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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were lower in all areas when compared to last Monday's prices. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak overall, at times about steady in the East. Retail and food service demand was light to instances fairly good, mostly fair following the weekend. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate with some discounting noted to satisfy current trade needs. Floor stocks were closely balanced to long. In the parts structure, movement was mostly fair for early-week trading. Breast items were more than sufficient but boneless skinless was in good supply and moving satisfactorily. Wings were barely adequate to tight and held with confidence and dark meat items were balanced to instances long. 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 22-SEP-2008

AREAS	US GRADE A MAJORITY	WTD AVG	COMPOSITE		
			LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Boston/New England	TFEWR	:	73.15	13	
Chicago	65.00-69.00	64.88	26 :	66.56	58
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	:	62.53	9	
Denver	95.50	95.50	11 :	93.68	13
Detroit	74.00-75.00	73.89	9 :	74.04	47
Los Angeles	96.00	93.47	53 :	89.50	139
New York	67.00-70.00	68.70	20 :	73.21	49
Philadelphia	66.50-68.00	67.36	11 :	68.80	22
Pittsburgh	66.00-69.00	67.91	11 :	76.38	51
St. Louis	64.75-65.00	64.46	19 :	66.92	32
San Francisco	96.50	93.63	32 :	89.21	86

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	09/22/08	Change	Last Wk	9/15/08	09/24/07
519	77.22	-1.46	78.68	74.12	

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	73.00-74.00	73.37	30
Central	58.00-73.00	68.43	69
Western	67.00-80.00	79.81	53

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	85.00-88.00	86.81	93
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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 88.25 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
1,076	67.00-89.00	86.57

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	173.00	1,426
BREASTS - B/S	140.50	5,945
BREASTS - WHOLE	82.00	1,516
THIGH MEAT - B/S	130.00	1,191
THIGHS	61.50	617
DRUMSTICKS	71.50	845
LEG QUARTERS	55.00	9,668
WINGS	97.50	2,770

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

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYER Trade sentiment was about steady to barely steady. Demand following the weekend was no better than fair with light trading. 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 in good supply and moving satisfactorily. Wings were close balanced to short and held with confidence and dark meat items were 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 and unaggressive with most dealers cautious and selective entering the week. Offerings of all sizes were readily available and competitively priced. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light. The market tone was weak. In the parts complex, wings were well cleared and held with confidence; boneless skinless breasts were clearing satisfactorily and dark meat cuts were generally sufficient for current needs.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were 1 cent lower. The market tone was barely steady. Offerings were in close balance on straight loads of lightweight product, and ample on straight loads of heavier weights. Trade reported discounts were common on heavy weight product. Buying activity was fair to fairly good. Retailer demand was fairly good best where promoted. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was 71.06, down .91; with the volume reported at 36 loads down 3 percent.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were generally 2 to 3 cents lower into Midwest markets; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was barely steady to weak; offerings available for the light needs. Retail and food service demand was light to instances fairly good with some noting better movement than anticipated over the weekend; best call on wings and eight piece cut-ups. Floor stocks were closely balanced to long; weights desirable to heavy. Supplies were adequate to available on dark meat cuts and breast items and tight on wings. The market tone was fully steady to firm on wings, steady on breast cuts, and steady to weak on dark meat items.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to fair entering the week. Offerings were fully adequate to available for current trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were mostly moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 69 to 83 cents. Trade sentiment ranged barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, breast items were closely balanced to well cleared with bone-in breasts noted as fully adequate. Wings were well cleared. 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	56-90
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operation.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was mostly fair to instances moderate entering the week as dealers assess market conditions. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts and wings were in close balance to well cleared with good movement; bone-in breast were fully sufficient for current needs. Dark meat cuts were sufficient and clearing satisfactorily. Retail and distributive movement was fair. The market tone was fully steady to firm for boneless skinless breasts and wings. Other items were generally steady.

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

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S		120-125	117.22	414,162
TENDERLOINS		120-125	123.05	91,240
BREAST - WITH RIBS		62-63	72.29	117,760
BREAST - LINE RUN		62	64.72	57,600
LEGS		71-72	70.62	177,360
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)		54-55	53.80	250,840
DRUMSTICKS		65-66	75.62	42,480
THIGHS		60-61	73.71	43,440
B/S THIGHS		128-129	128.43	33,400
WINGS (WHOLE)		94-95	96.31	147,620
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)		12-14	15.00	10,040
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)		40-45	42.18	7,080
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)		50-55	53.93	16,120

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.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS 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	1,299	94.00-125.00	94-99	101.81
TENDERLOINS	646	100.00-177.00	102	105.55
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	707	50.00-54.00	54	52.19
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,338	50.00-59.00	54-55	54.55
WINGS (WHOLE)	779	78.00-96.00	78-81	85.58
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
THIGHS	1,573	53.00-58.00	53	53.09

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER/FRYERS (In Thousands)

	Estimate	Actual	Avg Wts	Actual	Avg Wts
	09/22	09/18	09/18	09/15	09/11
Alabama	4,321	4,211	5.34	4,211	5.36
Arkansas	4,795	5,242	5.57	4,915	5.59
Delmarva	2,193	2,185	5.87	2,302	6.01
KY-LA-TN	2,359	2,322	5.11	2,311	5.24
Mississippi	2,949	2,888	5.87	2,943	5.77
North Carolina	2,566	2,682	6.84	2,698	6.71
Texas	2,563	2,703	5.40	2,176	5.21
Total	21,746	22,233	5.68	21,556	5.66
Mon	21,746 (A)			21,556(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 22-Sep 2008 is estimated to be 32,534,000 up 0.58 percent from a week ago. and down 5.2 percent from a year ago.

(last week 32,347,000 last year 34,323,000)

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.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	388	104.00-188.00	-	113.27
TENDERLOINS	146	103.00-180.00	-	110.49
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	195	63.00-70.00	67-69	67.47
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	466	50.00-56.00	-	53.03
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	808	52.00-58.00	54-56	54.92
WINGS (WHOLE)	101	70.00-91.00	-	82.24
WINGS (CUT)	105	88.00-102.00	-	92.86
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 SEPT 22, 2008 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
58.00 - 62.00	59.95	58.17

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 22-SEP-2008 TO 26-SEP-2008, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	105.00 - 119.00	106.00 - 115.00
TENDERLOINS	99.00 - 137.00	119.00 - 125.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	64.00 - 94.00	67.00 - 84.00
LEGS	69.00 - 76.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	48.00 - 63.00	54.00 - 56.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	54.00 - 62.00	56.00 - 58.00
DRUMSTICKS	61.00 - 73.00	-
THIGHS	54.00 - 70.00	-
B/S THIGHS	116.00 - 137.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	84.00 - 110.00	91.00 - 97.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 23.00	-
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	100.75-117.75
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	104.25-122.25
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	R4NGE
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

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	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

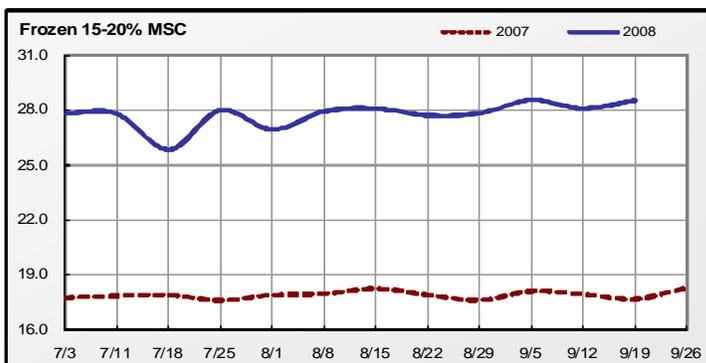
National Mechanically Separated Chicken

(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 in close balance to tight and held with confidence. Demand for fresh and frozen product was fair to good. Supplies of raw materials were close. Domestic and export trading was moderate to good with most inquiry from Mexico and Central American countries. Schedules were seasonally normal with a few disruptions due to equipment issues and storm impacts. Very few buyers and sellers have begun 2009 contract negotiation discussions this and last week with little to report. The majority are waiting until October and November to begin, though it is on everyone's minds.

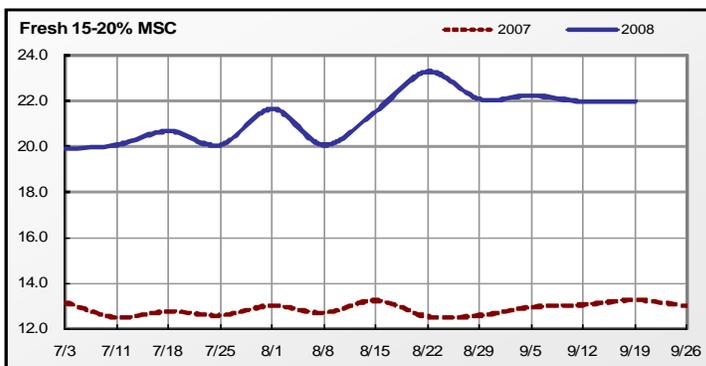
Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	19-Sep-08	Last Week	Last Year	19-Sep-08	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range		28.00	18.00	27.00 - 27.50	27.00 - 27.50	13.00-16.00
Wtd Avg Price		28.00	18.00	27.13	27.14	15.57
Volume Traded	-	156	261	302	282	469
Volume Exported	-	156	261	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	25.00 - 35.00	24.00 - 32.00	16.00-21.00	18.00 - 27.00	18.00 - 27.00	11.00-16.00
Wtd Avg Price	28.53	28.10	18.29	21.99	21.98	13.00
Volume Traded	1,926	1,964	1,008	3,209	3,487	2,208
Volume Exported	1,726	1,318	988	1,223	1,013	286
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	21.00	21.00	14.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	21.00	21.00	14.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	80	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

Trading levels were unchanged to slightly higher. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were as desired. Finished sales were improving and were at least moderate. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 22-SEP-08

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-13.25		9.70

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS

Sales were slightly higher when compared to the previous week. Demand was fair to moderate for the mostly adequate offerings of spent fowl. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Sales of finished product was seasonally active. The undertone was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 22-SEP-08

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7.5-14.5	CENTS/LB.	10.19
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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