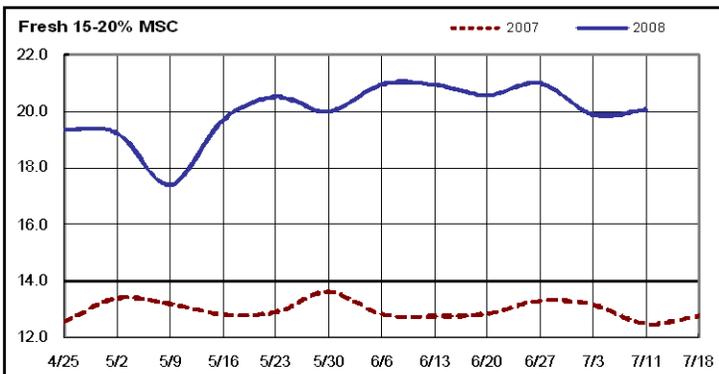
**Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)**

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	11-Jul-08	Last Week	Last Year	11-Jul-08	Last Week	Last Year
<b>15% or Less</b>						
Price Range	-	30.00	18.00	22.00 - 24.00	24.00 - 25.50	15.00-16.00
Wld Avg Price	-	30.00	18.00	23.17	24.63	15.64
Volume Traded	-	40	261	144	161	442
Volume Exported	-	-	261	-	-	-
<b>15-20%</b>						
Price Range	25.00 - 32.00	22.00 - 32.00	16.00-21.00	16.50 - 24.00	16.50 - 25.50	11.00-16.00
Wld Avg Price	27.81	27.83	17.89	20.07	19.89	12.77
Volume Traded	1,283	1,420	1,408	3,932	2,766	2,149
Volume Exported	1,163	940	1,288	1,426	792	285
<b>20% or More</b>						
Price Range	-	-	-	-	-	14.00
Wld 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>						
Wld 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>						
Wld 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>						
Wld 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**

Trading levels were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate supplies of spent hens. Processing schedules were normal. Dressed sales were slow to fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 14-JULY-08

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-13		9.79

\* 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 at least sufficient offerings of spent fowl. 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 14-JULY-08

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7.5-15		10.
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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