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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was steady in the Northeast, steady to fully steady elsewhere. Retail and food service demand covered the full range, best for fast food and where features were in progress. Supplies were irregular, mostly sufficient to satisfy trade needs. Floor stocks were adequate. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate. Breast items and wings were at least adequate. Tenders were well cleared. Dark meat items were in good balance with leg quarters, drums and thighs in the best balance. 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 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 81.25 cents last year on August 15, 2007.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	172.50
BREASTS - B/S	145.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	83.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	131.00
THIGHS	63.00
DRUMSTICKS	70.00
LEG QUARTERS	53.00
WINGS	97.00

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

**WESTERN REGION** The market tone was cautiously steady to fully steady. Offerings were light on whole body less than 3 pounds and at least adequate on heavier weights. Buyers' interest was moderate. Retailer demand was fairly good overall, with best interest where promoted. Floor stocks were adequate.

## BROILER -TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 5 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 207 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 9, 2008. This was down 5 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.

**SOUTHERN REGION** Trade sentiment was steady. Demand into all channels was fair to moderate with increase interest noted. Supplies of all sizes were at least sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate for mid-week trading. Breast items were at least adequate with tenders in the strongest position. Wings were better balanced and dark meat items continued balanced to well cleared. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable.

## BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 9, 2008. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through August 9, 2008 were 5.68 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

**NORTHEAST REGION** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly fair to instances moderate for midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes were generally sufficient for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, tenders, drums, and leg quarters were in good balance to well cleared. Other items were adequate to at least adequate.

## BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED TOTAL

WEEK ENDING 08/09/08	19 SELECTED STATES		PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
	2008	2007	
	<i>Thousand</i>		
EGGS SET	207,163	217,312	-05
CHICKS PLACED	173,454	177,691	-02

Source: NASS, USDA

**MIDWEST REGION** Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady to instances fully steady. Producer offerings on whole birds were sufficient for the light to moderate trade inquiry. Retail and food service demand covered the full range, mostly light to moderate overall. Best movement noted into retail features, some delicatessens and fast food. Floor stocks were adequate; weights desirable. Supplies of bone-in dark meat cuts were limited and wanted; breast cuts were adequate, but more in line with trade needs; and wings supplies varied daily. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady on leg items and tenderloins, and steady on breast and wings.

## WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 20-Sep-08 is estimated at 159.5 million head. This compares to 158.3 million head the previous week and to 172.4 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 168.1 million head and the composite weighted average price was 77.91 cents per pound.

AUG 12

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

AUG 13

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	440	110.00-198.00	-	132.59	BREAST - B/S	449	115.00-198.00	-	134.45
TENDERLOINS	191	105.00-192.00	-	120.00	TENDERLOINS	245	105.00-194.00	-	125.68
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	183	66.00-77.00	67-69	68.23	LEGS	197	66.00-77.00	68-69	68.86
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	426	50.00-54.00	52	51.98	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	437	50.00-54.00	52-53	52.71
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	848	51.00-56.00	53-54	53.55	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	802	51.00-56.00	53-54	54.00
WINGS (WHOLE)	202	67.00-82.00	72-75	74.67	WINGS (WHOLE)	212	65.00-82.00	-	75.00
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	80	115.00-128.00	-	123.00

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
59.00-63.50	61.38	58.50-63.50	61.52	61.09

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 mostly fair to instances moderate for midweek trading. Breast items and wings were at least sufficient for current needs. Tenders were close balance and held with confidence. Dark meat cuts were adequate to well cleared with thighs, thigh meat and drums in the better balance. Retail and distributive movement was mostly fair. The market tone was firm for tenders; at least steady for most dark meat cuts. The balance of items were generally steady.

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

AUG 12	CURRENT NEG	WTD		AUG 13	CURRENT NEG	WTD	
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG	VOL/LBS	ITEM	TRADING*	AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	130	132.19	611,880	BREAST - B/S	130	127.42	407,080
TENDERLOINS	115	111.55	183,420	TENDERLOINS	115-120	114.74	91,360
BREAST - WITH RIBS	65-66	73.89	219,709	BREAST - WITH RIBS	65-66	71.20	110,480
BREAST - LINE RUN	65	66.03	61,200	BREAST - LINE RUN	65	66.06	61,200
LEGS	70-71	69.22	222,040	LEGS	70-71	70.18	182,880
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	53-54	54.43	391,440	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	53-54	55.96	135,200
DRUMSTICKS	65-66	72.85	92,100	DRUMSTICKS	65-66	76.70	58,400
THIGHS	61-60	72.40	70,940	THIGHS	61-60	73.23	49,280
B/S THIGHS	127-128	127.95	52,440	B/S THIGHS	127-128	130.95	44,880
WINGS (WHOLE)	88-89	97.24	257,715	WINGS (WHOLE)	88-89	98.71	142,800
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-14	14.60	17,480	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-14	14.56	20,680
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	37.88	13,120	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	39.73	4,480
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	52.25	31,960	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	53.35	20,800

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)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	WTS	
	08/13	08/12	08/11	08/08	08/11	08/08	(1,000)	08/04	
Alabama	3,986	4,250	4,174	4,384	5.34	5.10	3,844	5.30	
Arkansas	5,294	5,313	4,707	4,540	5.56	5.39	4,983	5.44	
Delmarva	2,188	2,262	2,225	2,271	6.06	5.83	2,169	5.95	
KY-LA-TN	2,382	2,399	2,375	2,367	5.21	4.87	2,466	5.05	
Mississippi	3,018	3,061	3,075	3,531	5.77	5.95	3,016	5.66	
North Carolina	2,816	2,813	2,690	3,424	6.94	6.60	2,627	6.91	
Texas	2,559	2,558	2,641	2,590	5.45	5.22	2,672	5.35	
Total	22,243	22,656	21,887	23,107	5.72	5.57	21,777	5.63	
Mon-Wed	67,110(A)						66,223(A)		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 13-Aug-08 is estimated to be 33,278,000 head up 1.83 percent from a week ago and up 2.77 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,679,000, last year 32,380,000)

**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 16-AUG-08

Class	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	08/16/08 (1)	08/09/08	08/16/08 (1)	08/09/08
	----- Thousand head -----			
Broiler/fryer	170,013(2)		170,594	
Light hens	1,592		1,353	
Heavy hens	1,757		1,793	
Total	173,362		173,740	

(1)ESTIMATED

2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 16-Aug-08 is 166.7 million head compared to 167.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 170.4 million head or 3.7 million more than estimated available. For the week of 23-Aug-08 the estimated available is 165.0 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 08/11/08	135,596		77,797	
AM 07/01/08	131,834		74,868	
CHG	3,762		2,929	
PCT CHG	3		4	

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)**

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	08/11/08	08/04/08	08/13/07	08/11/08	08/04/08	08/13/07
<b>PACIFIC COAST</b>	831	819	2,130	6,289	7,420	6,936
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>	367	379	160	1,768	1,651	1,084

**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 11, 2008

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

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES FOR 08/12/08**

	AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY			FOR 08/12/08		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.25	.50	.32	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	7.00
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	4.00
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-
BROILERS lb.	.40	.80	.56	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	1.35	1.75
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	4.50	10.25
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	8.50
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	12.50
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	1.75	2.10	1.97	RABBITS ea.	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.00	5.25
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea	1.50	3.00	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-			
TOTAL COOPS	86					

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY**

Cents per pound for the week ending August 8, 2008

	Whole Chickens		Legs W/Thighs	Necks,Backs & Wings	Livers Gizzards	Hens
	Breasts					
<b>RAYON</b>						
Low	63.69	139.05	89.71	13.46	4.49	62.80
High	74.01	148.02	98.68	17.94	4.49	62.80
Mostly	69.52	143.53	94.19	13.46	4.49	62.80
<b>SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	62.80	139.05	85.22	13.46	4.49	62.80
High	73.11	152.50	94.19	17.94	8.97	62.80
Mostly	68.18	139.05	89.71	15.70	4.49	62.80
<b>NEW SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	65.04	143.53	94.19	13.46	4.49	65.04
High	75.36	156.99	103.16	17.94	8.97	65.04
Mostly	73.11	148.02	98.68	17.94	4.49	65.04
<b>BECERRA</b>						
Low	65.94	143.53	98.68	13.46	4.49	67.28
High	77.60	161.48	107.65	22.43	8.97	67.28
Mostly	69.08	148.02	103.16	17.94	6.73	67.28

**DELMARVA** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds remained fair to moderate for midweek business. Seller offerings were usually sufficient for immediate trade requirements. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but noted as mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 72 to 84 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, tenders were in close balance to well cleared. Breast items and wings continued in an at least adequate position. Dark meat cuts were adequate to well cleared with thighs, drums, and leg quarters in the best position.

RANGE		BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		69-88	
NO. OF BOXES		(A)	
		(A)	

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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