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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was mixed, overall no better than steady in all areas. Retail and food service demand was slow to moderate, and usually limited to regular commitments. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate to satisfy current trade needs. Floor stocks were in a full range. In the parts structure, trading was fair at best for mid-week trading. Breast items were balanced to readily available with mixed interest. Wings were irregular, ranging adequate to short. Dark meat items were in good supply and moving satisfactorily. In productions areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights varied, but were mostly desirable.



GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading declined .25 cents to 88.50 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 September 12, 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	173.50
BREASTS - B/S	140.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	81.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	131.50
THIGHS	63.00
DRUMSTICKS	71.00
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 steady to about steady. Demand into all channels was light to fair, and usually limited to regular commitments. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate to satisfy current trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was mostly fair for mid-week trading. Breast items were more than sufficient with mixed interest. Wings were mostly sufficient and moving well. Dark meat items continue balanced to well cleared. 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 most dealers limited orders to most immediate needs. Offerings of all sizes were at least sufficient to satisfy trade requirements. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, dark meat cuts were in good supply and moving satisfactorily. Wings were sufficient to better balanced, and breast items were at least adequate with light interest.

MIDWEST REGION The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was steady. Whole bird producer offerings were light to moderate on like trade inquiry. Retail and food service movement was slow to moderate at best. Floor stocks were in a full range; weights desirable to trending heavy. In the part's sector, trade centered on wings and boneless/skinless breast. Offerings remained adequate for current needs on breast cuts to at time more than sufficient, while wings were mixed in availability from adequate to short and dark meat lines were adequate. Trade sentiment was steady on dark meat lines, mostly steady on breast cuts and small wings were steady to firm, large wings steady.

WESTERN REGION Whole broiler fryer and wog trade sentiment was mostly steady with offerings adequate for the light buyer needs. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate at best with most interest on wings. Buyers were keeping floor stocks closely balanced to short as some were cutting back on regular orders. Sizes were desirable to instances heavy. Supplies of breast cuts were available, wings mixed depending on size, and dark meat items adequate to close. The market tone on breast items was barely steady to weak and about steady on the balance of parts.

BROILER -TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 3 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 202 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 6, 2008. This was down 3 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 3 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 170 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 6, 2008. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through September 6, 2008 were 6.36 billion, up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

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

WEEK ENDING 09/06/08	2008	2007	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
	<i>Thousand</i>		
EGGS SET	201,826	208,821	-03
CHICKS PLACED	169,861	175,893	-03

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 18-Oct-08 is estimated at 155.9 million head. This compares to 156.2 million head the previous week and to 166.7 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 171.7 million head and the composite weighted average price was 70.05 cents per pound.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

SEPT 10

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	467	95.00-189.00	-	115.66
TENDERLOINS	207	102.00-178.00	-	122.33	TENDERLOINS	176	100.00-181.00	-	119.59
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		TOO FEW TO REPORT			LEGS	194	65.00-71.00	68-70	68.56
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	401	50.00-55.00	52-54	53.53	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	436	50.00-56.00	53-54	53.49
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	757	52.00-57.00	54.75-56	55.51	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	712	52.00-58.00	55-56	55.21
WINGS (WHOLE)	140	69.00-88.00	-	71.07	WINGS (WHOLE)	205	70.00-90.00	-	77.68
WINGS (CUT)	101	85.00-102.00	-	95.27	WINGS (CUT)	104	85.00-102.00	-	95.46
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS	115	112.00-131.00	-	117.04	B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

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
55.50-60.50	58.53	57.00-61.50	59.75	59.71

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.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS - Trucklot buying activity was generally fair at best for mid-week trading. Offerings of breast items and tenders were at least adequate with mixed interest. Wings were sufficient to better balanced and moving seasonally well. Dark meat cuts were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Retail and distributive movement was fair. The market tone was steady at best for breast items, steady for dark meat, and at least steady for wings.

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

SEPT 09	CURRENT NEG	WTD		SEPT 10	CURRENT NEG	WTD	
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG	VOL/LBS	ITEM	TRADING*	AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	115	113.71	626,042	BREAST - B/S	115	110.47	460,720
TENDERLOINS	120-125	121.91	169,470	TENDERLOINS	120-125	124.02	83,400
BREAST - WITH RIBS	62-63	65.74	178,960	BREAST - WITH RIBS	62-63	75.51	62,320
BREAST - LINE RUN	62	62.79	61,200	BREAST - LINE RUN	62	64.19	57,600
	1-72	70.75	218,800	LEGS	71-72	71.98	207,040
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	54-55	54.93	283,440	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	54-55	56.59	263,240
DRUMSTICKS	65-66	75.04	87,200	DRUMSTICKS	65-66	76.28	61,440
THIGHS	60-61	72.40	72,871	THIGHS	60-61	72.42	63,104
B/S THIGHS	128-129	130.62	76,040	B/S THIGHS	128-129	128.57	39,880
WINGS (WHOLE)	87-88	90.75	139,360	WINGS (WHOLE)	87-88	94.01	169,800
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-14	14.56	8,160	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-14	15.00	12,000
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	38.94	8,120	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	39.48	5,360
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	52.87	21,880	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	54.35	19,080

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)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	WTS
	09/10	09/09	09/08	09/05	09/08	09/05	09/03	09/01
Alabama	4,246	4,316	4,190	4,067	5.46	5.39	4,227	(A)
Arkansas	5,359	5,381	4,766	5,541	5.65	5.60	5,211	(A)
Delmarva	2,265	2,277	2,221	2,298	6.15	5.94	2,211	(A)
KY-LA-TN	2,334	2,367	2,351	2,796	5.33	5.28	2,050	(A)
Mississippi	3,042	3,065	2,918	3,666	5.94	5.92	2,832	(A)
North Carolina	2,856	2,793	2,639	3,152	6.85	6.86	2,705	(A)
Texas	2,670	2,566	2,659	2,698	5.49	5.21	2,664	(A)
Total	22,772	22,765	21,744	24,218	5.79	5.73	21,900	5.04
Mon-Wed	67,621 (B)						50,118 (B)	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 10-Sep-08 is estimated to be 34,069,000 head up 3.67 percent from a week ago and up 2.53 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,863,000, last year 33,228,000)

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)
PROCESSED POULTRY, DLVRD TO RETAILERS**

	RANGE
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
DLVRD TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
BROILER 2# & OVER	ICE PACK 159 DRY PACK 123
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK - 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 13-SEP-08

Class	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	09/13/08 (1)	09/06/08	Thousand head	
Broiler/fryer	165,112(2)	151,687		
Light hens	1,488	1,215		
Heavy hens	1,709	1,521		
Total	168,309	154,423		

(1)ESTIMATED

2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 13-Sep-08 is 161.89 million head compared to 170.4 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 165.4 million head or 3.6 million more than estimated available. For the week of 20-Sep-08 the estimated available is 162.8 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS	LBS	LBS	LBS
AM 09/08/08	142,247	88,241		
AM 09/01/08	142,893	88,896		
CHG	-646	-655		
PCT CHG	0	-1		

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	09/08/08	09/02/08	09/10/07	09/08/08	09/02/08	09/10/07
PACIFIC COAST	816	2,236	3,496	6,716	5,647	7,899
LOS ANGELES	318	402	245	909	1,529	1,071

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 8, 2008

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

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES FOR 09/09/08

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY	LOW HIGH AVG			HEAVY FOWL ea.	LOW HIGH AVG		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.70	1.00	.81	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.	5.00	9.50	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	4.25	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	5.00	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	1.00	1.95	1.61	RABBITS ea.	-	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.00	3.25	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-				
TOTAL COOPS	40						

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending September 5, 2008

	Whole Chickens		Legs W/Thighs	Necks,Backs & Wings	Livers Gizzards	Hens
	Breasts					
RAYON						
Low	50.62	108.16	69.22	12.98	4.33	52.78
High	57.97	116.81	77.87	17.31	8.65	52.78
Mostly	50.62	108.16	73.55	12.98	4.33	52.78
SAN JUAN						
Low	47.59	103.83	69.22	12.98	4.33	51.92
High	56.24	112.49	82.20	17.31	4.33	51.92
Mostly	51.92	108.16	73.55	12.98	4.33	51.92
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	51.92	112.49	73.55	17.31	4.33	54.08
High	60.57	121.14	82.20	21.63	8.65	54.08
Mostly	51.92	112.49	73.55	17.31	6.49	54.08
BECERRA						
Low	52.78	116.81	77.87	17.31	4.33	56.24
High	61.43	125.46	86.53	21.63	8.65	56.24
Mostly	52.78	116.81	77.87	19.47	4.33	56.24

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds remained light to fair for midweek trading. Seller offerings were sufficient to fully sufficient and often noted with the 3.00 and heavier weights more available. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but reported as desirable. Processor schedules ranged moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices continued unchanged at 72 to 84 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items were at least adequate to fully adequate. Wings were mixed, but available, with the smaller sizes in the best position. Dark meat cuts were in good supply and clearing satisfactorily.

RANGE		BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	58-90		
NO. OF BOXES	(A)		
	(A)		

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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