



# BROILER MARKET NEWS REPORT

ISSN 1522-0567

WEDNESDAY  
SEPTEMBER 17, 2008  
VOL. 55 NO. 112

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Agricultural Marketing Service

Poultry Programs

Market News Branch & Analysis

## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was steady in the West, barely steady to weak elsewhere. Retail and food service demand was slow to fairly good, mostly moderate, best where fast food and promotions were active. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to ample to satisfy current trade needs. Floor stocks were adequate to long. In the parts structure, trading was fair to moderate for mid-week trading. Breast items were adequate to close balanced with boneless skin in the best position. Wings were barely adequate to tight and held with confidence. Dark meat items were mostly sufficient and moving satisfactorily. In production 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 88.25 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 81.50 cents last year on September 19, 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	174.00
BREASTS - B/S	139.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	81.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	131.50
THIGHS	62.50
DRUMSTICKS	71.00
LEG QUARTERS	55.00
WINGS	96.50

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

**SOUTHERN REGION** Trade sentiment was about steady to barely steady. Demand into all channels was light to fair with limited trading. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was fair to moderate for mid-week trading. Breast items were adequate to close balanced with boneless skinless in the best position. Wings were seasonally in good supply and held with confidence and dark meat items were sufficient adequate and moving well. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable.

**NORTHEAST REGION** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light and selective during midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes were available and slow to clear. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light and unaggressive. The market tone was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, Wings and boneless skinless breasts were in good balance to well cleared. Other cuts were generally sufficient.

**MIDWEST REGION** Whole broiler/fryer market tone was barely steady to weak. Producer offerings were fully adequate. Retail and food service movement was slow to moderate; at times better into some fast food centers. Several area in the Ohio market and surrounding areas remained without power, continuing to affect demand. Floor stocks were adequate to long; weights desirable to heavy. Parts trade was brisk on wings, when offered, breast cuts were clearing well and dark meat lines were available. Trade sentiment was steady to mostly firm on wings, steady to weak on dark meat and steady on all other parts.

**WESTERN REGION** The market tone was generally steady. Offerings were in adequate overall. Sizes were in a full range, with lightweights in the closest position. Retailer demand was fair to fairly good. Floor stocks were mainly in fair balance. Trade sentiments were mixed on parts, with white items in the strongest position.

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

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 199 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 13, 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 13, 2008. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through September 13, 2008 were 6.53 billion, up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

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

WEEK ENDING 09/13/08	2008	2007	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
	<i>Thousand</i>		
EGGS SET	198,807	205,863	-03
CHICKS PLACED	170,301	175,527	-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 25-Oct-08 is estimated at 156.6 million head. This compares to 155.9 million head the previous week and to 166.3 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 169.6 million head and the composite weighted average price was 71.21 cents per pound.

**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.

SEP 16, 2008					SEP 17, 2008				
ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	352	102.00-191.00	-	114.83	BREAST - B/S	369	104.00-192.00	-	121.36
TENDERLOINS	152	100.00-189.00	-	117.22	TENDERLOINS	163	105.00-189.00	-	112.37
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	168	64.00-70.00	67-69	67.50	LEGS	218	62.00-70.50	67-69	67.50
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	411	49.00-56.00	53-54	52.75	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	386	50.00-56.00	53-54	53.36
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	877	51.00-58.00	55-56	55.50	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	837	52.00-57.00	55-56	54.97
WINGS (WHOLE)	186	70.00-88.00	-	76.49	WINGS (WHOLE)	150	70.00-90.00	-	76.97
WINGS (CUT)	TOO FEW TO REPORT				WINGS (CUT)	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				B/S THIGHS	110	115.00-130.00	-	118.32
WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR SEP 16, 2008 -- F.O.B. DOCK.					WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR SEP 17, 2008 -- F.O.B. DOCK.				
RANGE		TODAY'S AVERAGE			RANGE		TODAY'S AVERAGE		5-DAY AVERAGE
56.00 - 61.00		58.74			57.00 - 61.50		59.68		59.25

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 fair to moderate for midweek trading. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts were in good balance to well cleared; bone-in breast were noted as in better balance and at least sufficient for current needs. Wings were in close balance and commanding premiums. Dark meat cuts were balanced to adequate. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was fully steady to firm for wings and boneless skinless breasts; other items were generally steady. ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS

SEP 16, 2008				SEP 17, 2008			
ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS	ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	115	112.72	546,569	BREAST - B/S	115-120	116.12	491,163
TENDERLOINS	120-125	122.40	139,040	TENDERLOINS	120-125	122.50	74,600
BREAST - WITH RIBS	62-63	65.20	255,320	BREAST - WITH RIBS	62-63	76.46	58,560
BREAST - LINE RUN	62	64.31	64,800	BREAST - LINE RUN	62	64.58	68,400
LEGS	71-72	69.99	215,400	LEGS	71-72	70.24	293,200
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	54-55	54.52	339,720	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	54-55	55.34	295,120
DRUMSTICKS	65-66	71.01	105,938	DRUMSTICKS	65-66	77.70	60,440
THIGHS	60-61	75.96	113,960	THIGHS	60-61	73.72	49,000
B/S THIGHS	128-129	131.21	73,400	B/S THIGHS	128-129	131.69	44,080
WINGS (WHOLE)	90-91	92.73	142,092	WINGS (WHOLE)	91-92	96.11	146,960
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-14	15.00	16,520	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-14	14.94	12,920
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	40-45	42.72	13,160	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	40-45	43.71	4,840
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	54.97	24,400	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	55.24	27,120

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, RI, AND 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.

**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	
	09/17	09/16	09/15	09/12	09/15	09/12	09/10	09/08	
Alabama	4,158	4,201	4,211	3,927	5.51	5.40	4,171	5.46	
Arkansas	5,316	5,305	4,915	5,411	5.57	5.42	5,304	5.65	
Delmarva	2,166	2,097	2,302	2,247	6.02	5.97	2,274	6.15	
KY-LA-TN	2,329	2,368	2,311	2,390	5.33	4.60	2,322	5.33	
Mississippi	2,993	3,054	2,943	3,772	5.95	5.62	3,027	5.94	
North Carolina	2,834	2,883	2,698	3,314	6.93	6.83	2,789	6.85	
Texas	2,550	2,559	2,176	2,424	5.42	5.29	2,691	5.49	
Total	22,346	22,467	21,556	23,485	5.79	5.60	22,578	5.79	
Mon-Wed	66,779 (A)				66,601 (A)				

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 17-Sep-08 is estimated to be 33,432,000 head down 1.33 percent from a week ago and down -0.62 percent from a year ago. (Last week 33,881,000, last year 33,639,000)

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

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	109-119
ROASTERS 4# & UP	125-135
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	
<b>SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS</b>	
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

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 20-SEP-08

Class	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	09/20/08 (1)	09/13/08	Thousand head	
Broiler/fryer	170,276(2)	165,112		
Light hens	1,291	1,488		
Heavy hens	1,834	1,709		
Total	173,401	168,309		

(1)ESTIMATED

2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 20-Sep-08 is 162.8 million head compared to 172.4 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 170.6 million head or 7.8 million more than estimated available. For the week of 27-Sep-08 the estimated available is 163.0 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 09/15/08	142,352		88,449	
AM 09/01/08	142,893		88,896	
CHG	-541		-447	
PCT CHG	0		-1	

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)**

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	09/15/08	09/08/08	09/17/07	09/15/08	09/08/08	09/17/07
<b>PACIFIC COAST</b>	800	816	3,764	7,556	6,716	8,775
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>	288	318	230	1,883	909	982

**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 15, 2008

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

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

				FOR 09/16/08		
AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY						
	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.30	.55	.41	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	4.50
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	2.75	3.75
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	2.00	3.75
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	5.50	6.00
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	3.25	6.25
ROOSTERS lb.	.80	1.25	1.02	ROOSTERS ea.	-	6.75
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	4.75
RABBITS lb.	1.50	2.00	1.69	RABBITS ea.	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	.75	3.00
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	3.25
GUINEA KEETS ea	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-			
TOTAL COOPS	61					

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY**

Cents per pound for the week ending September 12, 2008

	Whole Chickens		Legs W/Thighs	Necks,Backs & Wings	Livers Gizzards	Hens
	RAYON					
Low	56.69	128.84	77.30	17.18	4.29	55.83
High	65.28	146.01	94.48	21.47	8.59	55.83
Mostly	56.69	137.43	90.19	17.18	4.29	55.83
SAN JUAN						
Low	55.83	133.13	77.30	17.18	4.29	55.83
High	64.42	141.72	98.77	21.47	8.59	55.83
Mostly	55.83	137.43	94.48	17.18	4.29	55.83
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	57.98	128.84	81.60	17.18	4.29	57.98
High	65.71	146.01	98.77	21.47	8.59	57.98
Mostly	57.98	141.72	94.48	19.33	6.44	57.98
BECERRA						
Low	60.12	133.13	85.89	17.18	4.29	60.12
High	66.57	150.31	103.07	21.47	8.59	60.12
Mostly	60.12	146.01	98.77	21.47	8.59	60.12

**DELMARVA** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds remained light and selective for midweek business. Offerings were noted as at least adequate to readily available. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but usually desirable. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged to one cent lower at 71 to 84 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady. In the parts complex, breast items were reported as fair to closely balanced. Wings were clearing well and seasonally improved. Dark meat cuts were mostly sufficient.

**BRANDED U.S. GRADE A**

RANGE	WEIGHTED AVERAGE	NO. OF BOXES
	60-90	(A)
		(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

**USDA, AMS, POULTRY PROGRAMS, POULTRY MARKET NEWS & ANALYSIS BRANCH OFFICES**

Washington, DC	Voice	(202)720-6911	Michael Sheats (Chief)
	Fax	(202)720-2403	
Atlanta, GA	Voice	(404)562-5850	Annie Terry (Officer In Charge)
	Fax	(404)562-5875	
Jackson, MS	Voice	(601)965-4662	Gary Brown (Southern States Area Supervisor)
	Fax	(601)359-1175	
Des Moines, IA	Voice	(515)284-4471	Mary L. Adkins (Officer-InCharge)
	Fax	(515)284-4468	
	Recorded	(515)284-4545	
Long Beach, CA	Voice	(562)388-7337	Nettie Andry
	Fax	(562)432-8295	
	Recorded	(213)534-1335	