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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were lower in the Midwest and Northeast, unchanged in the West when compared to previous week. Trade sentiment was mixed in the West, but barely steady to weak elsewhere following the weekend. Retail and food service demand was slow to moderate, instances good into fast food and catering business. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to ample with limited interest to satisfy trade needs. Floor stocks were in close balance to long. In the parts structure, movement was light to moderate for early-week trading. Breast items were at least adequate to ample with some discounting on bone-in breast. Wings were mixed, but available. Dark meat cuts were adequate to tight and moving well. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable.

FINAL BROILER FRYER 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 28-JUL-2008 (cents per lb)

Areas	US grade A			: Composite	
	Majority	Wtd Avg	Lds	:Wtd Avg	Lds
Boston/New England	TFEWR			: 79.50	18
Chicago	74.00-77.00	72.57	28	: 68.61	65
Ohio Cities	TFEWR			: 70.10	14
Denver	96.50	96.50	12	: 93.20	15
Detroit	82.00-83.00	82.00	9	: 80.17	49
Los Angeles	97.00	96.03	60	: 90.25	158
New York	76.00-79.00	77.70	20	: 80.56	40
Philadelphia	75.50-77.00	76.14	11	: 78.18	22
Pittsburgh	75.00-78.00	76.27	11	: 83.23	51
St. Louis	72.25-74.00	72.01	19	: 74.30	32
San Francisco	97.50	96.39	32	: 96.30	64

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	07/28/08	Change Last Wk	07/21/08	07/30/07
528	82.28	-1.77	84.05	78.62

WOG Broilers - (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and ltl quantities:

Marketing Regions	Majority	Wtd Avg	Lds
Eastern	82.75-84.50	83.64	28
Central	57.00-82.00	71.47	75
Western	78.00-89.00	85.39	51
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent			
Mississippi	85.00-89.00	88.49	90

GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is **88.75** cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/12 to 3 pound birds.

MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG

LOADS	RANGE	FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,074	76.00-91.00	86.96

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

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000) POUNDS
LINE RUN TENDERS	173.50	1,425
BREASTS - B/S	146.50	5,929
BREASTS - WHOLE	85.50	1,500
THIGH MEAT - B/S	128.00	1,236
THIGHS	62.00	639
DRUMSTICKS	69.50	853
LEG QUARTERS	52.00	9,592
WINGS	101.00	2,761

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NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light and selective entering the week as most dealers were cautious and limited orders to regular commitments. Offerings of all sizes were readily available and discounted where product was in excess. Movement through retail and distributive channels light to fair. The market tone was weak. In the parts complex, bone-in breast and wings were ample with limited movement. Boneless skinless breast and tenders were more than sufficient and dark meat cuts were adequate and clearing satisfactorily.

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Demand was light to moderate with very light business following the weekend. Supplies of all sizes were fully sufficient with some discounting noted to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was light to moderate for early week trading. Breast items were at least adequate to readily available and slow to clear. Wings were at least adequate and dark meat items continue in good balance and moving satisfactorily. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION The final majority prices were unchanged from the previous week. Trading reported at unchanged to occasionally higher prices on regular commitments; however, new negotiations were unchanged to generally lower prices. Offerings were fully adequate, with WOGs in the longest position. Buying activity was irregular; best where specials planned to break later in the week. Retailer demand was fair to fairly good. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. Parts trading reported at 54-63 for leg quarters, 93-101 for wings, 80-96 for breasts with ribs attached and 115-124 for boneless breasts. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was 78.32 down 3.12, with the volume reported at 31 loads down 9 percent.

MIDWEST REGION Final majority delivered prices moved lower; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole broiler/ fryer market tone was barely steady to weak. Producer offerings fully were available to ample on limited trade inquiry. Retail and food service demand slow to moderate; at times good into a few fast food and catering operations. Floor stocks were held in close balance to fully adequate; weights mostly desirable. Offerings of dark meat cuts and small wings were light, 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 remaining parts.

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light and unaggressive entering the week. Seller offerings were readily available and slow to clear. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but noted as mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent lower at 77 to 89 cents. Trade sentiment ranged barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, breast items were at least adequate to readily available with discounting noted on bone-in breasts. Wings were mixed, but available. Dark meat cuts were adequate to well cleared.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FORM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	77-95
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was mostly light and selective as dealers assess market conditions entering the week. Offerings of bone-in breasts and wings were readily available and competitively priced. Boneless skinless breast and tenders were noted as in better balance but still were at least adequate to available. Dark meat cuts were generally sufficient for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair. The market tone was barely steady to weak for bone-in breast and wings; about steady to barely steady for tenders and boneless skinless breast.

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		130	135.09	425,687
TENDERLOINS	105-110		108.28	88,000
BREAST - WITH RIBS	69-70		76.62	87,560
BREAST - LINE RUN	69		69.24	59,400
LEGS	70-71		71.97	127,840
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	52-53		54.36	294,653
DRUMSTICKS	64-65		75.63	31,360
THIGHS	60-61		73.58	40,400
B/S THIGHS	126-127		129.28	48,080
WINGS (WHOLE)	94-95		98.44	95,880
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-14		13.99	17,120
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40		38.82	5,920
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55		51.38	17,480

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	2,168	100.00-193.00	105-113	113.81
TENDERLOINS	728	87.00-209.00	-	94.56
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	2,385	49.50-52.00	50-52	51.32
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,227	50.00-58.00	52-54	53.00
WINGS (WHOLE)	1,061	65.00-88.00	68	70.96
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
THIGHS	1,650	44.00-56.00	50-53	50.61

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (In thousands)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	07/28	07/24	07/24	07/21	07/17
Alabama	4,296	4,160	5.19	4,140	5.33
Arkansas	4,750	5,053	5.34	4,600	5.44
Delmarva	2,207	2,180	5.87	2,232	5.92
KY-LA-TN	2,391	2,386	4.98	2,466	5.05
Mississippi	3,066	3,525	5.86	2,980	5.62
North Carolina	2,852	2,706	6.81	2,697	6.95
Texas	2,550	2,492	5.42	2,606	5.20
Total	22,112	22,502	5.59	21,721	5.61
Mon	22,112 (A)			21,721 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 28-Jul 2008 is estimated to be 33,082,000 up 1.49 percent from a week ago. and up 4.0 percent from a year ago. (last week 32,595,000 last year 31,800,000)

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	459	105.00-194.00	-	129.06
TENDERLOINS	135	100.00-189.00	-	112.60
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	161	65.00-77.00	67-69	67.30
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	396	50.00-54.00	52	51.95
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	942	50.00-55.00	53-54	53.21
WINGS (WHOLE)	204	70.00-88.00	-	74.26
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
59.50 - 63.00	60.87	60.37

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 28-JUL-2008 TO 01-AUG-2008, CENTS PER POUND

	Price per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	107.00 - 139.00	109.00 - 123.00
TENDERLOINS	95.00 - 123.00	105.00 - 123.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	55.00 - 99.00	55.00 - 79.00
LEGS	63.50 - 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	55.50 - 71.00	-
B/S THIGHS	123.00 - 139.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	72.00 - 104.00	77.00 - 97.00
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	101.25-118.25
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	104.75-122.75
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

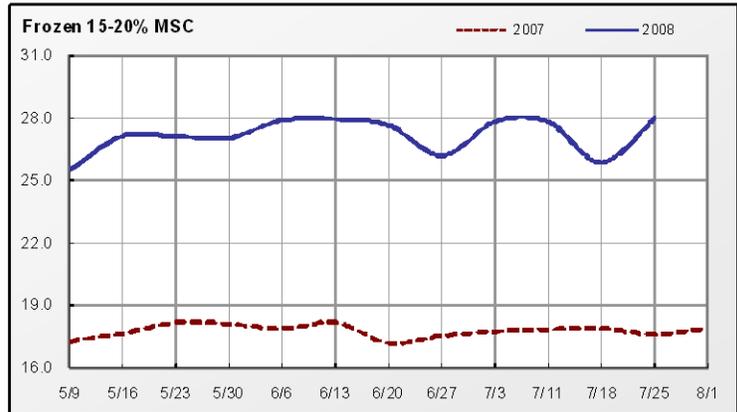
NATIONAL MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

(FOB Shipper Dock or equiv., negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand lb. quantities, cents/lb.; delivery within 2 weeks.)

The MSC market tone remained steady to fully steady. Supplies of fresh 15-20% were well cleared with the remainder in close balance to tight. Demand for fresh and frozen was moderate to good. Supplies of raw materials continued light and where available held with confidence. Domestic trading was moderate to good. Export demand was good with best inquiry from Mexico and Central American countries. All schedules were full time with a few disruptions noted. Frame values were steady ranging 5 to 9 cents FOB, mostly 7 to 9 cents.

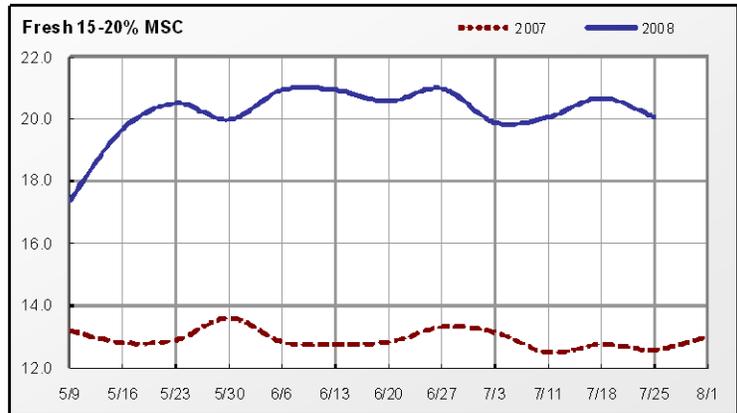
Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	25-Jul-08	Last Week	Last Year	25-Jul-08	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range	-	-	18.00	23.00 - 24.50	23.00 - 24.00	15.00-16.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	18.00	23.57	23.50	15.73
Volume Traded	-	-	262	140	202	301
Volume Exported	-	-	262	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	25.50 - 30.00	23.00 - 31.00	16.00-21.00	17.00 - 25.00	16.50 - 25.00	11.00-16.00
Wtd Avg Price	28.00	25.86	17.90	20.07	20.68	13.02
Volume Traded	1,474	892	2,196	2,901	2,735	2,004
Volume Exported	1,274	892	1,836	266	346	286
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	-	-	14.00
Wtd 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
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.

LIVE HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 28-JULY-08

SOUTH CENTRAL

Pricing was generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was about steady.

RANGE MAJORITY WTD
AVG

AT FARM BUYER LOADING 7-13 CENTS/LB. 9.75

SOUTHEAST

Prices were generally unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was mostly moderate for the adequate to at least adequate offerings of spent fowl. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Sales of finished product was fair to moderate. The undertone was steady.

RANGE MAJORITY WTD
AVG

AT FARM BUYER LOADING 7.5-14.5 CENTS/LB. 9.94
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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