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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were lower in the Midwest, unchanged elsewhere when compared to last week. Trade sentiment was about steady to steady in the Northeast and West, steady to weak in the Midwest. Retail demand was fair to good with refill activity providing the best draw. Food service demand covered the full range, mostly moderate overall. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate to satisfy current trade needs. Floor stocks were balanced to instances long. In the parts structure, movement was light to fair for early-week trading. Breast items were more than adequate with boneless breast noted as in a slightly better balance. Wings were mixed, mostly adequate and tenders were sufficient to fully sufficient. Dark meat items were balanced to closely cleared and moving satisfactorily. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable.

FINAL BROILER FRYER 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 01-SEP-2008 (cents per lb)

Areas	US grade A			: Composite	
	Majority	Wtd Avg	Lds	:Wtd Avg	Lds
Boston/New England	TFEWR			: 76.88	17
Chicago	68.00-72.00	68.01	22	: 68.79	67
Ohio Cities	TFEWR			: 68.29	11
Denver	96.50	96.83	12	: 94.77	13
Detroit	76.00-77.00	76.67	9	: 75.98	46
Los Angeles	97.00	94.85	60	: 86.00	144
New York	70.00-73.00	71.55	22	: 72.54	59
Philadelphia	69.50-71.00	70.04	13	: 71.73	26
Pittsburgh	69.00-72.00	70.36	11	: 78.45	52
St. Louis	67.00-68.00	66.77	19	: 69.40	28
San Francisco	97.50	96.03	32	: 94.30	37

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	09/01/08	Change Last Wk	08/25/08	09/03/07
500	77.90	-1.16	79.06	80.56

WOG Broilers - (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and ltl quantities:

Marketing Regions	Majority	Wtd Avg	Lds
Eastern	77.00-79.00	78.65	32
Central	60.00-76.00	71.11	82
Western	72.00-78.00	78.02	47

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	86.00-89.00	88.02	91
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broiler/fryers for this week's trading is 88.75 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
1,074	70.00-89.00	86.82

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	173.50	1,334
BREASTS - B/S	142.50	5,655
BREASTS - WHOLE	82.00	1,457
THIGH MEAT - B/S	129.50	1,124
THIGHS	63.00	579
DRUMSTICKS	70.50	774
LEG QUARTERS	54.50	9,302
WINGS	95.50	2,646

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

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light to no better than fair as most dealers were cautious following the holiday weekend. Offerings of all sizes were fully sufficient for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair at best. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items were fully adequate to readily available; tenders and wings were at least adequate for current needs. Dark meat cuts were sufficient and clearing satisfactorily.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYER Trade sentiment was about steady to steady. Post holiday demand was light to fair following the weekend. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was no better than fair. Breast items were fully adequate to readily available with light interest. Tenders were sufficient and moving well. Wings were mixed, but available. Dark meat items were adequate to well cleared. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone on whole broiler fryers was steady and WOGs steady to barely steady. Demand light to moderate. Offerings adequate to fully adequate. Sizes desirable. Floor stocks mostly adequate. Supplies of white items adequate to fully adequate, dark items light to adequate. Demand light to moderate. The market tone on white items was steady to barely steady, dark items steady to instances fully steady. Demand light to moderate. Offerings available. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was down 2.23 cents to 74.15 cents with the volume at 33 loads, up 3%.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority delivered prices moved lower into Detroit, Chicago and St. Louis; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady to weak. Retail activity was moderate to good, while food service covered the full range, mostly moderate overall. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate; weights desirable. Part's trade centered on boneless/skinless breast and wings, offerings moderate on both items. Offerings on all other parts were fully sufficient for current trade needs. The market tone was unsettled on bone-in dark meat, steady to weak on breast cuts and steady to barely steady on wings.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was mostly fair for post holiday trading. Offerings were sufficient to fully sufficient for immediate trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processing schedules was moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices continued unchanged at 72 to 84 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady with some caution noted. In the parts complex, breast items were reported as at least adequate to available. Wings were mixed. Dark meat cuts were balanced to sufficient 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	62-91
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operation.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was cautious and selective as dealers assess market conditions following the extended holiday weekend. Offerings of breast items were at least adequate to available with boneless skinless breast noted as in slightly better balance. Wings were mixed and at least adequate for current needs. Tenders were fully adequate and dark meat cuts were balance to adequate with drums and thighs in the best position. Retail and distributive movement was about fair, best for refill activity. The market tone was about steady to barely steady for breast items and wings; generally 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		120-125	120.04	286,320
TENDERLOINS		120-125	125.95	155,240
BREAST - WITH RIBS		62-63	74.55	107,180
BREAST - LINE RUN		62	63.39	59,400
LEGS		71-72	73.77	121,520
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)		54-55	56.46	265,760
DRUMSTICKS		65-66	74.84	42,440
THIGHS		61-60	73.64	37,040
B/S THIGHS		128-129	125.23	46,920
WINGS (WHOLE)		87-88	90.21	151,120
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)		12-14	15.00	13,120
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)		35-40	38.21	2,800
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)		50-55	51.36	13,680

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	1,627	95.00-178.00	97-104	104.19
TENDERLOINS	843	96.00-205.00	-	102.82
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,598	51.00-54.00	54	53.92
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,096	54.00-56.00	54-55	54.94
WINGS (WHOLE)	959	60.00-97.00	70-79	73.63
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
THIGHS	1,564	50.00-58.00	50	50.56

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (In thousands)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	09/02	08/29	08/29	08/26	22-Aug
Alabama	4,342	3,979	5.22	3,999	5.46
Arkansas	5,566	5,404	5.48	5,047	5.29
Delmarva	2,281	3,253	5.98	2,228	5.95
KY-LA-TN	1,985	2,360	4.88	2,320	5.01
Mississippi	3,017	3,629	5.84	2,673	5.79
North Carolina	2,797	3,699	6.91	2,815	6.72
Texas	2,581	2,722	5.21	2,689	5.25
Total	22,569	25,046	5.68	21,771	5.63
Mon-Tue	31,405 (A)			43,249 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 02-Sep 2008 is estimated to be 33,766,000 up 3.35 percent from a week ago. and up 0.3 percent from a year ago.

(last week 32,670,000 last year 33,650,000)

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	334	102.00-188.00	-	120.77
TENDERLOINS	125	100.00-180.00	-	112.34
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	173	66.00-70.00	67-69	67.80
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	421	51.00-56.00	53-54	53.54
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	907	53.00-58.00	55-56	55.45
WINGS (WHOLE)	205	64.00-88.00	-	75.88
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 Sep 02, 2008 -- F.O.B. Dock

RANGE TODAY'S AVERAGE

59.00 - 63.00 61.11

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 01 SEP-2008 TO 05-SEP-2008, CENTS PER POUND

	Price per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	99.00-124.00	100.00-115.00
TENDERLOINS	103.00-137.00	115.00-125.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	57.00- 94.00	64.00- 70.00
LEGS	69.00- 76.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	52.00- 63.00	54.00- 56.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	54.00- 62.00	56.00- 58.00
DRUMSTICKS	62.00- 73.00	-
THIGHS	59.00- 70.00	-
B/S THIGHS	123.00-137.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	70.00- 95.00	80.00- 89.00
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	101.25-118.25
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	104.75-122.75
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

FRESH FRYERS	109-119
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

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	159
	DRY PACK	123
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK	117
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	112
	ICE PACK	114
DUCKS		235-252

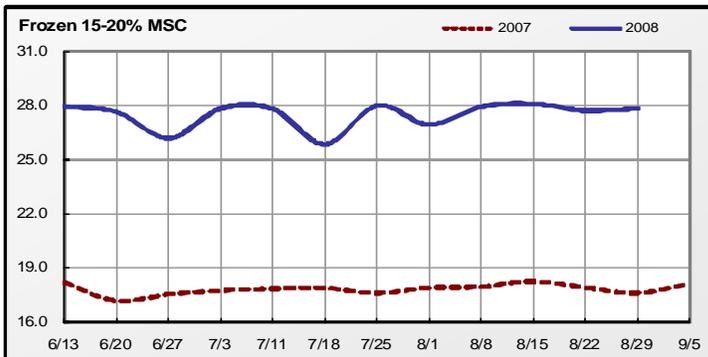
National Mechanically Separated Chicken

(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.)

The MSC market tone was steady to fully steady. Supplies of fresh 15-20% were in close balance to adequate; frozen was in close balance to tight. Demand for fresh and frozen was fair to good. Supplies of raw materials continue tight and held with confidence. Domestic and export trading was fair to fairly good with most inquiry from Mexico, Central American and Asian countries. Schedules were seasonally normal for the approaching holiday weekend. Frame values were steady trading mostly between 7 to 9 cents FOB.

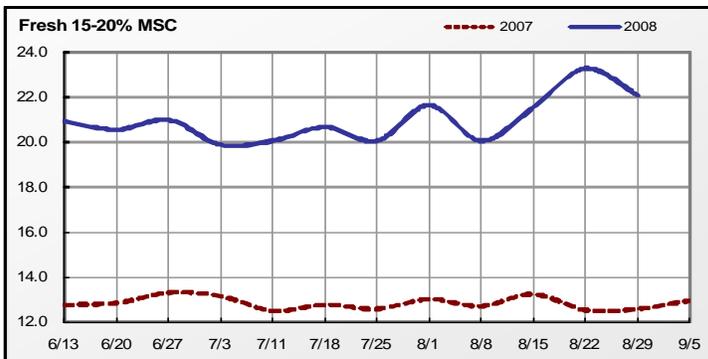
Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	29-Aug-08	Last Week	Last Year	29-Aug-08	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range	25.00 - 34.00	-	15.50	26.50 - 27.00	26.50 - 27.00	15.00-17.00
Wtd Avg Price	29.00	-	15.50	26.70	26.75	16.16
Volume Traded	320	-	52	200	241	488
Volume Exported	280	-	52	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	24.00 - 31.00	24.00 - 31.00	16.00-21.00	18.00 - 27.00	18.00 - 28.00	11.00-16.00
Wtd Avg Price	27.84	27.72	18.10	22.08	23.28	12.96
Volume Traded	1,646	894	1,356	2,080	2,481	2,048
Volume Exported	1,246	734	1,196	667	631	329
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	21.00	21.00	14.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	21.00	21.00	14.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	80	82	120
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
15% or Less						
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	-	-	-
15-20%						
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
20% or More						
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 levels were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was light for at least adequate offerings from production areas. Schedules were increased. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was steady at best.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 01-SEP-08

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-13		9.85

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS

Prices were generally unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was mostly fair for the adequate to at least sufficient offerings of spent fowl. Processing schedules were reduced due to the Labor Day holiday. 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 01-SEP-08

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-13.5	CENTS/LB.	10.00
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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