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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were unchanged in all areas when compared to last week. Trade sentiment was about steady in the Northeast, steady to weak in the Midwest and cautiously steady in the West. Retail and food service demand was in a full range, slow to instances good. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate to satisfy current trade needs. Floor stocks were balanced to occasionally long. In the parts structure, trading was fair at best for early-week trading. Breast items were sufficient to fully sufficient. Wings were mixed, but available and tenders were more than adequate. Dark meat items were generally adequate. In productions areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights varied, but were 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 08-SEP-2008 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A MAJORITY	COMPOSITE			
		WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Boston/New England	TFEWR	:	77.07	14	
Chicago	68.00-72.00	68.42	24 :	67.92	54
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	:	68.50	15	
Denver	96.50	95.00	13 :	91.30	17
Detroit	76.00-77.00	76.44	9 :	75.83	45
Los Angeles	97.00	93.43	54 :	87.55	101
New York	70.00-73.00	71.60	20 :	72.31	54
Philadelphia	69.50-71.00	70.18	11 :	71.68	22
Pittsburgh	69.00-72.00	70.42	12 :	78.13	53
St. Louis	67.00-68.00	66.81	19 :	69.45	30
San Francisco	97.50	96.79	28 :	93.29	40

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	09/08/08	Change	Last Wk 9/01/08	09/10/07
445	78.19	.29	77.90	80.37

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	76.00-78.00	77.05	32
Central	58.00-75.00	69.77	69
Western	72.00-78.00	81.33	50
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent			
Mississippi	85.00-89.00	88.04	85

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.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,077	70.00-89.25	86.47

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	1,441
BREASTS - B/S	140.00	5,990
BREASTS - WHOLE	81.50	1,541
THIGH MEAT - B/S	130.00	1,201
THIGHS	63.00	627
DRUMSTICKS	71.50	855
LEG QUARTERS	54.50	9,763
WINGS	95.00	2,780

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

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYER Trade sentiment was about steady. Demand following the weekend was fair to moderate best where feature activity was noted. Supplies of all sizes were sufficient to satisfy current trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was no better than fair for early-week trading. Breast items were at least adequate to fully adequate. Tenders and wings were in a slightly better position and dark meat items were generally sufficient. In productions 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 to no better than fair as most dealers were cautious 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 and tenders were at least adequate to available. Wings were irregular and dark meat cuts were sufficient.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majorities are unchanged from last Monday's. The market tone is cautiously steady to steady on whole broilers and WOGs with heavier sizes weakest. Demand light to moderate with mostly normal weekend fill-in activity noted. Some spot increases in retail demand noted in response to the end of summer vacation schedules. Offerings adequate to fully adequate. The market tone on breast items was steady to weak, wings and dark items mostly steady. Demand light to moderate. Offerings of breast items adequate to ample, wings and dark items adequate. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was down .09 to 74.06 cents with the volume unchanged.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority delivered prices unchanged to lower into Midwest markets; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady to weak on light offerings. Retail and food service demand was in full range. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate; weights trending heavy. Part offerings were fully sufficient for light trade fill-in needs. Part's trade centered on breast cuts and wings. The market tone was steady on dark meat and about steady to weak on the balance.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light and selective into regular shipping channels. Offerings were noted as sufficient to fully sufficient with 3.00 and 3.50 pound birds more available. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but noted as mostly desirable. Processor schedules were 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 at least adequate to fully adequate. Wings were mixed, but available. Dark meat cuts were 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	59-91
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operation.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity improved slightly over the weekend but was no better than fair overall entering the week. Offerings of breast items and tenders were at least adequate to fully adequate. Wings were mixed and fully sufficient for current needs. Dark meat cuts were generally adequate. Retail and distributive movement was fair. The market tone was barely steady for breast items; generally steady on the balance.

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

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	115	112.04	463,219
TENDERLOINS	120-125	121.33	106,480
BREAST - WITH RIBS	62-63	72.61	85,600
BREAST - LINE RUN	62	62.56	61,200
LEGS	71-72	73.19	138,000
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	54-55	55.55	302,840
DRUMSTICKS	65-66	74.00	43,680
THIGHS	60-61	71.72	53,760
B/S THIGHS	128-129	131.44	27,800
WINGS (WHOLE)	87-88	92.55	161,680
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-14	14.77	10,040
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	39.19	4,960
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	51.63	19,440

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	1,828	95.00-178.00	95-100	101.74
TENDERLOINS	645	92.00-205.00	100-110	103.78
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	979	52.00-54.00	54	53.59
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	984	55.00-56.00	55	55.02
WINGS (WHOLE)	608	70.00-99.00	70-74	73.50
DRUMSTICKS	229	63.00-70.00	63-67	65.98
THIGHS	1,250	50.00-58.00	50-53	52.85

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (In thousands)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	09/08	09/04	09/04	09/01	08/28
Alabama	4,285	4,234	5.16	(A)	5.30
Arkansas	4,841	5,364	5.54	(A)	5.36
Delmarva	2,242	2,293	5.99	(A)	5.93
KY-LA-TN	2,351	2,351	5.05	(A)	5.12
Mississippi	2,952	3,049	5.78	(A)	5.72
North Carolina	2,873	2,695	6.89	(A)	6.88
Texas	2,540	2,633	5.31	(A)	5.22
Total	22,084	22,619	5.63	6,765	5.59
Mon	22,084 (B)			6,765 (B)	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 08-Sep 2008 is estimated to be 33,040,000 up 225.45 percent from a week ago. and up 0.2 percent from a year ago. (last week 10,152,000 last year 32,976,000)

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		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
TENDERLOINS	155	102.00-189.00	-	112.79
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	203	66.00-70.50	68-69	68.49
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	382	51.00-55.00	53-54	53.57
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,142	52.00-58.00	55-56	55.38
WINGS (WHOLE)	167	68.00-88.00	-	76.98
WINGS (CUT)	101	85.00-102.00	-	95.27
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS	87	114.00-131.00	-	120.25

Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for Sep 08, 2008 -- F.O.B. Dock

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
58.50 - 62.00	60.62	60.26

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 08 SEP-2008 TO 12-SEP-2008, CENTS PER POUND

	Price per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	95.00 - 117.00	95.00 - 108.00
TENDERLOINS	103.00 - 135.00	119.00 - 125.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	51.00 - 94.00	59.00 - 70.00
LEGS	69.00 - 76.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	50.00 - 63.00	54.00 - 56.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	54.00 - 62.00	56.00 - 58.00
DRUMSTICKS	62.00 - 73.00	-
THIGHS	61.00 - 70.00	-
B/S THIGHS	127.00 - 132.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	70.00 - 99.00	84.00 - 91.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 29.00	-
LIVERS	32.00 - 49.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 59.00	-

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	105-123
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#	
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

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

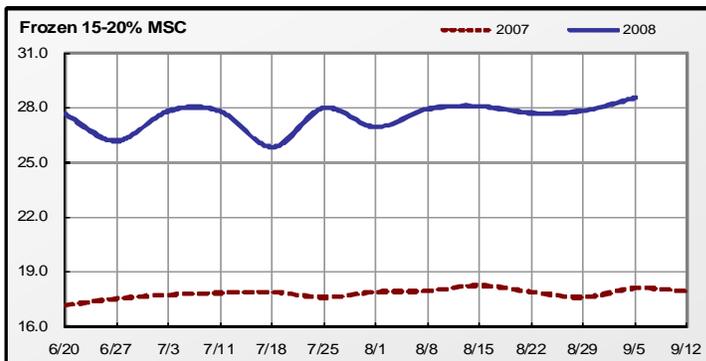
National Mechanically Separated Chicken

(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 good balance to adequate; frozen remained in close balance to tight and held with confidence. Demand for fresh and frozen product was fair to good. Supplies of raw materials continue tight. Domestic and export trading ranged fair to good, mostly fair to fairly good with most inquiry from Mexico, Central American and Asian countries. Schedules were seasonally normal. Frame values were steady trading mostly between 7 to 9 cents FOB.

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

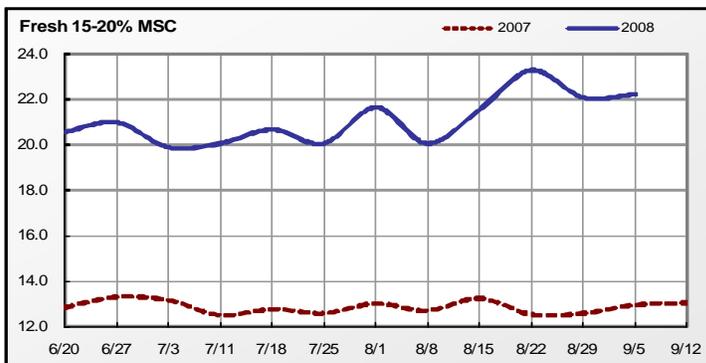
Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	5-Sep-08	Last Week	Last Year	5-Sep-08	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range	27.00	25.00 - 34.00	18.00	27.00 - 28.00	26.50 - 27.00	15.00-16.00
Wtd Avg Price	27.00	29.00	18.00	27.28	26.70	15.77
Volume Traded	966	320	262	283	200	345
Volume Exported	160	280	262	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	24.00 - 32.00	24.00 - 31.00	16.00-21.00	20.00 - 27.00	18.00 - 27.00	11.00-16.00
Wtd Avg Price	28.55	27.84	17.94	22.23	22.08	13.05
Volume Traded	966	1,646	692	2,448	2,080	1,845
Volume Exported	734	1,246	612	523	667	694
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	21.00	21.00	14.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	21.00	21.00	14.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	80	80
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	Aug 2008	Jul 2008	Aug 2007	Aug 2008	Jul 2008	Aug 2007
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	29.00	30.00	18.35	25.52	23.72	15.94
Volume Traded	320	40	1,260	1,508	647	2,030
Volume Exported	280	-	1,097	-	-	-
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	27.61	27.53	17.96	21.74	20.16	12.77
Volume Traded	7,046	5,069	7,270	14,374	12,334	10,697
Volume Exported	5,761	4,269	6,564	2,757	2,830	2,336
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	***.***	-	-	21.00	-	14.00
Volume Traded	***.***	-	-	***522***	-	440
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

Pricing was generally unchanged from the past report. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent heavy fowl. Schedules were as desired. Finished sales were slow to fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

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

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-13		9.76

* 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 offerings of spent fowl. Processing schedules were noted as normal. 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 08-SEP-08

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7.5-13.5	CENTS/LB.	9.99
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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