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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 overall steady, no better steady in the East. Retail and food service demand was in a full range, mostly moderate, best where features were planned or in progress. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate to satisfy current trade needs. Over the weekend Hurricane Ike caused power outages, and disrupted deliveries in several market areas. Floor stocks were well cleared to ample. In the parts structure, trading was mostly fair for late-week trading. Breast items were mixed, but available, with boneless skinless more manageable. Wings were irregular, ranging balanced to tight and dark meat items were mostly adequate and moving satisfactorily. In production 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 15-SEP-2008

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Boston/New England	TFEWR		:	77.27	15
Chicago	68.00-72.00	68.46	26 :	67.89	63
Ohio Cities	TFEWR		:	65.94	11
Denver	96.50	96.50	10 :	94.01	12
Detroit	76.00-77.00	76.44	9 :	75.52	45
Los Angeles	97.00	94.45	56 :	87.32	150
New York	70.00-73.00	71.48	21 :	73.80	47
Philadelphia	69.50-71.00	70.05	11 :	71.38	21
Pittsburgh	69.00-72.00	70.36	11 :	78.45	51
St. Louis	66.75-68.00	66.64	19 :	69.72	30
San Francisco	97.50	96.08	30 :	98.13	5

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	09/15/08	Change	Last Wk 9/08/08	09/17/07
498	78.68	.49	78.19	77.91

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	77.30	29
Central	60.00-77.00	69.63	71
Western	70.00-82.00	81.33	53

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	85.00-89.00	87.89	88
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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 88.50 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
1,070	70.00-89.00	86.77

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	174.50	1,383
BREASTS - B/S	140.50	5,827
BREASTS - WHOLE	81.50	1,448
THIGH MEAT - B/S	131.50	1,154
THIGHS	63.00	637
DRUMSTICKS	71.00	851
LEG QUARTERS	55.00	9,390
WINGS	95.50	2,729

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

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYER Trade sentiment was steady to about steady. Demand following the weekend was fair to moderate 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 early-week trading. Breast items were more than sufficient with boneless skinless more manageable. Wings were adequate to close balance and held with confidence. Dark meat items were sufficient and moving well. In production 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 fair with as most dealers were cautious and selective entering the week. Offerings of 3.5 pound and heavier sizes were fully sufficient; smaller sizes were adequate 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 in better balance and clearing satisfactorily. Wings were well cleared and dark meat cuts were sufficient.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged. The market tone started the week generally steady. Offerings were occasionally light to adequate overall. Sizes trended heavy. Buying activity in Southern California and the Pacific North West had improved to cover anticipated promotions. Retailer demand was fair to fairly good with best interest where features in progress or planned. Weekend carryovers were generally moderate. Parts were about steady with wings in the strongest position. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was at 71.97, with the volume reported at 37 loads.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority delivered prices into Midwest markets were generally unchanged; Ohio cities TFEWR. The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was steady. Offerings were light to moderate. Retail and food service demand was in a full range. Inclement weekend weather accompanied by strong winds and rain, caused flooding, electric service outages, and disrupted deliveries in several markets areas. Floor stocks were well cleared to ample; weights desirable to heavy. Trade on parts centered on wings and boneless/skinless breast. Part offerings were limited to adequate on light fill-in. The market tone was steady to firm on wings and steady on the balance.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to instances moderate following the weekend. Offerings were noted as more than sufficient for immediate trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processing schedules ranged moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices remained unchanged at 72 to 84 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady to steady. In the parts complex, breast items were readily available, and dark meat cuts were mostly adequate and moving satisfactorily. Wings were mixed, but available, and clearing.

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	(A)
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 and was noted as mostly fair entering the week as dealers assess market developments. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts and tenders were generally sufficient for current needs; bone-in breast were at least adequate. Wings were in good balance and clearing well. Dark meat cuts were mostly adequate and manageable. Retail and distributive movement was fair to instances moderate. The market tone was generally steady for breast items with improvements noted. Wings were fully steady to firm.

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		115	110.62	535,220
TENDERLOINS	120-125		121.15	113,240
BREAST - WITH RIBS	62-63		67.11	114,960
BREAST - LINE RUN	62		64.46	73,800
LEGS	71-72		72.22	140,040
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	54-55		55.13	339,360
DRUMSTICKS	65-66		74.83	58,200
THIGHS	60-61		72.92	55,554
B/S THIGHS	128-129		130.18	25,040
WINGS (WHOLE)	89-90		93.59	138,120
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-14		15.00	6,160
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40		38.54	5,360
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55		55.20	16,520

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	1,462	90.00-169.00	91-98	99.42
TENDERLOINS	848	100.00-205.00	100-110	106.97
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	902	51.00-54.00	54	53.60
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	896	49.00-59.00	55	54.41
WINGS (WHOLE)	1,062	69.00-97.00	70-78	73.01
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
THIGHS	1,490	54.00-58.00	58	57.79

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (In thousands)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	09/15	09/11	09/11	09/08	4-Sep
Alabama	4,277	4,187	5.36	4,190	5.16
Arkansas	4,836	5,274	5.59	4,766	5.54
Delmarva	2,246	2,226	6.01	2,221	5.99
KY-LA-TN	2,301	2,313	5.24	2,351	5.05
Mississippi	2,977	2,882	5.77	2,918	5.78
North Carolina	2,829	2,578	6.71	2,639	6.89
Texas	2,500	2,693	5.21	2,659	5.31
Total	21,966	22,153	5.66	21,744	5.63
Mon	21,966 (A)			21,744 (A)	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 15-Sep 2008 is estimated to be 32,864,000 up 0.72 percent from a week ago. and down 2.6 percent from a year ago. (last week 32,629,000 last year 33,757,000)

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	391	102.00-192.00	-	117.73
TENDERLOINS	152	110.00-189.00	-	124.05
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	183	64.00-70.00	66-68	67.49
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	396	50.00-56.00	-	53.18
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	907	52.00-57.00	54-56	54.86
WINGS (WHOLE)	250	70.00-90.00	-	74.50
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 15, 2008 -- F.O.B. Dock

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
56.00 - 61.50	58.84	59.22

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 15 SEP-2008 TO 19-SEP-2008, CENTS PER POUND

	Price per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	95.00 - 115.00	98.00 - 108.00
TENDERLOINS	107.00 - 135.00	115.00 - 125.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	60.00 - 87.00	60.00 - 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	61.00 - 73.00	-
THIGHS	59.00 - 70.00	-
B/S THIGHS	123.00 - 137.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	75.00 - 91.00	86.00 - 91.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	17.00 - 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	101-118
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	104.5-122.5
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
	ICE PACK	159
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	-
	DRY PACK	117
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	112
	ICE PACK	114
DUCKS		235-252

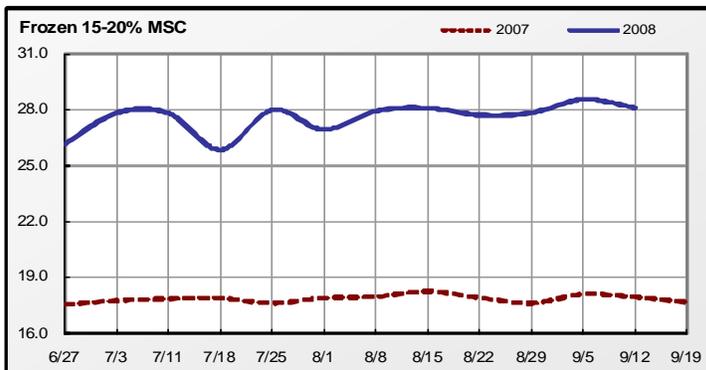
National Mechanically Separated Chicken

(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 adequate to well cleared; frozen remained in close balance to tight and where available held with confidence. Demand for fresh and frozen product ranged fair to good. Supplies of raw materials continued tight. Domestic and export trading was 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.

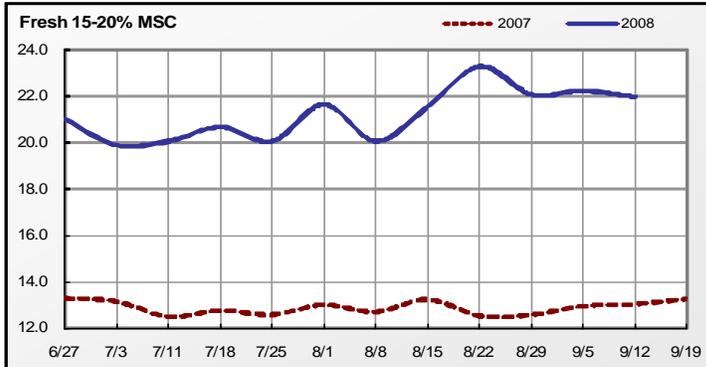
Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	12-Sep-08	Last Week	Last Year	12-Sep-08	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range	28.00	27.00	18.00	27.00 - 27.50	27.00 - 28.00	15.00-16.00
Wtd Avg Price	28.00	27.00	18.00	27.14	27.28	15.80
Volume Traded	156	160	261	282	283	401
Volume Exported	156	160	261	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	24.00 - 32.00	24.00 - 32.00	16.00-21.00	18.00 - 27.00	20.00 - 27.00	11.00-16.00
Wtd Avg Price	28.10	28.55	17.68	21.98	22.23	13.27
Volume Traded	1,964	966	1,992	3,487	2,448	1,682
Volume Exported	1,318	734	1,912	1,013	523	531
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	21.00	21.00	13.50-14.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	21.00	21.00	13.75
Volume Traded	-	-	-	80	82	162
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.

Source: USDA AMS Poultry Market News & Analysis

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SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS

The range of trading was unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Schedules were as desired. Finished sales were improving as seasonal influences began to take hold. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 15-SEP-08

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-13		9.63

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS

Prices were generally unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was fair to moderate for the adequate to at least adequate offerings of spent fowl. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Sales of finished product was fair. The undertone was steady to at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 15-SEP-08

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-14	CENTS/LB.	10.17
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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