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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were lower in the Northeast and Midwest, unchanged in the West when compared to early week. Trade sentiment was steady to weak mostly weak in the Northeast and Midwest, steady in the West. Retail and food service demand was light to instances good for first of the month business. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate to ample with limited interest to satisfy trade needs. Floor stocks were adequate. In the parts structure, movement was light to no better than fair for early-week trading. Breast items were at least adequate but bone-in breast were fully adequate to ample. Wings were mixed, and dark meat items were sufficient to well cleared and moving satisfactorily. 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 04-AUG-2008

AREAS	US GRADE A MAJORITY	COMPOSITE			
		WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Boston/New England	TFEWR	:	74.75	12	
Chicago	69.00-72.00	67.66	25	66.26	57
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	:	64.00	10	
Denver	96.50	96.50	12	95.27	14
Detroit	78.00	77.33	9	72.39	55
Los Angeles	97.00	95.92	60	91.35	139
New York	71.00-74.00	72.52	21	73.68	55
Philadelphia	70.50-72.00	71.09	11	73.16	22
Pittsburgh	70.00-73.00	71.55	11	79.69	51
St. Louis	67.00-69.00	66.89	19	69.48	25
San Francisco	97.50	96.16	32	88.33	91
Composite Weighted Average					
Loads	08/04/08	Change	Last Wk 7/28/08	08/06/07	
531	78.41	-3.87	82.28	77.70	

**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	77.00-79.00	77.94	29
Central	56.00-75.00	67.37	62
Western	72.00-87.00	85.11	53
<b>Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent</b>			
Mississippi	85.00-89.00	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.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,077	71.00-89.75	86.88

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	172.00	1,383
BREASTS - B/S	145.50	5,827
BREASTS - WHOLE	84.00	1,448
THIGH MEAT - B/S	128.50	1,204
THIGHS	62.00	617
DRUMSTICKS	70.50	831
LEG QUARTERS	52.50	9,390
WINGS	99.00	2,729

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

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYER** Trade sentiment was weak. Demand was light to moderate with hopes of progress for first of the month business. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate to readily available to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was light to moderate for early week trading. Breast items and wings were least adequate and dark meat items were sufficient to close with leg meat aided by export interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light and selective entering the week with orders limited to regular commitments and market conditions monitored. Offerings of all sizes were readily available and discounted to help move additional product. Movement through retail and distributive channels mostly fair at best. The market tone was no better than steady. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breasts and bone-in breast were more manageable, but obtainable if needed. Tenders were moving satisfactorily, and wings were at least adequate. Dark meat was in good supply and continued to move well.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Final majority prices were unchanged. Trading reported at unchanged to lower prices. Offerings were mixed but overall adequate. Buying activity, although varied, was generally moderate. Retailer demand was fairly good, best to cover features. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend carryovers. Trading reported on parts at 54-61 for leg quarters, 73-88 for breasts with ribs attached, 117-122 for boneless breasts and 93-108 for wings. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was down .32 to 78.00, with the volume reported up 13 percent to 35 loads.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Final majority delivered prices were mostly 5 cents lower; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole fryer market tone was barely steady to mostly weak with offers fully available to ample. Retail and food service demand light to instances good for the first of the month weekend; best call into features, fast food, catering, and festivals. Floor stocks were mostly balanced; weights desirable to heavy. Supplies of dark meat cuts were adequate to close and adequate to ample on the balance. Trade sentiment on dark meat items and small wings was steady to firm, large wings steady to barely steady and steady to weak remaining parts.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds increased entering the week; however, offerings remained readily available and competitively in an effort to stimulate additional buying interest. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were one cent lower at 72 to 84 cents. Trade sentiment continued weak. In the parts complex, bone-in breast were fully adequate to ample. Tenders were sufficient and clearing satisfactorily. Wings were readily available. Dark meat cuts were adequate to well cleared.

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	59-93
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operation.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying activity was mostly light to fair with dealers assessing market conditions following the weekend. Boneless skinless breasts and bone-in were in a more manageable position, but still at least sufficient. Tenders were clearing satisfactorily. Wings were readily available. Dark meat cuts were in good supply to well cleared and continued to move well. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair, best where features were active. The market tone was steady at best for breast items and wings, steady on dark meat items.

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	130.63	547,364
TENDERLOINS	110	112.27	105,440
BREAST - WITH RIBS	65-66	75.37	77,880
BREAST - LINE RUN	65	64.00	63,000
LEGS	70-71	72.80	93,240
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	52-53	53.44	215,920
DRUMSTICKS	64-65	74.35	31,680
THIGHS	60-61	73.37	35,680
B/S THIGHS	126-127	128.81	47,560
WINGS (WHOLE)	88-89	101.96	68,360
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-14	14.27	18,640
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	39.00	3,000
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	53.30	12,840

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	1,341	105.00-142.00	107-109	112.70
TENDERLOINS	484	90.00-108.00	-	94.55
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,107	50.00-60.00	52	51.91
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,337	53.00-58.00	53-53.5	54.20
WINGS (WHOLE)	392	60.00-89.00	-	73.17
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
THIGHS	1,045	50.00-62.00	50	50.82

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (In thousands)**

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	08/04	07/31	07/31	07/28	24-Jul
Alabama	4,284	4,144	5.21	4,198	5.19
Arkansas	5,205	5,004	5.39	4,450	5.34
Delmarva	2,205	2,002	5.97	2,144	5.87
KY-LA-TN	2,379	2,415	4.95	2,390	4.98
Mississippi	3,100	3,042	5.58	3,073	5.86
North Carolina	2,869	2,706	6.81	2,718	6.81
Texas	2,550	2,523	5.34	2,601	5.42
Total	22,592	21,836	5.56	21,574	5.59
Mon	22,592 (A)			21,574 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 04-Aug 2008 is estimated to be 33,800,000 up 4.40 percent from a week ago. and up 1.1 percent from a year ago.

(last week 32,374,000 last year 33,431,000)

**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	448	110.00-195.00	-	129.72
TENDERLOINS	247	99.00-189.00	-	127.44
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
LEGS	157	65.00-77.00	67-69	67.96
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	396	50.00-54.00	51-52	51.87
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	942	50.00-55.00	53-54	53.14
WINGS (WHOLE)	162	70.00-88.00	-	74.67
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 Aug 04, 2008 -- F.O.B. Dock

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
57.50 - 62.00	59.69	60.07

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 04-JUL-2008 TO 08-AUG-2008, CENTS PER POUND

	Price per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	110.00-139.00	112.00-124.00
TENDERLOINS	95.00-123.00	105.00-118.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	55.00- 99.00	59.00- 74.00
LEGS	68.00- 75.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	50.00- 62.00	52.00- 54.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	51.00- 60.00	53.00- 55.00
DRUMSTICKS	50.00- 68.00	-
THIGHS	57.50- 73.00	-
B/S THIGHS	123.00-134.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	65.00-104.00	72.00- 92.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00- 25.00	-
LIVERS	32.00- 49.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	41.00- 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

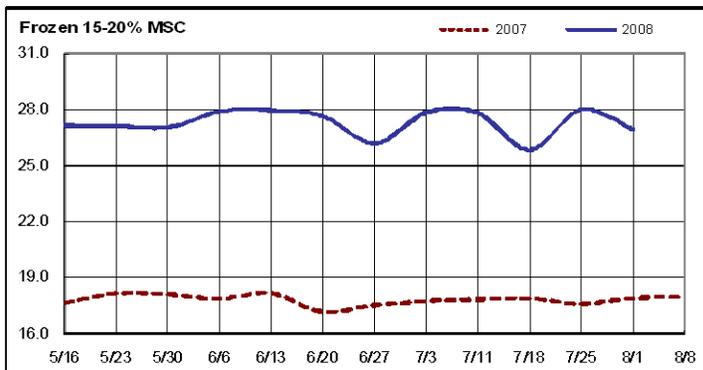
**National Mechanically Separated Chicken**

(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 remained steady to fully steady. Offerings of fresh 15-20% were well cleared with the remainder in close balance to tight. Inquiry for fresh and frozen was moderate to good. Supplies of raw materials continued tight and sought after. Domestic trading was good. Export demand was good with best inquiry from Mexico, Central American and Asian 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.

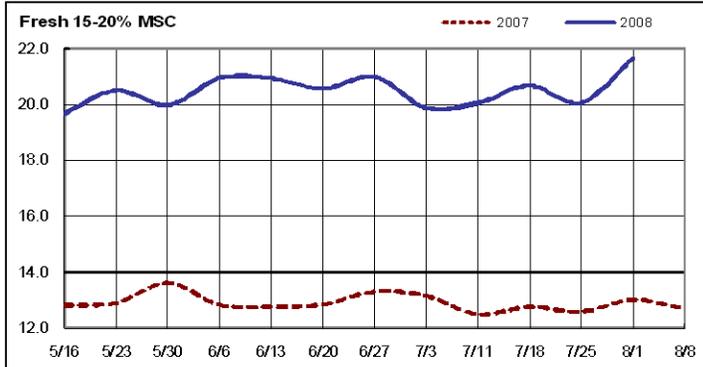
**Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)**

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	1-Aug-08	Last Week	Last Year	1-Aug-08	Last Week	Last Year
<b>15% or Less</b>			18.00	24.00 - 25.00	23.00 - 24.50	15.00-16.00
Price Range	-	-	18.00	24.38	23.57	15.88
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	261	424	140	321
Volume Traded	-	-	261	-	-	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>15-20%</b>	19.00 - 34.00	25.50 - 30.00	17.00-21.00	18.00 - 29.00	17.00 - 25.00	11.00-16.00
Price Range	26.94	28.00	17.96	21.65	20.07	12.71
Wtd Avg Price	2,191	1,474	1,656	3,455	2,901	2,210
Volume Traded	1,547	1,274	1,416	612	266	411
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>20% or More</b>			-	21.00	-	14.00
Price Range	-	-	-	21.00	-	14.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	156	-	80
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	-	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	Jul 2008	Jun 2008	Jul 2007	Jul 2008	Jun 2008	Jul 2007
<b>15% or Less</b>			17.93	23.72	24.78	15.84
Wtd Avg Price	30.00	26.00	1,169	647	684	1,366
Volume Traded	40	164	1,047	-	-	-
Volume Exported	-	164	-	-	-	-
<b>15-20%</b>	27.53	27.60	17.81	20.16	20.83	12.71
Wtd Avg Price	5,069	5,261	6,151	12,334	10,252	8,597
Volume Traded	4,269	4,620	5,303	2,830	1,345	1,835
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>20% or More</b>			-	-	-	14.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	-	-	280
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	-	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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**SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS**

Trading levels were unchanged to lower. Demand was light to moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were normal. 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 04-AUG-08

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-13		9.56

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS**

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

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 04-AUG-08

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-14	CENTS/LB.	9.88
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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