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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were trending lower in the Northeast and Midwest, unchanged in the West when compared to early week. Trade sentiment was barley steady to weak in the Northeast, weak in the Midwest, and steady in the West. Retail demand was light to good, best for features. Food service demand was fair to instances good for first of the month activity. Supplies were adequate to ample with discounting noted to help stimulate interest. Floor stocks range adequate to well cleared. In the parts structure, movement was light to no better than fair for late-week trading. Breast items were in balance to long with bone-in breast in the longest position. Wings were at least adequate and slow to clear. Dark meat items were adequate to well cleared with drums, legs and leg quarters in the best position. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.

**Preliminary Report** Prices negotiated for truck lot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 04-AUG-2008 (cents per lb)

### US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	69.00-72.00	57.00-79.75	67.14	23
New York	71.00-74.00			
Los Angeles	97.00			

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	85.00-89.00	70.00-94.00	88.35	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.

### PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG
860	86.75-89.75	87.99

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

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000) POUNDS
LINE RUN TENDERS	174.00	1,109
BREASTS - B/S	145.00	5,008
BREASTS - WHOLE	83.50	1,114
THIGH MEAT - B/S	128.50	1,061
THIGHS	61.50	579
DRUMSTICKS	70.50	692
LEG QUARTERS	52.50	7,854
WINGS	98.50	2,435

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

**SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYER** Trade sentiment was weak. Demand was no better than fair with light business entering the weekend. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate with very little optimism noted for first of the month activity. In the parts structure, movement was light to moderate for late week trading. Breast items and wings were at least adequate to readily available and slow to clear. Dark meat was sufficient with leg and leg quarters in the best position. In productions areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light and selective entering the weekend as most dealers kept floor stocks in tight balance with the lackluster demand. Offerings of all sizes were readily available at discounted levels. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light. The market tone was weak. In the parts complex, bone-in breast were fully adequate to ample; wings were readily available and slow to clear. Tenders were sufficient and clearing satisfactorily. Dark meat cuts were adequate to well cleared with drums and leg quarters in the best balance.

**WESTERN REGION** Preliminary majority prices were unchanged throughout the region. Early trading reported for next week's deliveries at mainly unchanged prices. Offerings were in fair balance to ample for immediate needs. Trade reported heavy WOGs sharply discounted to help stimulate interest in additional product. Buying activity was generally moderate. Retailer demand was moderate to good with best interest where promotions in progress. Dealers anticipated desirable weekend carryovers.

**MIDWEST REGION** Whole broiler market tone was mostly weak. Offers of Wogs were ample at discounted prices. Retail and food service demand was fair to instances good for the weekend and first of month activity. Fast food, catering, deli, and festival outlets providing the best interest. Floor stocks irregular, well cleared to fully adequate. Sizes desirable. Parts supplies on leg quarters and dark meat items adequate, all sized wings fully adequate to ample, boneless skinless breasts adequate to fully adequate. Trade sentiment steady on leg quarters and dark meat items; steady to barely steady on boneless skinless breasts and barely steady to weak on all sized wings.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light and unaggressive entering the weekend with some optimism noted with first of the month. Offerings were readily available to ample and very slow to clear. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but reported as mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were one cent lower at 73 to 85 cents. Trade sentiment was weak and very unsettled. In the parts complex, breast items were fully adequate to ample. Wings were irregular, but readily available. Dark meat cuts remained 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 FROM DELMARVA.

### BRANDED U.S.GRADE A

RANGE	61-91
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	07/28/08 - 08/01/08 (A)
	07/30/07 - 08/03/07 (A)
NO. OF BOXES	07/28/08 - 08/01/08 (A)
	07/30/07 - 08/03/07 (A)

(A) NOT REPORTED TO AVOID DISCLOSING OPERATIONS.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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ITEM	POUNDS				WTD AVG	POUNDS				WTD AVG	WEEKLY (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY			(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY				
BREAST - B/S	426	110.00-194.00	-	130.47	441	111.00-195.00	-	125.67	2,210	129.67		
TENDERLOINS	220	99.00-189.00	-	137.11	178	99.00-189.00	-	108.15	819	118.21		
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT					TOO FEW TO REPORT					418	74.73
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT					TOO FEW TO REPORT					210	68.52
LEGS	193	64.25-75.00	67-68	67.39	TOO FEW TO REPORT					711	66.95	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	396	50.00-54.00	51-52	51.87	386	49.00-54.00	51-52	51.64	1,945	51.88		
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	342	50.00-55.00	53-54	52.81	1,023	50.00-56.00	53-54	53.51	4,210	53.26		
WINGS (WHOLE)	217	70.00-85.00	-	75.44	186	70.00-80.00	-	75.32	996	75.78		
WINGS (CUT)	TOO FEW TO REPORT					TOO FEW TO REPORT					428	91.12
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT					TOO FEW TO REPORT					314	55.03
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT					TOO FEW TO REPORT					132	58.57
B/S THIGHS	115	114.00-128.00	-	117.22	84	112.00-128.00	-	116.78	481	118.59		
WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING												
- F.O.B. DOCK.												
		<u>RANGE</u>		<u>TODAY'S AVERAGE</u>		<u>RANGE</u>		<u>TODAY'S AVERAGE</u>		<u>5-DAY AVERAGE</u>		
		59.50 - 64.00		61.69		55.50-61.50		59.00		60.30		

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 improved slightly entering the weekend and noted as light to fair at best. Offerings of bone-in breasts were fully adequate to ample; boneless skinless breast more than sufficient and tenders were clearing satisfactorily. Wings were readily available. Dark meat cuts were adequate to well cleared with leg quarters and drums in the best balance. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair. The market tone was barely steady to weak for bone-in breasts and wings. Tenders were at least steady.

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

JULY 31

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS	CURRENT NEG			WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS	WEEKLY WTD AVG	WEEKLY VOL/LBS
	TRADING*					TRADING*						
BREAST - B/S		130		130.30	591,240		130		130.46	432,720	131.83	2,523,270
TENDERLOINS		105-110		108.73	147,320		110		110.15	95,360	108.56	591,410
BREAST - WITH RIBS		65-66		69.49	127,160		65-66		78.32	90,040	73.21	593,160
BREAST - LINE RUN		65		64.45	59,400		65		63.79	59,400	66.22	297,000
LEGS		70-71		71.10	174,000		70-71		75.76	89,240	72.44	660,880
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)		52-53		54.32	194,560		52-53		56.03	256,578	54.60	1,222,191
DRUMSTICKS		64-65		75.31	71,600		64-65		77.01	56,440	75.39	285,440
THIGHS		60-61		72.36	63,204		60-61		66.53	118,600	70.61	339,036
B/S THIGHS		126-127		128.76	62,360		126-127		127.21	35,040	128.28	248,800
WINGS (WHOLE)		91-92		101.46	148,960		88-89		94.76	191,080	95.71	733,920
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)		12-14		13.87	15,960		12-14		14.05	34,520	14.03	116,880
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)		35-40		39.19	5,440		35-40		39.80	13,280	38.99	38,760
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)		50-55		51.95	10,720		50-55		51.57	23,600	52.20	99,320

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 (IN THOUSANDS)**

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	(1,000)		(1,000)					
	08/01	07/31	07/30	07/29	07/30	07/29	07/25	07/23
Alabama	4,084	4,192	4,058	4,147	5.21	5.23	4,093	5.30
Arkansas	5,040	5,272	5,197	5,130	5.51	5.54	4,890	5.39
Delmarva	2,258	2,080	2,273	2,199	5.79	6.03	2,543	5.78
KY-LA-TN	2,263	2,395	2,154	2,411	4.95	5.06	2,498	5.04
Mississippi	3,295	3,079	3,028	3,152	5.71	5.68	3,250	5.54
North Carolina	3,414	2,853	2,779	2,763	6.80	6.90	2,968	6.77
Texas	2,563	2,562	2,361	2,645	5.36	5.43	2,783	5.30
Total	22,917	22,433	21,850	22,447	5.60	5.65	23,025	5.56
Mon-Fri	112,545(A)						109,892(A)	
Saturday	1,643 (included in total for date shown)						1,803	

**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**

		RANGE
BROILER/FRYERS 2# & OVER	ICE PACK	159
	DRY PACK	131
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	175
	DRY PACK	117
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	114
	DRY PACK	112
DUCKS		235-238

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 01-Aug-08 and 02-Aug-08 is estimated to be 34,286,000 head down 0.77 percent from a week ago and up 0.23 percent from a year ago. (Last week 34,551,000, last year 34,208,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 02-Aug-08 is estimated to be 166,795,000 head up 2.32 percent from a week ago, and up 1.87 percent from a year ago. (Last week 163,014,000, last year 163,741,000)

Actual data incorporated when available.

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED**

Week ending 26 JULY 2008 Under Federal Inspection (Preliminary)

	-----Thousands-----				
	(A) 4.25 lbs & down	(B) 4.26 - 6.25 lbs	(C) 6.26 - 7.75 lbs	(D) 7.76 lbs & up	Total
Head	40,907	82,465	25,534	14,108	163,014
Avg Live Wgt	3.83	5.37	7.05	8.10	5.48
% of total /1	25%	50%	16%	9%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	38,762	87,923	22,110	19,008	167,803
Avg Live Wgt	3.73	5.34	6.75	8.05	5.47
% of total /1	23%	53%	13%	11%	100%
Year Ago 2/	38,373	83,911	31,220	10,914	164,418
Avg Live Wgt	3.83	5.36	6.89	8.20	5.48
% of total /1	23%	51%	19%	7%	100%
To date/2008	1,280,596	2,398,735	717,966	525,795	4,923,092
To date/2007	1,282,195	2,411,497	748,872	348,849	4,791,413

Weight Class Description:

- (A) This size product is normally marketed bone-in into fast food and food service sectors and may include Cornish hens.
- (B) This size product is normally marketed into the retail grocery sector in tray pack or bagged forms.
- (C) This size product is normally marketed either into the retail grocery sector in tray pack and IQF form or is further processed and marketed into various sectors.
- (D) This size product is normally marketed deboned or as roasters or roasting chicken.

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

WEEK ENDING 26-JULY-2008 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	163,014	1,465	1,812	3,277	431
Avg Wt	5.48	3.15	7.89	5.77	6.54
Last week	167,803	1,434	1,873	3,307	416
Same wk yr ago	164,418	1,075	1,730	2,805	532
Avg Wt	5.48	3.32	8.07	6.25	6.40
To-date/2008	4,923,092	42,050	47,549	89,599	13,214
To-date/2007	4,791,413	33,442	42,841	76,283	15,296

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 169.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 165.0 million head, or 4.1 million less than estimated available

**ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.**

WEEK ENDING	SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
	MILLION HEAD			
June	21	169.0	166.7	5.62
	28	170.8	165.6	5.50
July	5	148.0	165.9	5.51
	12	173.8	166.7	5.55
	19	169.8	168.0	5.47
	26	165.0	169.1	5.48
Year to date		4,983.0	5,017.4	99%
Aug	2		168.8	
	9		168.7	

**BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**

Under Federal Inspection

W/E	08/02/08	07/26/08	%CHG	08/04/07	%CHG
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Broilers	166,795	163,014	+2.32	163,741	+1.87
Cattle	662	668	-01	668	-01
Hogs	2,091	2,126	-02	1,973	+06

\*ACTUAL

**EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 28 JULY 2008

**DUCKLINGS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	182-186	186-192
MOSTLY		
MIDWEST	162-182	170-188
MOSTLY		

**ROASTERS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND

RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	76.00-82.75 76.00-81.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	73.00-87.00 77.00-87.00

**SQUABS:** NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	64.80 - 89.91
14 OZ.	71.28 - 101.25
16 OZ.	77.04 - 112.08

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA,RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

**CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS** Prices were higher on whole body, boneless breasts, legs, feet, and livers, with the remainder of parts unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was reported as seasonal, moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to meet current trade requirements. Processing schedules were full-time. Prices paid, first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$7.15-7.25, bone in legs at \$2.35-2.95, gizzards at \$1.20-1.40, wings at \$.70-.75, livers at \$1.25-1.95, and feet at \$.65-1.45.

PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 28-JUL-2008

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	168-195	165-198
MOSTLY		

**GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION SALE**

DATE OF AUCTION: JULY 29, 2008

\*\*AI PAPERS REQUIRED FOR ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY\*\*

Prices paid per pound, except as noted.	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.50 - 1.80
Doves	3.50 - 5.00 ea.
Pekin Ducks	- 3.00 ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.40 - .50
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.40 - .50
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.40 - .50
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.80 - .90
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.70 - .75
Guinea Fowl	2.25 - 2.50
Banty Roosters	4.00 - 4.10 ea.
Banty Hens	2.00 - 2.25 ea.
Leghorn Hens	1.50 - 2.00 ea.
Leghorn Roosters	2.25 - 2.50 ea.
Silkie	1.00 - 2.00 ea.
Geese 9-14 LBS	.20 - .30
Pigeons	.75 - 1.80 ea.
White Pigeons	3.75 - 4.10 ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.70 - 2.00
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	1.40 - 1.50
Bunnies	1.00 - 2.00 ea.
Guinea Pigs	.25 - 1.50 ea.
Goats	40.00 - 50.00 ea.
Kid Goats	27.00 - 30.00 ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.50 - 2.00
Total Coops Sold	475

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Sales were too few to report prices. Offerings were generally sufficient for current needs. Demand was light and selective and trading was limited on both the heavy and light canners with most available supplies being used internally. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was steady.

Cents per pound, current negotiations, without freight cost

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
TOO FEW TO REPORT	TOO FEW TO REPORT

Cents per pound, current negotiation, freight cost included

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
TOO FEW TO REPORT	TOO FEW TO REPORT

**LIGHT TYPE HENS**

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS(INCLUDES HANDLING,FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 (POUNDS)

**EASTERN** Prices were unchanged from the previous week. Demand remained fair to moderate for the at least adequate offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	3-12	4-8

**SOUTH CENTRAL** Costs required for salvage were TFEWR. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

**NORTH CENTRAL** Prices unchanged. Demand was mostly moderate with offerings adequate to fully adequate. Schedules full time to extended. Trade sentiment steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	0-10.5	0-5

**HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\***  
PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB. GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 01-AUG-08

**SOUTH CENTRAL** Trading was TFEWR. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	<b>RANGE MAJORITY</b>
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY** Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was fair to moderate for the adequate to at least adequate offerings of spent fowl. Processing schedules for next week were noted as normal to instances heavy. Sales of finished product was fair. The undertone was steady.

	<b>RANGE MAJORITY</b>
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT
AT FARM PRODUCES LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT

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