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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was about steady in the West, barely steady to weak elsewhere. Retail demand was light to good best where features were noted. Food service demand was light to instances good, with best movement into fast food and catering. Supplies of all sizes were mixed, mostly adequate to ample to satisfy trade needs. Floor stocks were adequate to long. In the parts structure, movement was light to moderate for mid-week trading. Breast items were at least adequate to ample and slow to clear. Wings were mixed, but available and dark meat cuts were sufficient and moving well. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights varied, but were mostly desirable.

GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .25 cents to 88.75 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 81.00 cents last year on July 25, 2007.

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

DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	174.50
BREASTS - B/S	147.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	86.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	130.00
THIGHS	62.50
DRUMSTICKS	70.00
LEG QUARTERS	52.50
WINGS	102.00

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

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was barely steady. Demand was light to moderate with light trading. Supplies of all sizes were fully sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate for mid-week trading. Breast meat items were at least adequate to readily available. Wings were mixed, but available. Dark meat items were balanced and moving satisfactorily. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light for midweek trading as most dealers were content to limit orders to most immediate needs. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate to available. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light. The market tone was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts and wings were readily available and slow to clear. Tenders and boneless skinless breasts were fully adequate to ample with light movement and dark meat cuts were sufficient and clearing satisfactorily.

MIDWEST REGION Whole broiler/fryer market tone continued barely steady to weak. Whole bird offers were more than sufficient for the light and cautious trade inquiry. Retail and food service demand covered the full range; mostly light to moderate at best. Fast food, festivals and eight-piece cut-up provided best draw. Floor stocks were in balance to long with reduced quantities incoming. Weights were in desirable range to mixed. Part offerings were plentiful on breast cuts and large wings, and adequate on remaining parts. The trade sentiment was about steady to weak on breast items and large wings, steady on the balance of parts.

WESTERN REGION The market tone was about steady. Offerings were mixed; with local product about adequate and out-of-state product reported as being adequate to ample. Weights over 4 pounds remained in the longest position. Retailer demand was moderate to good, best to cover features in progress. Floor stocks were generally adequate.

BROILER -TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 212 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 19, 2008. This was down 2 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 UP SLIGHTLY

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 19, 2008. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through July 19, 2008 were 5.16 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

WEEK ENDING 07/19/08	2008		PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
	2008	2007	
	<i>Thousand</i>		
EGGS SET	211,844	216,979	-02
CHICKS PLACED	172,447	172,031	-0

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 30-Aug-08 is estimated at 160.1 million head. This compares to 161.0 million head the previous week and to 173.6 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 165.9 million head and the composite weighted average price was 79.75 cents per pound.

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER 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.

JUL 22					JUL 23				
ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	430	107.00-194.00	-	130.57	BREAST - B/S	411	105.00-194.00	-	132.73
TENDERLOINS	175	100.00-139.00	-	110.65	TENDERLOINS	162	100.00-189.00	-	110.97
BREAST - LINE RUN	115	72.00-82.00	-	75.61	BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	451	50.00-55.00	50-51	51.78	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	272	51.00-54.00	52	51.85
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	382	51.00-55.00	53-54	53.47	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	685	50.00-55.00	53-54	53.13
WINGS (WHOLE)	202	70.00-88.00	-	76.76	WINGS (WHOLE)	202	70.00-88.00	-	76.76
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 -- F.O.B. DOCK

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
59.50-63.50	60.97	59.50-63.00	60.93	61.57

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 remained light and cautious during midweek trading. Offerings of breast items and tenderloins were ample and slow in clearing. Wings were at least adequate to available and dark meat cuts were sufficient and clearing satisfactorily. Retail and distributive movement was limited. The market tone was barely steady to weak for breast items and tenders; barely steady for wings. The balance of items were generally steady.

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

JUL 22				JUL 23			
ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS	ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	130-135	133.12	605,829	BREAST - B/S	130-135	127.92	538,120
TENDERLOINS	105-110	107.33	186,260	TENDERLOINS	105-110	108.71	99,180
BREAST - WITH RIBS	76-77	79.81	157,760	BREAST - WITH RIBS	75-76	88.61	26,920
BREAST - LINE RUN	76	76.69	64,800	BREAST - LINE RUN	75	74.68	55,800
LEGS	70-71	70.62	147,880	LEGS	70-71	74.10	91,760
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	52-53	53.44	241,360	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	52-53	55.13	131,200
DRUMSTICKS	64-65	76.04	49,360	DRUMSTICKS	64-65	75.19	44,760
THIGHS	60-61	80.80	42,920	THIGHS	60-61	72.95	34,280
B/S THIGHS	126-127	127.53	84,040	B/S THIGHS	126-127	127.78	36,960
WINGS (WHOLE)	97-98	101.32	145,360	WINGS (WHOLE)	96-97	101.43	148,600
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-14	13.05	26,520	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-14	13.16	12,440
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	39.06	11,480	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	39.21	3,560
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	52.16	31,600	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	53.12	13,960

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 WTS
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	
Alabama	4,063	4,251	4,140	4,036	5.45	5.29	4,050	5.49	
Arkansas	5,471	5,407	4,600	5,044	5.45	5.56	5,085	5.53	
Delmarva	2,195	2,303	2,232	2,286	5.93	5.83	2,286	5.93	
KY-LA-TN	2,467	2,334	2,466	2,302	5.23	4.86	2,187	5.18	
Mississippi	3,076	3,048	2,980	3,271	5.64	5.48	3,102	5.83	
North Carolina	2,837	2,812	2,697	2,918	7.00	6.82	2,664	7.00	
Texas	2,259	2,554	2,606	2,610	5.41	5.26	2,606	5.43	
Total	22,368	22,709	21,721	22,467	5.69	5.58	21,980	5.74	
Mon-Wed	67,384(A)				65,918(A)				

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 23-Jul-08 is estimated to be 33,465,000 head up 1.46 percent from a week ago and up 4.28 percent from a year ago. (Last week 32,983,000, last year 32,093,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

PROCESSED POULTRY, DLVRD TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
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

DLVRD 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

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 26-JUL-08

Class	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	07/26/08 (1)	07/19/08	07/26/08 (1)	07/19/08
	----- Thousand head -----			
Broiler/fryer	168,873(2)		172,378	
Light hens	1,587		1,359	
Heavy hens	1,818		1,800	
Total	172,278		175,537	

(1)ESTIMATED

2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 26-Jul-08 is 169.1 million head compared to 166.4 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 169.2 million head or 0.1 million more than estimated available. For the week of 02-Aug-08 the estimated available is 168.8 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 07/21/08	126,067		76,423	
AM 07/01/08	120,838		78,298	
CHG	5,229		-1,875	
PCT CHG	4		-2	

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	07/21/08	07/14/08	07/23/07	07/21/08	07/14/08	07/23/07
PACIFIC COAST	682	756	2,185	6,577	6,811	5,372
LOS ANGELES	356	250	138	1,509	1,356	1,220

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 21, 2008

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

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	FOR 07/23/08			LOW	HIGH	AVG
	LOW	HIGH	AVG			
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	-	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	2.00	4.50
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	1.10	2.90
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	9.25	9.75
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	1.00	3.25
ROOSTERS lb.	.40	.60	.48	ROOSTERS ea.	.60	3.00
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	.50	1.60	1.18	RABBITS ea.	2.50	2.75
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	.50	2.50
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea	1.90	2.60	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	6.25
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-			
TOTAL COOPS	78					

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending July 18, 2008

	Whole Chickens		Legs	Necks,Backs & Wings	Livers Gizzards	Hens
	Breasts	W/Thighs				
RAYON						
Low	65.91	155.88	84.62	17.81	4.45	53.44
High	74.38	169.24	102.43	22.27	8.91	53.44
Mostly	70.37	155.88	93.53	22.27	4.45	53.44
SAN JUAN						
Low	63.69	151.42	84.62	17.81	4.45	53.44
High	73.48	164.78	97.98	22.27	8.91	53.44
Mostly	68.59	155.88	89.07	20.04	4.45	53.44
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	66.80	160.33	89.07	17.81	4.45	55.67
High	75.71	173.69	102.43	22.27	8.91	55.67
Mostly	66.80	160.33	97.98	22.27	8.91	55.67
BECERRA						
Low	69.48	160.33	93.53	22.27	4.45	57.90
High	77.49	173.69	106.89	26.72	8.91	57.90
Mostly	69.48	164.78	102.43	22.27	8.91	57.90

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was mostly light to fair for the lackluster demand. Offerings were at least adequate to available for trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights varied, but were mostly desirable. Processing schedules ranged moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent lower at 79 to 91 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady. In the parts complex, breast items and tenders were readily available to ample. Wings were at least adequate to available. Dark meat items were sufficient to well cleared.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE
WEIGHTED AVERAGE
NO. OF BOXES

69-85
(A)
(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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