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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was steady to weak in the Midwest, about steady to unsettled in the Northeast and cautiously steady in the West. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate with some caution noted. Supplies ranged adequate to ample to satisfy trade needs. Floor stocks were balanced to long. In the parts structure, trading was light and selective. Breast items were fully adequate to available, and wings were mixed but easy to obtain. Dark meat cuts were better balance to closely cleared and continue to move well. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights varied, but were mostly desirable. The Composite Weighted Average price for 09/01/08 was 77.90 compared to 79.06 a week earlier, and 80.56 a year ago.



GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 88.75 cents based on full truckload lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 81.75 cents last year on September 5, 2007.

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

DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	173.50
BREASTS - B/S	141.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	81.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	131.50
THIGHS	63.00
DRUMSTICKS	70.50
LEG QUARTERS	54.50
WINGS	95.50

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

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was unsettled. Demand was light to fair with trading limited to regular commitments. Supplies of all sizes were fully sufficient to satisfy current trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was no better than fair for mid-week trading. Breast items and wings were at least adequate to available and often discounted to help move. Dark meat items were better balance to closely cleared and continued to have the best movement. 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 as dealers saw no need to extend floor stocks beyond regular commitments. Offerings of all sizes were fully sufficient for current needs with 3 pound and heavier sizes noted as more available. Movement through retail and distributive was only fair. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items were fully adequate to readily available. Dark meat cuts were mostly adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Wings were mixed in availability and were fully adequate for trade needs.

MIDWEST REGION Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady to weak. Producer offerings were ample on light trade call. Retail and food service was moderate at best. Floor stocks were in balance to fully adequate; weights desirable to heavy. Part offerings were more than sufficient for the nonaggressive trade interest. Trade sentiment was steady to cautiously steady on dark meat cuts, and barely steady to weak on all other parts.

WESTERN REGION The market tone on whole broiler fryers was steady and WOGs steady to barely steady. Demand slow to moderate whole and all parts items with some buyers purchasing hand to mouth. Offerings adequate to fully adequate of whole body and WOGs. Sizes desirable. Floor stocks adequate. The market tone on breast meat was steady to weak, balance of items mostly steady. Offerings of breast meat adequate to ample, balance of items mostly adequate.

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

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 205 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 30, 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.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN 4 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 170 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 30, 2008. Placements were down 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through August 30, 2008 were 6.19 billion, up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

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

WEEK ENDING 08/30/08	2008	2007	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
	<i>Thousand</i>		
EGGS SET	205,417	215,502	-05
CHICKS PLACED	169,718	176,942	-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 11-Oct-08 is estimated at 156.2 million head. This compares to 158.2 million head the previous week and to 167.0 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 169.1 million head and the composite weighted average price was 70.36 cents per pound.

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER 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.

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>POUNDS</u> <u>(000)</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>	<u>WTD</u> <u>AVG</u>
BREAST - B/S	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
TENDERLOINS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	176	65.00-71.00	67-69	68.44
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	407	51.00-55.00	53-54	53.78
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	902	52.00-57.00	55-56	55.20
WINGS (WHOLE)	196	68.00-88.00	-	75.76
WINGS (CUT)	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
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

<u>RANGE</u>	<u>TODAY'S AVERAGE</u>	<u>5-DAY AVERAGE</u>
58.50 - 62.00	59.92	61.01

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 selective and generally unaggressive during midweek trading. Offerings of breast items were fully adequate to readily available. Wings were irregular and more than sufficient for current needs. Tenders were fully adequate and dark meat cuts were balance to adequate. Retail and distributive movement was no better than fair. The market tone was barely steady to weak for breast items; about steady to barely steady for wings. 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.

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>CURRENT NEG</u> <u>TRADING*</u>	<u>WTD</u> <u>AVG</u>	<u>VOL/LBS</u>
BREAST - B/S	115-120	119.52	694,460
TENDERLOINS	120-125	120.66	188,640
BREAST - WITH RIBS	62-63	69.02	187,440
BREAST - LINE RUN	62	63.59	61,200
LEGS	71-72	70.22	344,840
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	54-55	56.52	333,160
DRUMSTICKS	65-66	75.57	89,960
THIGHS	61-60	75.41	66,440
B/S THIGHS	128-129	130.63	42,520
WINGS (WHOLE)	87-88	81.85	312,040
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-14	14.76	25,040
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	39.11	16,640
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	51.27	41,800

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 (IN THOUSANDS)

	<u>ESTIMATED</u>		<u>ACTUAL</u>		<u>AVG WTS</u>		<u>ACTUAL</u>		<u>AVG</u>
	(1,000)	09/02	(1,000)	08/29	09/01	08/29	(1,000)	08/27	WTS
Alabama	4,243	4,342	(A)	3,979	(A)	5.22	4,122	5.43	
Arkansas	5,458	5,566	(A)	5,404	(A)	5.48	5,090	5.72	
Delmarva	2,252	2,281	(A)	3,253	(A)	5.98	2,248	6.08	
KY-LA-TN	2,073	1,985	(A)	2,360	(A)	4.88	2,323	5.04	
Mississippi	2,865	3,017	(A)	3,629	(A)	5.84	2,964	5.87	
North Carolina	2,852	2,797	(A)	3,699	(A)	6.91	2,802	7.07	
Texas	2,585	2,581	(A)	2,722	(A)	5.21	2,642	5.49	
Total	22,328	22,569	6,765	25,046	5.04	5.68	22,191	5.80	
Mon-Wed	53,733(B)						65,440(B)		

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations
(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 03-Sep-08 is estimated to be 33,405,000 head up 0.32 percent from a week ago and down -0.52 percent from a year ago.
(Last week 33,300,000, last year 33,580,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

PROCESSED POULTRY, DLVRD TO RETAILERS

	<u>RANGE</u>
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
DLVRD TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	<u>RANGE</u>
BROILER 2# & OVER	ICE PACK 159 DRY PACK 123
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 114 DRY PACK 117
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 114 DRY PACK 112
DUCKS	235-252

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 06-SEP-08

Class	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	09/06/08 (1)	Thousand head		08/30/08
Broiler/fryer	151,687(2)			168,881
Light hens	1,215			1,322
Heavy hens	1,521			1,704
Total	154,423			171,907

(1)ESTIMATED

2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 06-Sep-08 is 161.6 million head compared to 151.3 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 152.0 million head or 9.6 million less than estimated available. For the week of 13-Sep-08 the estimated available is 161.8 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 09/01/08	142,893		88,896	
AM 08/01/08	131,834		74,868	
CHG	11,059		14,028	
PCT CHG	8		19	

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	09/02/08	08/25/08	09/03/07	09/02/08	08/25/08	09/03/07
PACIFIC COAST	2,236	702	2,785	5,647	7,483	7,376
LOS ANGELES	402	355	218	1,529	1,645	1,045

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 SEPTEMBER 1, 2008

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

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

	FOR 09/02/08			FOR 09/02/08		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	-	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	3.00	4.50
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	1.75	2.00
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	2.25	3.00
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	5.00	6.00
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	9.25
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	3.50	15.00
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	1.40	2.00	1.67	RABBITS ea.	2.50	5.75
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.00	3.50
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	43					

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending August 29, 2008

	Whole Chickens		Legs W/Thighs	Necks,Backs & Wings	Livers Gizzards	Hens
	RAYON					
Low	54.72	110.32	75.02	13.24	4.41	52.95
High	68.40	123.56	92.67	17.65	8.83	52.95
Mostly	54.72	119.14	83.84	17.65	4.41	52.95
SAN JUAN						
Low	52.95	110.32	75.02	13.24	4.41	52.95
High	67.07	127.97	88.25	17.65	8.83	52.95
Mostly	52.95	119.14	79.43	13.24	6.62	52.95
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	56.04	114.73	79.43	17.65	4.41	57.37
High	69.72	127.97	92.67	22.06	8.83	57.37
Mostly	56.04	123.56	88.25	17.65	4.41	57.37
BECERRA						
Low	57.37	119.14	83.84	17.65	4.41	59.57
High	71.93	132.38	97.08	22.06	8.83	59.57
Mostly	57.37	123.56	92.67	19.86	4.41	59.57

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to fair for midweek business. Offerings were sufficient to fully sufficient with some discounting noted on 3.0 and 3.5 pound birds. Live supplies were moderate; weights varied, but were usually desirable. Processing schedules ranged moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices remained unchanged at 72 to 84 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items were reported as fully adequate to readily available. Wings were irregular. Dark meat cuts were balanced to sufficient.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
62-88
RANGE
WEIGHTED AVERAGE
NO. OF BOXES
(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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