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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was steady to weak in the Midwest, about steady to steady elsewhere. Retail demand was light to good, best where Labor Day features were active. Food service was light to instances fairly good best into fast food. Supplies were mixed, mostly sufficient to satisfy current trade needs. Floor stocks were in a full range. In the parts structure, movement was light to fair for mid-week trading. Breast items were fully adequate to ample and slow to clear. Wings were mixed, but overall available. Dark meat items were adequate to closely balanced with legs noted as slightly more available. 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 advanced .25 cents to 88.75 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 81.75 cents last year on August 29, 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	175.00
BREASTS - B/S	143.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	82.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	131.00
THIGHS	63.00
DRUMSTICKS	70.50
LEG QUARTERS	54.50
WINGS	96.50

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

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was cautiously steady. Demand was mostly fair with trading usually limited to regular commitments. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was mostly fair for mid-week trading. Breast items were at least adequate to available with some discounting. Wings were available and dark meat items were sufficient and moving well. 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 fair at best and generally unaggressive during midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes were more than sufficient for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive was unaggressive. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items were readily available and competitively priced. Dark meat cuts were clearing satisfactorily with the exception of legs which were noted as slightly more available. Tenders and wings were available with light movement.

MIDWEST REGION Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady instances barely steady to weak. Producer offerings were moderate to heavy on mostly light trade call. Retail and food service activity was generally light; occasionally better especially into fast food on wings and eight-piece cutup. Floor stocks were in a full range; weights desirable. Offerings of breast item fully adequate to ample; wings were mixed, but overall available and leg items were in balance to short. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady on bone-in leg items; steady to mostly weak on breast cuts and mixed on wings.

WESTERN REGION The market tone was cautiously steady. Offerings were generally adequate with lightweight product in the closest position. Buyers' watched market developments before securing anything other than regular commitments. Retailer demand was moderate to good, best to cover Labor Day promotions. Floor stocks were adequate overall.

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 23, 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 4 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 171 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 23, 2008. Placements were down 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through August 23, 2008 were 6.02 billion, up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED

WEEK ENDING 08/23/08	TOTAL 19 SELECTED STATES		PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
	2008	2007	
EGGS SET	206,817	215,662	-04
CHICKS PLACED	170,528	177,243	-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 04-Oct-08 is estimated at 158.2 million head. This compares to 159.4 million head the previous week and to 167.4 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 173.3 million head and the composite weighted average price was 70.66 cents per pound.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

AUG 27

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	TOO FEW TO REPORT				BREAST - B/S	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
TENDERLOINS	146	100.00-188.00	-	113.26	TENDERLOINS	150	100.00-188.00	-	119.01
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	208	66.00-77.00	67-69	68.73	LEGS	193	64.00-76.00	67-69	68.23
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	426	52.00-56.00	53-54	53.50	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	386	52.00-56.00	53-54	53.45
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	942	53.00-57.00	55-56	55.38	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	957	53.00-57.00	55-56	55.20
WINGS (WHOLE)	207	62.00-88.00	-	74.81	WINGS (WHOLE)	202	62.00-85.00	-	74.01
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	100	112.00-128.00	-	118.35	B/S THIGHS	105	113.00-127.00	-	117.57

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
57.00-64.00	60.25	59.50-65.00	61.73	61.50

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 and unaggressive during midweek trading as most dealers saw no need to extend inventories beyond regular commitments. Offerings of breast items were fully adequate to readily available with light movement. Wings and tenders were more than sufficient for current needs. Dark meat cuts were mostly adequate with legs noted as slightly more available. Retail and distributive movement was lackluster. The market tone was barely steady to weak for breast items; about steady to steady for the balance of items.

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

AUG 26	CURRENT NEG	WTD		AUG 27	CURRENT NEG	WTD	
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG	VOL/LBS	ITEM	TRADING*	AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	120-125	127.43	627,663	BREAST - B/S	120-125	127.66	387,361
TENDERLOINS	120-125	123.64	147,920	TENDERLOINS	120-125	121.44	78,560
BREAST - WITH RIBS	64-65	73.62	153,200	BREAST - WITH RIBS	63-64	79.42	66,320
BREAST - LINE RUN	64	63.29	61,200	BREAST - LINE RUN	63	63.79	59,400
LEGS	71-72	73.02	138,760	LEGS	71-72	73.87	190,440
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	54-55	56.54	200,120	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	54-55	56.90	187,920
DRUMSTICKS	65-66	76.76	91,084	DRUMSTICKS	65-66	76.62	53,400
THIGHS	61-60	74.55	59,108	THIGHS	61-60	74.36	42,280
B/S THIGHS	128-129	131.28	75,880	B/S THIGHS	128-129	132.51	45,240
WINGS (WHOLE)	88-89	93.44	179,930	WINGS (WHOLE)	88-89	96.28	149,960
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-14	15.00	13,440	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-14	15.00	14,760
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	38.59	12,480	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	38.05	5,120
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	53.28	24,840	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	51.15	21,960

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)	08/26	(1,000)	08/22	08/25	08/22	(1,000)	08/18	WTS
Alabama	3,882	4,161	4,178	3,929	5.43	5.46	3,765	5.48	
Arkansas	5,244	5,313	4,601	4,940	5.72	5.29	5,207	5.65	
Delmarva	2,232	2,223	2,225	2,385	6.08	5.95	2,175	6.16	
KY-LA-TN	2,308	2,306	2,154	2,345	5.04	5.01	2,286	5.14	
Mississippi	2,995	2,897	2,935	3,476	5.87	5.79	3,072	5.87	
North Carolina	2,858	2,847	2,735	3,151	7.07	6.72	2,736	6.90	
Texas	2,573	2,570	2,650	2,669	5.49	5.25	2,548	5.53	
Total	22,092	22,317	21,478	22,895	5.80	5.63	21,789	5.79	
Mon-Wed	66,069 (A)						66,181 (A)		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 27-Aug-08 is estimated to be 33,052,000 head up 1.09 percent from a week ago and up 1.18 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,697,000, last year 32,665,000)

**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 30-AUG-08

Class	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	08/30/08 (1)	08/23/08
	----- Thousand head -----	
Broiler/fryer	168,881(2)	169,331
Light hens	1,322	1,526
Heavy hens	1,704	1,835
Total	171,907	172,692

(1)ESTIMATED

2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 30-Aug-08 is 163.7 million head compared to 173.6 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 169.2 million head or 5.5 million more than estimated available. For the week of 06-Sep-08 the estimated available is 161.6 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 08/25/08	138,536	82,456
AM 08/01/08	131,834	74,868
CHG	6,702	7,588
PCT CHG	5	10

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	08/25/08	08/18/08	08/27/07	08/25/08	08/18/08	08/27/07
PACIFIC COAST	702	807	2,580	7,483	7,617	8,183
LOS ANGELES	355	355	200	1,645	1,762	1,052

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 25, 2008

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

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	FOR 08/26/08			FOR 08/26/08		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.30	1.75	1.28	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	4.25	8.00
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	3.25	4.50
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	2.50
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	5.00
RABBITS lb.	1.20	2.30	1.89	RABBITS ea.	-	3.75
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	.50	2.25
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	2.25
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-			
TOTAL COOPS	56					

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending August 22, 2008

	Whole		Legs	Necks,Backs	Livers
	Chickens	Breasts	W/Thighs	& Wings	Gizzards
RAYON					
Low	51.63	112.25	76.33	13.47	4.49 56.12
High	68.70	121.23	85.31	15.71	8.98 56.12
Mostly	57.02	112.25	80.82	15.71	4.49 56.12
SAN JUAN					
Low	51.19	112.25	76.33	13.47	4.49 53.88
High	68.25	121.23	80.82	13.47	6.73 53.88
Mostly	56.12	116.74	76.33	13.47	4.49 53.88
NEW SAN JUAN					
Low	52.98	116.74	80.82	13.47	4.49 69.59
High	69.59	125.72	89.80	22.45	8.98 69.59
Mostly	52.98	116.74	85.31	17.96	4.49 69.59
BECERRA					
Low	56.12	121.23	85.31	13.47	4.49 58.37
High	71.84	130.21	94.29	22.45	8.98 58.37
Mostly	56.12	121.23	89.80	17.96	4.49 58.37

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to fair for midweek business. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate for lackluster buying interests. Live supplies were moderate; weights varied, but 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 steady. In the parts complex, breast items were fully adequate to readily available with slow movement. Dark meat cuts were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Wings were mixed.

	RANGE	WEIGHTED AVERAGE	NO. OF BOXES	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
	73-81	(A)	(A)	62-91
	71-94	(A)	(A)	

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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