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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady in the West, steady elsewhere. Retail and food service demand was light to instances fairly good, best activity into fast food and catering. Supplies were mixed, mostly sufficient to satisfy trade needs. Floor stocks were balanced to long. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate for mid-week trading. Breast items were more than adequate with boneless skinless in the longest position. Wings varied, mostly sufficient. Dark meat items and tenders were in close balance to tight and moving well. 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 truckload lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 81.50 cents last year on August 22, 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	174.50
BREASTS - B/S	144.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	82.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	131.50
THIGHS	63.00
DRUMSTICKS	70.50
LEG QUARTERS	54.00
WINGS	97.50

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

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was fair to moderate with trading limited to regular commitments. Supplies of all sizes were sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate for mid-week trading. Breast items were at least adequate and slow to clear with boneless skinless in the longest position. Tenders were barely adequate and held with confidence. Wings were better balanced and dark meat items were adequate to barely adequate and moving well, aided by export interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate with mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light to no better than fair. Offerings of all sizes were at least sufficient for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light and disappointing for midweek activity. The market tone was cautiously steady. In the parts complex, tenders were clearing satisfactorily. Dark meat cuts were adequate to well cleared with leg quarters, thighs and thigh meat moving well. Wings were irregular and at least sufficient.

MIDWEST REGION The market tone on whole broiler/fryers remained steady. Whole bird offerings were increasingly available for a light to fair trade interest. Fill-in trading noted at 68 cents on 2 3/4 Wogs. Retail and food service demand was generally light, although Chicago noted better movement. Institutional trade, white tablecloth restaurants, catering and some national fast food chains noted occasionally moderate to fairly good activity. Floor stocks were adequate to long; weights desirable to trending heavy. Dark meat cut supplies were in close balance to tight, tenders the same, boneless/skinless breast was available and wings varied. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady on leg items and tenders; all other parts were steady.

WESTERN REGION Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Offerings moved into better position; however truck lots of small sized whole body product was in close balance. Buyers watched market developments as they ponder future needs; for approaching Labor Day. Retailer demand was fairly good. Floor stocks were in fairly good balance.

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 16, 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 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 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 16, 2008. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through August 16, 2008 were 5.85 billion, up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED TOTAL 19 SELECTED STATES

WEEK ENDING 08/16/08	2008	2007	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
	<i>Thousand</i>		
EGGS SET	206,996	216,594	-04
CHICKS PLACED	173,116	178,515	-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 27-Sep-08 is estimated at 159.4 million head. This compares to 159.5 million head the previous week and to 176.0 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 167.4 million head and the composite weighted average price was 74.12 cents per pound.

AUG 19

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

AUG 20

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	465	108.00-198.00	-	130.58	BREAST - B/S	490	105.00-198.00	-	127.39
TENDERLOINS	185	107.00-195.00	-	134.23	TENDERLOINS	239	107.00-199.00	-	116.92
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	202	65.00-75.00	67-69	68.64	LEGS	228	65.00-75.00	67-69	68.00
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	396	51.00-55.00	53-54	53.47	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	386	52.00-55.00	53-54	53.74
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,027	52.00-57.00	55-56	55.34	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	982	53.00-57.00	55-56	55.37
WINGS (WHOLE)	172	65.00-88.00	-	73.20	WINGS (WHOLE)	202	65.00-88.00	-	76.27
WINGS (CUT)	TOO FEW TO REPORT				WINGS (CUT)	95	83.00-97.00	-	91.11
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	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
57.50-64.00	60.99	59.50-64.50	62.04	61.95

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 generally no better than fair as dealers look for outlets for the increased availability of breast product. Offerings of breast items were increasing in availability and noted as fully sufficient for current needs. Tenders were clearing satisfactorily. Dark meat cuts were about adequate to adequate with thighs and thigh meat moving well. Retail and distributive movement slowed for midweek business. The market tone was fully steady for tenders; about steady for breast items.

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

AUG 19	CURRENT NEG	WTD		AUG 20	CURRENT NEG	WTD	
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG	VOL/LBS	ITEM	TRADING*	AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	130	133.31	500,960	BREAST - B/S	130	128.92	376,800
TENDERLOINS	120-125	121.71	182,740	TENDERLOINS	120-125	122.61	81,640
BREAST - WITH RIBS	65-66	73.65	133,040	BREAST - WITH RIBS	65-66	77.85	58,040
BREAST - LINE RUN	65	65.47	61,200	BREAST - LINE RUN	65	65.88	57,600
LEGS	70-71	71.13	127,040	LEGS	70-71	72.10	159,720
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	54-55	55.65	224,400	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	54-55	56.24	213,200
DRUMSTICKS	65-66	75.58	70,120	DRUMSTICKS	65-66	75.02	62,600
THIGHS	61-60	73.33	62,640	THIGHS	61-60	73.92	41,200
B/S THIGHS	128-129	130.92	62,320	B/S THIGHS	128-129	129.80	57,600
WINGS (WHOLE)	88-89	91.95	199,880	WINGS (WHOLE)	88-89	96.26	176,080
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-14	15.00	9,200	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-14	15.00	14,440
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	37.48	12,320	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	38.99	4,760
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	52.26	21,400	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	50.88	16,880

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)	08/19	(1,000)	08/15	08/18	08/15	(1,000)	08/13	WTS
Alabama	3,882	4,210	4,156	4,144	5.48	5.14	4,034	5.34	
Arkansas	5,342	5,309	4,791	4,396	5.65	5.29	5,203	5.56	
Delmarva	2,180	2,264	2,227	2,266	6.16	6.01	2,202	6.06	
KY-LA-TN	2,312	2,360	2,344	2,211	5.14	4.75	2,389	5.21	
Mississippi	3,061	3,111	2,982	3,779	5.87	5.75	3,016	5.77	
North Carolina	2,793	2,869	2,745	3,569	6.90	7.07	2,743	6.94	
Texas	2,560	2,560	2,629	2,485	5.53	5.19	2,669	5.45	
Total	22,130	22,683	21,874	22,850	5.79	5.63	22,256	5.72	
Mon-Wed	66,993 (A)								66,458 (A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 20-Aug-08 is estimated to be 33,109,000 head down 0.86 percent from a week ago and up 1.20 percent from a year ago. (Last week 33,397,000, last year 32,717,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DLVRD TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	102-111
ROASTERS 4# & UP	125-135
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 23-AUG-08

Class	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	08/23/08 (1)	08/16/08	08/23/08 (1)	08/16/08
Broiler/fryer	----- Thousand head -----			
	169,331(2)	170,013	170,013	169,331(2)
Light hens	1,526	1,592	1,592	1,526
Heavy hens	1,835	1,757	1,757	1,835
Total	172,692	173,362	173,362	172,692

(1)ESTIMATED

2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 23-Aug-08 is 165.0 million head compared to 168.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 169.7 million head or 4.7 million more than estimated available. For the week of 30-Aug-08 the estimated available is 163.7 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS	LBS	LBS	LBS
AM 08/18/08	133,960	80,820	80,820	133,960
AM 08/01/08	131,834	74,868	74,868	131,834
CHG	2,126	5,952	5,952	2,126
PCT CHG	2	8	8	2

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	08/18/08	08/11/08	08/20/07	08/18/08	08/11/08	08/20/07
PACIFIC COAST	807	831	2,250	7,617	6,289	7,052
LOS ANGELES	355	367	180	1,762	1,768	1,068

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 18, 2008

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

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

	FOR 08/19/08			FOR 08/19/08		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG
AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY						
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	-	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	4.00	6.25
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	2.75	9.50
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	4.00
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	2.00	3.35
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	11.00
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	1.75
ROOSTERS lb.	.80	1.45	1.30	ROOSTERS ea.	5.00	14.00
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	1.30	-	DUCKS ea.	-	9.00
RABBITS lb.	.55	1.95	1.42	RABBITS ea.	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	.50	3.00
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	2.00
GUINEA KEETS ea	2.00	2.50	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-			
TOTAL COOPS	51					

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending August 15, 2008

	Whole Chickens		Legs	Necks,Backs & Wings	Livers Gizzards	Hens
	Breasts	W/Thighs				
RAYON						
Low	62.35	133.61	84.62	13.36	4.45	62.35
High	73.04	146.97	97.98	17.81	8.91	62.35
Mostly	62.35	138.06	93.53	17.81	4.45	62.35
SAN JUAN						
Low	62.35	133.61	84.62	17.81	4.45	62.35
High	72.15	151.42	102.43	22.27	8.91	62.35
Mostly	62.35	142.52	97.98	17.81	4.45	62.35
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	62.35	138.06	89.07	13.36	4.45	64.58
High	73.93	151.42	102.43	20.04	8.91	64.58
Mostly	62.35	146.97	97.98	17.81	6.68	64.58
BECERRA						
Low	63.69	142.52	93.53	13.36	4.45	66.80
High	74.38	155.88	106.89	22.27	8.91	66.80
Mostly	63.69	146.97	102.43	17.81	6.68	66.80

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was mostly fair to moderate for midweek business. Offerings were at least sufficient for the light buyer interest. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but noted as mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices remained unchanged at 72 to 84 cents. Trade sentiment was reported as steady. In the parts complex, breast items were fully sufficient to available. Tenders were in close balance and held with confidence. Wings were mixed. Dark meat cuts were adequate to closely balanced.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	WEIGHTED AVERAGE	NO. OF BOXES
	62-91	(A)
		(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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