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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was about steady in the West, steady to barely steady in the Northeast, and about steady to instances weak in the Midwest. Retail demand was slow to moderate. Food service was demand light to fairly good, best where features were noted. Retail outlets in the Midwest experienced some power outages due to severe storms. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to readily available for the light and selective interest. Floor stocks were in a full range, but were mostly adequate. In the parts structure, movement was light to no better than fair for mid-week trading. Breast items were adequate to available. 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.



GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 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 8, 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	171.00
BREASTS - B/S	145.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	83.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	130.00
THIGHS	63.00
DRUMSTICKS	70.50
LEG QUARTERS	52.50
WINGS	98.00

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

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was steady to about steady. Demand into all channels was light to fair, and usually limited to regular commitments. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate for mid-week trading. Breast items and wings were at least adequate to readily available with light movement. Dark meat items were in the strongest position, and supplies were no more than adequate to well cleared and held with confident. 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 and unaggressive for mid-week trading as most dealers kept floor stocks in balance with the limited demand. Offerings of all sizes were readily available with slow movement. Movement through retail and distributive channels was mostly light to fair. The market tone was steady at best. In the parts complex, tenders were moving satisfactorily, but the remaining breast items were readily available with boneless skinless frequently discounted. Wings were adequate to fully adequate, and dark meat items were in good supply and moving well.

MIDWEST REGION Whole broiler/fryer market tone was about steady, instances weak. Producer offerings were fully sufficient for light trade needs. Fill-in trade was noted on Wogs at 56 and 58 cents. Retail operators saw movement as slow to moderate, while food service activity was light to fairly good. Best interest noted into white table cloth restaurants, some fast food and retail features. Some retail outlets in the Chicago area remained without power due to severe storms. Floor stocks were in a full range; weights desirable. Supplies of dark bone-in items were adequate to close, breast cuts remained more than needed, and wings varied but were more in line with needs over prior period. Trade sentiment was steady on dark meat lines and wings and barely steady to weak on breast cuts.

WESTERN REGION The market tone was generally steady. Offerings varied but were adequate overall. Buyer's interest was moderate. Retailer demand was fair to fairly good. Floor stocks were adequate to cover current needs. Trade sentiment was steady overall on parts.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States

Down 4 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 207 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 2, 2008. This was down 4 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Down 4 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 2, 2008. Placements were down 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through August 2, 2008 were 5.50 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 08/02/08	2008	2007	PERCENT CHANGE
			PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	207,170	216,255	-04
CHICKS PLACED	172,940	179,654	-04

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 13-Sep-08 is estimated at 158.3 million head. This compares to 158.0 million head the previous week and to 170.4 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 168.4 million head and the composite weighted average price was 80.37 cents per pound.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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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			WTD AVG	ITEM	POUNDS			WTD AVG
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY			(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	
BREAST - B/S	450	111.00-195.00	-	130.27	BREAST - B/S	410	111.00-196.00	-	132.47
TENDERLOINS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TENDERLOINS	158	99.00-192.00	-	121.02
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT				BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	181	64.00-77.00	67-68	67.68	LEGS	198	65.00-77.00	67-69	67.40
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	426	50.00-54.00	51-52	51.73	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	408	50.00-54.00	51-52	51.69
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,022	50.00-55.00	53-54	53.12	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	932	50.00-56.00	53-54	53.75
WINGS (WHOLE)	160	70.00-79.00	-	74.13	WINGS (WHOLE)	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
WINGS (CUT)	152	86.00-97.00	-	91.25	WINGS (CUT)	456	82.00-97.00	-	83.84
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	125	110.00-128.00	-	114.48	B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR F.O.B. DOCK

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
57.00-63.00	59.87	56.50-62.00	59.10	59.87

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 was light to fair for midweek trading. Breast items and wings were readily available with boneless skinless breasts often discounted to help clear. Tenders were sufficient and clearing. Dark meat cuts were in good balance and continued to move satisfactorily. Retail and distributive movement was fair at best, slightly better where seasonal events occurred. The market tone was steady for dark meat items, barely steady to about steady for breast items and wings.

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

AUG 05	CURRENT NEG	WTD		AUG 06	CURRENT NEG	WTD	
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG	VOL/LBS	ITEM	TRADING*	AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	130	130.86	561,845	BREAST - B/S	130	128.60	496,520
TENDERLOINS	110	108.66	207,550	TENDERLOINS	110	109.64	81,200
BREAST - WITH RIBS	65-66	68.92	251,760	BREAST - WITH RIBS	65-66	77.03	56,640
BREAST - LINE RUN	65	63.86	63,000	BREAST - LINE RUN	65	64.00	63,000
LEGS	70-71	71.07	169,040	LEGS	70-71	74.40	118,290
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	52-53	54.57	248,360	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	52-53	53.89	255,680
DRUMSTICKS	64-65	72.85	77,960	DRUMSTICKS	64-65	75.06	68,040
THIGHS	60-61	73.56	68,320	THIGHS	60-61	72.44	56,640
B/S THIGHS	126-127	127.96	73,080	B/S THIGHS	126-127	128.37	49,880
WINGS (WHOLE)	88-89	93.65	149,040	WINGS (WHOLE)	88-89	97.84	149,920
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-14	14.07	30,520	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-14	14.18	16,240
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	39.44	8,960	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	39.05	3,360
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	50.91	24,880	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	50.69	25,440

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
	(1,000)	08/05	(1,000)	08/01	08/04	08/01	(1,000)	07/30	WTS
Alabama	4,070	4,242	4,160	4,200	5.30	5.21	4,058	07/28	5.32
Arkansas	5,223	5,293	4,938	4,907	5.44	5.47	5,197		5.59
Delmarva	2,274	2,189	2,196	2,270	5.95	5.83	2,273		5.99
KY-LA-TN	2,466	2,457	2,347	2,258	5.05	4.81	2,154		5.19
Mississippi	3,073	3,082	3,101	3,335	5.66	5.75	3,028		5.63
North Carolina	2,742	2,780	2,753	3,284	6.91	7.00	2,779		6.99
Texas	2,550	2,551	2,546	2,628	5.35	5.28	2,361		5.57
Total	22,398	22,594	22,041	22,882	5.63	5.63	21,850		5.71
Mon-Wed	67,584(A)						65,871(A)		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 06-Aug-08 is estimated to be 33,510,000 head up 2.20 percent from a week ago and up 5.47 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,788,000, last year 31,772,000)

**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**

	RANGE
BROILER 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

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 09-AUG-08

Class	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	08/09/08 (1)	Thousand head	08/02/08	Thousand head
Broiler/fryer	170,594(2)		171,456	
Light hens	1,353		1,561	
Heavy hens	1,793		1,717	
Total	173,740		174,734	

(1)ESTIMATED

2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 09-Aug-08 is 168.7 million head compared to 167.4 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 170.9 million head or 2.2 million more than estimated available. For the week of 16-Aug-08 the estimated available is 166.7 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 08/04/08	132,649		75,954	
AM 07/01/08	120,838		78,298	
CHG	11,811		-2,344	
PCT CHG	10		-3	

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	08/04/08	07/28/08	08/06/07	08/04/08	07/28/08	08/06/07
PACIFIC COAST	819	754	2,151	7,420	6,073	6,742
LOS ANGELES	379	387	165	1,651	1,669	1,150

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 AUGUST 4, 2008

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

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES FOR 08/05/08

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW HIGH AVG				LOW HIGH AVG		
	HEAVY FOWL lb.	.50	.80		.57	HEAVY FOWL ea.	2.00
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	2.00	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	1.50	2.25	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	9.00	9.75	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	1.50	1.75	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	.90	-	ROOSTERS ea.	10.00	10.50	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	1.10	-	DUCKS ea.	-	4.00	-
RABBITS lb.	.40	2.30	1.74	RABBITS ea.	1.00	2.00	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	.75	3.50	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	4.00	-
GUINEA KEETS ea	2.00	2.60	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-				
TOTAL COOPS	52						

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending August 1, 2008

	Whole Chickens		Legs W/Thighs	Necks,Backs & Wings	Livers Gizzards	Hens
	RAYON					
Low	62.38	118.39	95.63	13.66	4.55	63.75
High	73.77	127.50	104.73	18.21	9.11	63.75
Mostly	73.77	122.95	100.18	13.66	4.55	63.75
SAN JUAN						
Low	60.56	118.39	91.07	13.66	4.55	63.75
High	72.86	127.50	100.18	18.21	4.55	63.75
Mostly	72.86	118.39	95.63	13.66	4.55	63.75
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	63.75	122.95	100.18	13.66	4.55	66.03
High	75.13	132.05	109.29	18.21	9.11	66.03
Mostly	75.13	127.50	104.73	15.94	4.55	66.03
BECERRA						
Low	63.75	127.50	104.73	13.66	4.55	68.30
High	77.41	136.61	113.84	18.21	9.11	68.30
Mostly	72.86	132.05	109.29	13.66	6.83	68.30

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds ranged light to no better than fair for midweek business. Offerings were readily available for the the light and selective buyer interest. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 72 to 84 cents. Trade sentiment was noted as about steady to barely steady. In the parts complex, breast items were adequate to available. Wings were mixed, but readily available. Dark meat cuts were adequate to well cleared with leg quarters in the best position.

		BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE		63-91	
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		(A)	
NO. OF BOXES		(A)	

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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