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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were unchanged in the Northeast, 1 cent higher in the West, and Midwest was mixed but mostly unchanged when compared to last week. Trade sentiment was steady to weak in the Midwest, mixed in the West, steady in the Northeast. Retail demand covered the full range. Food service demand was slow to moderate, best into fast food and catering. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to fully adequate to satisfy trade needs. Floor stocks were in a full range. In the parts structure, movement was light to moderate for early week trading. Breast items were adequate to readily available and slow to clear. Wings were mixed, but available and dark meat items were adequate to tight and moving well. 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 21-JUL-2008

AREAS	US GRADE A MAJORITY	COMPOSITE			
		WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Boston/New England	TFEWR	:	83.06	16	
Chicago	79.00-82.00	78.59	27 :	75.60	58
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	:	77.15	15	
Denver	96.50	96.50	12 :	94.32	14
Detroit	82.00-84.00	83.44	9 :	81.83	51
Los Angeles	97.00	96.04	60 :	88.37	169
New York	78.00-81.00	79.75	20 :	81.77	45
Philadelphia	77.50-79.00	78.42	12 :	80.69	24
Pittsburgh	77.00-80.00	79.00	11 :	85.17	53
St. Louis	76.75-78.00	77.44	19 :	78.46	29
San Francisco	97.50	96.16	32 :	95.56	67

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	07/21/08	Change	Last Wk 7/14/08	07/23/07
	84.05	-2.17	86.22	80.51

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	86.85	31
Central	65.00-79.00	77.11	68
Western	80.00-92.00	86.96	56
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent			
Mississippi	86.00-90.00	88.66	88

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broiler/fryers for this week's trading is 88.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG

LOADS	RANGE	FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,097	80.00-90.50	87.13

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	174.00	1,403
BREASTS - B/S	149.00	5,877
BREASTS - WHOLE	87.50	1,473
THIGH MEAT - B/S	128.00	1,219
LEG QUARTERS	52.00	9,490
WINGS	101.00	2,744

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 light to fair at best as dealers assess market conditions entering the week. Offerings of all sizes were at least sufficient for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels fair. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items were at least adequate to readily available and slow to clear. Wings were fully sufficient and most dark meat cuts were adequate and clearing satisfactorily.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYER Trade sentiment was steady at best. Demand was fair to moderate with light trading following the weekend. Supplies of all sizes were sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate for early week trading. Breast items were at least adequate, wings were adequate and dark meat items remain in good balance to close with leg quarters and drums in the best position. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The final majority prices were 1 cent higher than previous week. Trading reported at generally higher to unchanged prices on regular commitments of whole birds and unchanged to sharply lower on new negotiations of WOGs. Trade sentiments remained mixed. Offerings were adequate overall. Buying activity was moderate to good; best where end-of-the-month features anticipated. Retailer demand was fairly good overall. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. Trading reported on parts at 54-63 for leg quarters, 93-109 for wings, 89-104 for breasts with ribs attached, and 115-122 for boneless breasts. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was 81.44 down 7.64, with the volume reported at 34 loads down 11 percent.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority delivered prices into Detroit were unchanged, St. Louis and Chicago were lower; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole fryer market tone was steady to weak. Producer offerings were fully available on a very light trade call. Retail and food service demand slow to moderate; instances good into a few fast food and catering operations. Floor stocks were in a full range; weights desirable to mixed. Offerings of dark meat cuts were light, all other parts moderate to heavy. Trade sentiment on leg items and small wings was steady to firm, large wings steady to barely steady and steady to weak on balance of items.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to fair entering the week. Offerings off all sizes were usually sufficient for immediate trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but reported as mostly desirable. Processing schedules ranged moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 80 to 92 cents. Trade sentiment was steady to steady at best. In the parts complex, dark meat cuts were in good balance and clearing satisfactorily. Wings were readily available and breast items were adequate to ample and slow to clear.

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	77-96
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operation.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity remained light and unaggressive as most dealers assess market conditions entering the week. Offerings of breast items and tenderloins were available and slow to clear. Wings were more than sufficient for current needs. Dark meat cuts were clearing satisfactorily. Retail and distributive movement was fair at best. The market tone was barely steady to weak for breast items and tenders; about steady for wings. The balance of items were generally steady.

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

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	130-135	125.81	510,880
TENDERLOINS	105-110	108.79	122,800
BREAST - WITH RIBS	76-77	82.38	113,160
BREAST - LINE RUN	76	76.68	61,200
LEGS	70-71	75.60	70,640
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	52-53	54.64	145,200
DRUMSTICKS	64-65	70.33	55,400
THIGHS	60-61	73.23	22,560
B/S THIGHS	126-127	129.32	35,440
WINGS (WHOLE)	97-98	98.53	120,720
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-14	13.45	11,120
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	39.29	6,200
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	52.05	9,960

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	1,870	105.00-197.00	-	119.62
TENDERLOINS	605	95.00-213.00	95-105	103.56
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
LEG QRTRS (BULK)	1,743	49.00-51.00	50-51	50.60
LEG QRTRS (4/10)	1,125	52.00-54.00	-	52.58
WINGS (WHOLE)	1,451	64.00-94.00	-	77.03
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
THIGHS	1,492	51.00-55.00	53-55	54.86

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (In thousands)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	07/21	07/17	07/17	07/14	07/10
Alabama	4,349	4,225	5.33	4,171	5.39
Arkansas	4,860	5,118	5.44	4,830	5.58
Delmarva	2,271	2,284	5.92	2,208	5.81
KY-LA-TN	2,450	2,479	5.05	2,435	5.07
Mississippi	2,995	3,158	5.62	2,917	5.65
North Carolina	2,830	2,746	6.95	2,731	6.92
Texas	2,552	2,611	5.20	2,348	5.22
Total	22,307	22,621	5.61	21,640	5.64
Mon	22,307 (A)			21,640 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 21-Jul 2008 is estimated to be 33,374,000 up 2.77 percent from a week ago. and up 1.6 percent from a year ago. (last week 32,473,000 last year 32,855,000)

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		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	178	65.00-75.00	67-69	67.84
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	386	50.00-54.00	51-52	51.81
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	912	50.00-55.00	53-54	53.16
WINGS (WHOLE)	197	72.00-88.00	-	78.00
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 21, 2008 -- F.O.B. Dock

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
61.00 - 64.00	62.24	62.11

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 21-JUL-2008 TO 25-JUL-2008, CENTS PER POUND

	Price per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	103.00 - 139.00	103.00 - 125.00
TENDERLOINS	95.00 - 126.00	95.00 - 111.00
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 - 60.00	52.00 - 55.00
DRUMSTICKS	60.00 - 68.00	-
THIGHS	61.00 - 73.00	-
B/S THIGHS	128.00 - 134.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	90.00 - 105.00	96.00 - 99.00
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	101-118
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	104.5-122.5
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

FRESH FRYERS	102-111
ROASTERS 4# & UP	115-125
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

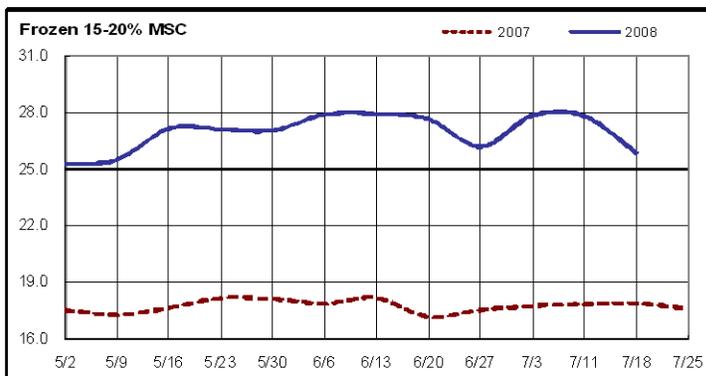
National Mechanically Separated Chicken

(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 balanced to well cleared with the remainder in close balance to tight. Demand for fresh and frozen was mostly moderate to good. Supplies of raw materials remained tight and where available held with confidence. Domestic trading was moderate to 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.

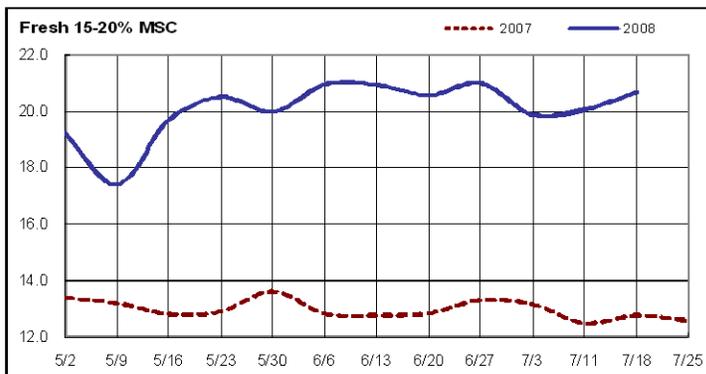
Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	18-Jul-08	Last Week	Last Year	18-Jul-08	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range	-	-	18.00	23.00 - 24.00	22.00 - 24.00	15.00-16.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	18.00	23.50	23.17	15.89
Volume Traded	-	-	262	202	144	362
Volume Exported	-	-	262	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	23.00 - 31.00	25.00 - 32.00	15.00-21.00	16.50 - 25.00	16.50 - 24.00	11.00-16.00
Wtd Avg Price	25.86	27.81	17.61	20.68	20.07	12.59
Volume Traded	892	1,283	1,657	2,735	3,932	2,069
Volume Exported	892	1,163	1,289	346	1,426	408
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	-	-	14.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	-	-	14.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	-	40
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
15% or Less						
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	-	-	-
15-20%						
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
20% or More						
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

Trading was generally unchanged on price from 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 21-JULY-08

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-13		9.59

* 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 to instances heavy. 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 21-JULY-08

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7.5-15	CENTS/LB.	10.03
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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