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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were unchanged to higher in the Midwest, unchanged elsewhere when compared to last week. Trade sentiment was steady in the Midwest and West, steady to about steady in the Northeast. Retail and food service demand covered the full range, best where features were in progress. Supplies of all sizes were in close balance to fully adequate to satisfy trade needs. Floor stocks were sufficient to fully sufficient. In the parts structure, movement was light to fair for early-week trading. Breast items were at least adequate to available with some discounting noted. Wings were irregular and dark meat items were adequate to no more than adequate 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 25-AUG-2008 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A MAJORITY	WTD AVG	COMPOSITE		
			LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Boston/New England	TFEWR		:	77.36	14
Chicago	69.00-73.00	70.23	26 :	69.29	56
Ohio Cities	TFEWR		:	70.62	11
Denver	96.50	97.00	11 :	95.75	13
Detroit	76.00-78.00	76.44	9 :	75.98	49
Los Angeles	97.00	95.09	57 :	87.70	149
New York	70.00-73.00	71.71	21 :	75.77	43
Philadelphia	69.50-71.00	70.09	11 :	72.50	23
Pittsburgh	69.00-72.00	70.55	11 :	78.99	51
St. Louis	69.00-70.00	69.34	20 :	71.05	31
San Francisco	97.50	95.74	31 :	89.62	87

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	08/25/08	Change	Last Wk 8/18/08	08/27/07
527	79.06	-.89	79.95	79.75

**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	78.00-80.00	79.32	31
Central	63.00-76.00	71.30	66
Western	74.00-85.00	84.10	51
<b>Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent</b>			
Mississippi	86.00-89.00	88.21	85

**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.

### MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG

LOADS	RANGE	FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,075	71.00-89.75	86.90

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	174.00	1,383
BREASTS - B/S	144.50	5,827
BREASTS - WHOLE	83.50	1,448
THIGH MEAT - B/S	130.50	1,204
THIGHS	62.00	637
DRUMSTICKS	70.50	851
LEG QUARTERS	97.50	2,729

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

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYER** Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was light to fair with hopes of progress for upcoming holiday. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was light to fair for early-week trading. Breast items were adequate to fully adequate and wings were sufficient. Dark meat items continued close balance with legs in the best position. 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. Offerings of all sizes were fully sufficient for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items were readily available and slow to clear; tenders and wings were at least adequate for current needs. Dark meat cuts were generally sufficient.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Final majority prices were unchanged from previous week. The market tone was about steady. Trading was reported at mixed levels with small sized WOGs in the strongest position. Offerings were in close balance to adequate. Buying activity was moderate overall. Retailer demand was moderate to good, best to cover promotions. Dealers reported desirable weekend carryovers. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was 76.38 up .04, with the volume down 9 percent to 32 loads.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Final majority delivered prices were unchanged into Detroit and Chicago; unchanged to higher into St. Louis ; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady on limited trade call. Retail and food service covered the full range, mostly moderate overall. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate; weights desirable. Part offerings were available on all items; boneless/skinless breast were more than sufficient for the non-aggressive trade inquiry. The market tone was mostly steady on all parts.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds ranged light to no better than fair entering the week. Offerings were usually sufficient for a fair and selective buyer interest. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices remained unchanged at 72 to 84 cents. Trade sentiment was steady with some caution reported. In the parts complex, breast items were at least adequate to available with some discounting. Wings were noted as irregular. Dark meat items were adequate and moving satisfactorily.

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	70-91
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operation.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying activity was light and generally unaggressive entering the week as dealers cautiously assessed market developments. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts remained available at discounted levels. Bone-in breasts and tenders were fully sufficient. Dark meat cuts were adequate and clearing satisfactorily with drums, legs and leg quarters in the best balance. Retail and distributive movement was fair at best. The market tone was barely steady to weak for breast items and about steady to steady on the balance of items.

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

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S		125	129.08	479,483
TENDERLOINS	120-125		123.08	115,920
BREAST - WITH RIBS	65-66		76.43	61,920
BREAST - LINE RUN	65		64.79	61,200
LEGS	71-72		71.40	105,440
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	54-55		56.78	223,240
DRUMSTICKS	65-66		77.75	45,280
THIGHS	61-60		73.51	57,017
B/S THIGHS	128-129		132.29	33,800
WINGS (WHOLE)	88-89		105.44	144,040
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-14		15.00	16,200
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40		37.84	4,640
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55		52.18	12,640

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	1,702	104.00-178.00	106-114	112.87
TENDERLOINS	724	110.00-199.00	119-121	120.31
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	868	53.00-55.00	53-54	53.94
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,212	53.00-55.00	54-55	54.03
WINGS (WHOLE)	564	61.00-98.00	70-74	70.47
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
THIGHS	1,527	48.00-58.00	48	49.15

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

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	08/25	08/21	08/21	08/18	08/14
Alabama	4,278	4,174	5.26	4,156	5.30
Arkansas	4,681	5,142	5.56	4,791	5.53
Delmarva	2,190	2,074	6.15	2,227	5.99
KY-LA-TN	2,151	2,342	5.05	2,344	5.05
Mississippi	2,980	3,078	5.63	2,982	5.69
North Carolina	2,856	2,789	6.83	2,745	6.83
Texas	2,524	2,634	5.30	2,629	5.41
Total	21,660	22,233	5.64	21,874	5.65
Mon	21,660 (A)			21,874 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 25-Aug 2008 is estimated to be 32,406,000 down 1.27 percent from a week ago. and down 2.5 percent from a year ago.

(last week 32,824,000 last year 33,220,000)

**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	452	103.00-192.00	-	129.61
TENDERLOINS	195	105.00-185.00	-	114.65
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	476	50.00-56.00	53-54	53.79
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	862	52.00-57.00	55-56	55.31
WINGS (WHOLE)	217	65.00-88.00	-	75.97
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 25, 2008 -- F.O.B. Dock

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
58.50 - 64.00	61.34	61.71

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 25-AUG-2008 TO 29-AUG-2008, CENTS PER POUND

	Price per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	105.00 - 133.00	113.00 - 123.00
TENDERLOINS	115.00 - 135.00	115.00 - 125.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	64.00 - 91.00	68.00 - 71.00
LEGS	69.00 - 76.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	52.00 - 63.00	52.00 - 55.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	56.00 - 62.00	56.00
DRUMSTICKS	56.00 - 70.00	-
THIGHS	61.00 - 69.00	-
B/S THIGHS	121.00 - 136.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	74.00 - 98.00	84.00 - 90.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 29.00	-
LIVERS	32.00 - 49.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 60.00	-

**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	125-135
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.)  
 \*\*\*CORRECTION ON FRESH 15-20% GRAPH & FRESH 20% and MORE DATA\*\*\*

The MSC market tone was steady to fully steady. Supplies of fresh and frozen 15-20% were in close balance to tight. Demand for fresh and frozen remains moderate to good. Supplies of raw materials were tight. Domestic and export trading was good with most inquiry from Mexico, Central American and Asian countries. Schedules were generally full time, instances less than normal due to reduced availability of raw materials.

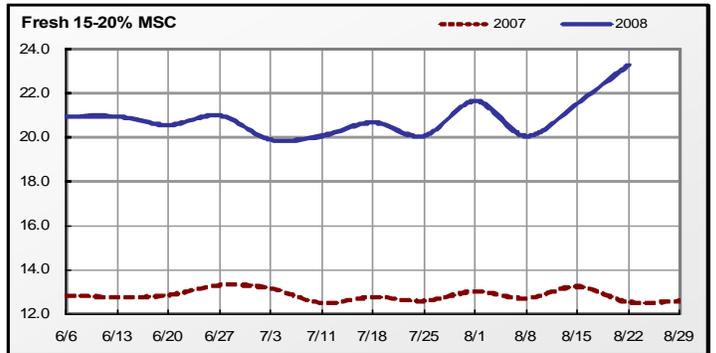
**Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)**

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	22-Aug-08	Last Week	Last Year	22-Aug-08	Last Week	Last Year
<b>15% or Less</b>						
Price Range	-	-	18.00-22.00	26.50 - 27.00	25.50 - 27.00	15.00-17.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	18.84	26.75	26.26	16.00
Volume Traded	-	-	342	241	322	402
Volume Exported	-	-	260	-	-	-
<b>15-20%</b>						
Price Range	24.00 - 31.00	23.00 - 30.00	15.00-21.00	18.00 - 28.00	17.00 - 26.00	11.00-16.00
Wtd Avg Price	27.72	28.09	17.61	23.28	21.55	12.59
Volume Traded	894	1,598	1,382	2,481	4,276	2,271
Volume Exported	734	1,558	1,300	631	582	288
<b>20% or More</b>						
Price Range	-	-	-	***21.00***	21.00	14.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	***21.00***	21.00	14.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	***82***	82	80
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>						
Wtd Avg Price	30.00	26.00	17.93	23.72	24.78	15.84
Volume Traded	40	164	1,169	647	684	1,366
Volume Exported	-	164	1,047	-	-	-
<b>15-20%</b>						
Wtd Avg Price	27.53	27.60	17.81	20.16	20.83	12.71
Volume Traded	5,069	5,261	6,151	12,334	10,252	8,597
Volume Exported	4,269	4,620	5,303	2,830	1,345	1,835
<b>20% or More</b>						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	-	-	14.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	-	280
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



Note: Volume exported refers to that portion of the total volume that is destined for export markets.

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**SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS**

Trading was TFEWR. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent fowl. Schedules were increased. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was steady at best.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 25-AUG-08

**RANGE MAJORITY WTD AVG**

AT FARM BUYER LOADING

TOO FEW TO REPORT

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS**

Prices were generally unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was generally fair for the at least sufficient offerings of spent fowl. Processing schedules were noted as normal to instances heavy. Sales of finished product was fair. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 25-AUG-08

**RANGE MAJORITY WTD AVG**

AT FARM BUYER LOADING

7-13 CENTS/LB. 9.95

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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