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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was about steady in the West, mostly barely steady to weak elsewhere. Demand was light to fair with limited trading, but slightly better for fast food and catering businesses. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate and slow to clear. Floor stocks were well cleared to fully adequate. In the parts structure, movement was light and usually limited to regular commitments. Breast items were at least adequate to ample with discounting noted on bone-in breasts. Wings were mixed, but readily available. Dark meat cuts were mostly in balance and moving satisfactorily. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.



GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading declined .25 cents to 88.50 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 August 1, 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	171.50
BREASTS - B/S	145.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	84.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	130.00
THIGHS	63.00
DRUMSTICKS	70.00
LEG QUARTERS	52.50
WINGS	99.50

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

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was weak. Demand was mostly slow to fair with limited trading. Supplies of all sizes were fully adequate to ample for light trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was mostly fair at best for mid-week trading. Dark meat cuts were in balance and moving satisfactorily, aided by export interest. Wings were readily available with mixed interest. Breast items were at least sufficient with bone-in cuts often discounted. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy weights.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light and generally unaggressive as dealers limited orders to most immediate needs. Offerings of all sizes were readily available and competitively priced. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair. The market tone was weak. In the parts complex, bone-in breast and wings were ample for the very light buyer interest. Tenders and boneless skinless breasts were fully adequate and dark meat cuts were sufficient and clearing satisfactorily.

MIDWEST REGION Whole broiler/fryer market tone continued about steady to weak. Offers were more than sufficient for trade needs. Fill-in trade noted on wogs at 54 and 55 cents delivered. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate with first of month pickup noted as slight. A few fast food outlets and catering operations were credited with best activity in food service. Floor stocks well cleared to fully adequate; weights desirable to trending heavy. Part offerings were sufficient for current trade needs. Supplies of drums, leg quarters and small wings were in balance, while tenders, large wings and whole breast were in longest position. Trade sentiment was weak on tenderloins, steady to weak on breast items and large wings, unsettled on small wings and steady to fully steady on the balance of parts.

WESTERN REGION Trade sentiments were mixed, with light weight whole body in the strongest position. Offerings were fair to fully adequate. Buyer's interest was at least moderate. Retailer demand was moderate to good. Floor stocks were generally adequate. Trade sentiment was overall steady on parts.

BROILER -TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 3 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 210 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 26, 2008. This was down 3 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 DOWN 3 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 171 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 26, 2008. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through July 26, 2008 were 5.33 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 07/26/08	2008	2007	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
	<i>Thousand</i>		
EGGS SET	210,378	217,989	-03
CHICKS PLACED	170,868	176,538	-03

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 06-Sep-08 is estimated at 158.0 million head. This compares to 160.1 million head the previous week and to 151.3 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 164.8 million head and the composite weighted average price was 80.56 cents per pound.

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.

JUL 29, 2008					JUL 30, 2008						
ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG		
BREAST - B/S	404	110.00-194.00	-	130.37	BREAST - B/S	480	112.00-196.00	-	132.65		
TENDERLOINS	140	100.00-189.00	-	112.66	TENDERLOINS	146	100.00-191.00	-	112.51		
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT				BREAST - LINE RUN	116	75.00-80.00	-	76.38		
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT					
LEGS	162	64.00-77.00	67-69	66.35	LEGS	195	63.00-77.00	65-68	66.69		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	331	50.00-54.00	52	51.91	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	436	49.00-54.00	51-52	52.03		
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	948	50.00-55.00	53-54	53.16	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	955	50.00-55.00	53-54	53.30		
WINGS (WHOLE)	192	70.00-88.00	-	77.14	WINGS (WHOLE)	197	70.00-86.00	72-75	76.81		
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	100	114.00-128.00	-	119.30		
WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR JUL 29, 2008 -- F.O.B. DOCK.					WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR JUL 30, 2008 -- F.O.B. DOCK.						
RANGE		TODAY'S AVERAGE			RANGE		TODAY'S AVERAGE			5-DAY AVERAGE	
59.00 - 63.00		60.96			56.50 - 61.00		59.02			59.99	

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 selective as dealers were content to limit orders to most immediate needs. Offerings of bone-in breasts and wings were readily available and discounted where product was in excess. Boneless skinless breast and tenders were fully adequate for current needs. Dark meat cuts were generally sufficient and clearing satisfactorily. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair. The market tone was mostly weak for bone-in breasts and wings; barely steady for tenders and boneless skinless breast.

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

JUL 29, 2008				JUL 30, 2008					
ITEM	NEGOTIATED TRADING*	CURRENT	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS	ITEM	NEGOTIATED TRADING*	CURRENT	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	130	134.52	134.52	591,362	BREAST - B/S	130	128.78	128.78	482,261
TENDERLOINS	105-110	108.03	108.03	191,410	TENDERLOINS	105-110	107.82	107.82	69,320
BREAST - WITH RIBS	67-68	71.44	71.44	174,480	BREAST - WITH RIBS	66-67	73.45	73.45	113,920
BREAST - LINE RUN	67	67.42	67.42	59,400	BREAST - LINE RUN	66	66.21	66.21	59,400
LEGS	70-71	73.10	73.10	110,520	LEGS	70-71	71.98	71.98	159,280
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	52-53	54.25	54.25	299,600	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	52-53	53.83	53.83	176,800
DRUMSTICKS	64-65	73.76	73.76	79,720	DRUMSTICKS	64-65	76.18	76.18	46,320
THIGHS	60-61	73.46	73.46	72,920	THIGHS	60-61	71.61	71.61	43,912
B/S THIGHS	126-127	128.08	128.08	68,320	B/S THIGHS	126-127	127.51	127.51	35,000
WINGS (WHOLE)	93-94	87.86	87.86	169,320	WINGS (WHOLE)	92-93	98.78	98.78	128,680
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-14	14.10	14.10	24,840	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-14	14.07	14.07	24,440
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	37.72	37.72	6,680	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	38.66	38.66	7,440
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	53.11	53.11	27,160	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	52.57	52.57	20,360

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
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	WTS	
	07/30	07/29	07/28	07/25	07/28	07/25	07/23	07/21	
Alabama	4,139	4,255	4,198	4,093	5.32	5.31	3,952	5.45	
Arkansas	5,333	5,337	4,450	4,890	5.59	5.59	5,024	5.45	
Delmarva	2,259	2,239	2,144	2,543	5.99	5.79	2,073	5.93	
KY-LA-TN	2,199	2,418	2,390	2,498	5.19	4.73	2,445	5.23	
Mississippi	2,985	3,114	3,073	3,250	5.63	5.57	3,087	5.64	
North Carolina	2,837	2,853	2,718	2,968	6.99	6.87	2,728	7.00	
Texas	2,560	2,555	2,601	2,783	5.57	5.30	2,372	5.41	
Total	22,312	22,771	21,574	23,025	5.71	5.60	21,681	5.69	
Mon-Wed	67,195 (A)				64,365 (A)				

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 30-Jul-08 is estimated to be 33,381,000 head up 2.60 percent from a week ago and up 5.06 percent from a year ago. (Last week 32,535,000, last year 31,773,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED 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,	
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

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 02-AUG-08

Class	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	08/02/08 (1)	07/26/08	Thousand head	
Broiler/fryer	171,456(2)	168,873		
Light hens	1,561	1,587		
Heavy hens	1,717	1,818		
Total	174,734	172,278		

(1)ESTIMATED

2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 02-Aug-08 is 168.8 million head compared to 165.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 171.8 million head or 3.0 million more than estimated available. For the week of 09-Aug-08 the estimated available is 168.7 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS	LBS	LBS	LBS
AM 07/28/08	131,630	74,597		
AM 07/01/08	120,838	78,298		
CHG	10,792	-3,701		
PCT CHG	9	- 5		

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	07/28/08	07/21/08	07/30/07	07/28/08	07/21/08	07/30/07
PACIFIC COAST	754	682	2,055	6,073	6,577	6,031
LOS ANGELES	387	356	142	1,669	1,509	1,092

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 28, 2008

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

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES FOR 07/30/08

	AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY			FOR 07/30/08		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.40	.80	.49	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	1.30	2.20
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	4.75	9.00
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	2.25
ROOSTERS lb.	-	.60	-	ROOSTERS ea.	3.75	8.00
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	.80	2.20	1.57	RABBITS ea.	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.00	3.00
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	6.30
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea	2.00	2.40	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-			
TOTAL COOPS	48					

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending July 25, 2008

	Whole Chickens		Legs W/Thighs	Necks,Backs & Wings	Livers Gizzards	Hens
	Breasts					
RAYON						
Low	67.96	144.99	95.15	18.12	4.53	54.37
High	75.67	154.05	108.74	22.65	9.06	54.37
Mostly	67.96	149.52	104.21	18.12	4.53	54.37
SAN JUAN						
Low	66.60	144.99	95.15	18.12	4.53	54.37
High	73.85	149.52	104.21	22.65	9.06	54.37
Mostly	68.87	144.99	99.68	18.12	4.53	54.37
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	67.96	149.52	99.68	18.12	4.53	58.90
High	77.02	158.58	113.27	22.65	9.06	58.90
Mostly	67.96	154.05	104.21	20.39	4.53	58.90
BECERRA						
Low	69.32	154.05	104.21	18.12	4.53	58.90
High	77.93	163.11	117.80	22.65	9.06	58.90
Mostly	69.32	158.58	108.74	22.65	9.06	58.90

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light for mid-week trading. Offerings were readily available and slow to clear. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but mostly desirable. Processing schedules ranged moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent lower at 75 to 87 cents. Trade sentiment was weak. In the parts complex, breast items were fully adequate to readily available. Wings were mixed, but readily available. Dark meat cuts were adequate to well cleared.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
67-93
RANGE
WEIGHTED AVERAGE
NO. OF BOXES
(A)
(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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