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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was about steady to barely steady in the East, steady to barely steady elsewhere. Retail and food service demand was irregular, but mostly slow to fair. Supplies ranged adequate to fully adequate for the light and selective interest. Floor stocks were close balanced to long. In the parts structure, movement was no better than fair for mid-week trading. Breast items were mixed, but at least adequate with limited interest. Wings were balanced to tight and moving satisfactorily and dark meat was sufficient to fully sufficient. 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 87.75 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 80.50 cents last year on October 3, 2007.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

### DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	173.00
BREASTS - B/S	137.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	80.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	132.50
THIGHS	63.00
DRUMSTICKS	71.50
LEG QUARTERS	56.00
WINGS	99.50

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 was no better than fair with trading usually limited to regular commitments. Supplies of all sizes were sufficient to satisfy current trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair at best. Breast items were more than sufficient with mixed interest. Wings were in good supply and moving satisfactorily and dark meat was adequate to readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST REGION** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light and selective during midweek trading as dealers saw no need to extend floor stocks. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate to available for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was slow. The market tone was about steady to barely steady. In the parts complex, wings were clearing satisfactorily. Boneless skinless breast and tenders were available and slow to clear; bone-in breast were generally sufficient. Dark meat cuts were mostly adequate to fully adequate with legs noted as slightly more available.

**MIDWEST REGION** Whole broiler/fryer market tone continued steady to barely steady. Offers were fully sufficient on light buyer activity; fill-in trade noted on 3 up wogs at 60 cents delivered. First of the month retail movement was slow in developing, light to moderate at best, but most in trade were confident of good clearance out front. Food service demand was irregular covering the full range, mostly light to moderate. Floor stocks were in close balance to long; weights desirable to heavy. In parts the sector, wings continue to receive good call on limited supply, while all other parts were fully sufficient on light to fair clearance. Trade sentiment was steady to firm on wings and steady to weak on all other parts.

**WESTERN REGION** The market tone was about steady. Offerings were overall adequate. Sizes trended heavy. Buying activity was only fair. Retailer demand was fair to fairly good. The market tone was about steady to weak on parts with white meat items in the weakest position.

## BROILER -TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 4 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 199 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 27, 2008. This was down 4 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 166 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 27, 2008. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through September 27, 2008 were 6.87 billion, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

## BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED

WEEK ENDING 09/27/08	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>19 SELECTED STATES</u>		<u>PERCENT CHANGE</u> <u>PREVIOUS YEAR</u>
	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	
	<i>Thousand</i>		
EGGS SET	198,797	207,513	-04
CHICKS PLACED	165,786	171,244	-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 08-Nov-08 is estimated at 153.7 million head. This compares to 155.9 million head the previous week and to 164.0 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 172.0 million head and the composite weighted average price was 70.76 cents per pound.

SEPT 30

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

OCT 01

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	ITEM	POUNDS			WTD
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG		(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG
BREAST - B/S	470	95.00-186.00	-	117.23	BREAST - B/S	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
TENDERLOINS	172	105.00-189.00	-	111.35	TENDERLOINS	141	105.00-189.00	-	114.05
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT				BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	90	62.00-68.00	-	64.78	FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	198	60.00-70.00	64-66	65.05	LEGS	213	62.00-70.00	64-66	64.55
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	296	50.00-55.00	53-54	53.58	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	396	50.00-55.00	-	53.18
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	662	52.00-57.00	55-56	55.07	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	727	52.00-56.00	53-55	54.49
WINGS (WHOLE)	105	72.00-91.00	-	83.76	WINGS (WHOLE)	105	72.00-91.00	-	83.76
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	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
56.00-61.50	59.18	55.50-61.50	58.62	58.84

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 light to fair at best as most dealers were cautious and selective during midweek trading. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts were available and competitively priced; bone-in breasts were generally sufficient and dark meat cuts were at least sufficient for current needs with the exception of legs which were noted as fully adequate. Wings remained in good balance. Retail and distributive movement was slow. The market tone was at least steady for wings; barely steady to weak for boneless skinless breasts. The balance of items were mostly steady.

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

SEPT 30	CURRENT NEG	WTD		OCT 01	CURRENT NEG	WTD	
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG	VOL/LBS	ITEM	TRADING*	AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	120-125	116.74	504,560	BREAST - B/S	120	115.70	467,111
TENDERLOINS	120-125	119.97	177,160	TENDERLOINS	120-125	120.39	57,560
BREAST - WITH RIBS	63-64	67.23	165,760	BREAST - WITH RIBS	63-64	68.77	78,360
BREAST - LINE RUN	63	65.49	66,600	BREAST - LINE RUN	63	65.70	66,600
LEGS	71-72	68.50	227,920	LEGS	71-72	68.57	187,080
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	54-55	53.68	279,840	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	54-55	57.31	413,323
DRUMSTICKS	65-66	75.51	67,440	DRUMSTICKS	65-66	75.43	43,080
THIGHS	60-61	73.56	72,400	THIGHS	60-61	72.55	45,000
B/S THIGHS	128-129	131.51	61,920	B/S THIGHS	128-129	130.12	37,220
WINGS (WHOLE)	97-98	101.92	156,133	WINGS (WHOLE)	97-98	103.08	158,840
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-14	14.65	16,080	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-14	15.00	17,760
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	40-45	43.31	12,760	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	40-45	43.05	7,640
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	55.07	21,200	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	52.63	27,200

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)	09/30	(1,000)	09/26	09/29	09/26	(1,000)	09/22	WTS
Alabama	4,060	4,157	4,107	3,907	5.62	5.42	4,202	5.55	
Arkansas	5,294	5,158	4,666	4,485	5.62	5.57	5,290	5.72	
Delmarva	2,178	2,202	2,195	2,546	6.02	5.95	2,248	6.15	
KY-LA-TN	2,030	2,244	2,287	2,221	5.27	4.85	2,081	5.25	
Mississippi	3,027	3,018	2,939	3,013	6.02	5.76	3,030	5.93	
North Carolina	2,847	2,773	2,685	2,847	6.96	6.90	2,790	7.16	
Texas	2,566	2,572	2,567	2,754	5.70	5.32	2,653	5.48	
Total	22,002	22,124	21,446	21,773	5.86	5.68	22,294	5.84	
Mon-Wed	66,018 (A)				66,201 (A)				

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 01-Oct-08 is estimated to be 32,917,000 head down 1.61 percent from a week ago and down -2.20 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 33,454,000, last year 33,657,000)

### 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 01-OCT-08

Class	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	10/04/08 (1)	Thousand head	09/27/08	Thousand head
Broiler/fryer	166,061(2)		167,323	
Light hens	1,321		1,353	
Heavy hens	1,799		1,798	
Total	169,181		170,474	

(1)ESTIMATED

2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 04-Oct-08 is 161.9 million head compared to 173.3 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 166.4 million head or 4.5 million more than estimated available. For the week of 11-Oct-08 the estimated available is 160.5 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 09/29/08	142,230		114,371	
AM 09/01/08	142,893		88,896	
CHG	-663		25,475	
PCT CHG	0		29	

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)**

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	09/29/08	09/22/08	10/01/07	09/29/08	09/22/08	10/01/07
<b>PACIFIC COAST</b>	732	575	3,662	7,043	6,791	5,604
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>	326	277	202	1,703	1,513	935

**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 29, 2008

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

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES FOR 09/30/08**

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW HIGH AVG			LOW HIGH AVG		
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.40	1.35	.59	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.	1.00	1.25
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	1.00	1.40	1.21	ROOSTERS ea.	8.50	9.00
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	.90	2.30	1.37	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	1.00	1.90	1.60	RABBITS ea.	-	9.00
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.00	5.00
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	3.00
GUINEA KEETS ea	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	1.00	2.00	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-			
TOTAL COOPS	41					

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY**

Cents per pound for the week ending September 26, 2008

	Whole Chickens		Legs W/Thighs	Necks,Backs & Wings	Livers Gizzards	Hens
	Breasts					
<b>RAYON</b>						
Low	63.96	147.29	71.54	18.94	4.21	56.81
High	68.59	155.70	79.96	25.25	8.42	56.81
Mostly	63.96	151.50	75.75	21.04	6.31	56.81
<b>SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	63.12	147.29	67.33	18.94	4.21	54.71
High	68.17	159.91	79.96	21.04	8.42	54.71
Mostly	63.12	155.70	71.54	18.94	8.42	54.71
<b>NEW SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	64.81	151.50	67.33	21.04	4.21	58.91
High	69.44	159.91	79.96	25.25	8.42	58.91
Mostly	67.33	151.50	75.75	21.04	8.42	58.91
<b>BECERRA</b>						
Low	65.65	155.70	71.54	21.04	4.21	58.91
High	70.70	164.12	84.16	25.25	8.42	58.91
Mostly	67.33	155.70	75.75	25.25	8.42	58.91

**DELMARVA** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to fair for midweek trading. Seller offerings were noted as more than sufficient for a lackluster buying interest. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices remained unchanged at 66 to 80 cents. Trade sentiment ranged about steady to barely steady. In the parts complex, breast items were at least sufficient to available. Wings were moving best and were reported as in good balance to well cleared. Dark meat cuts were adequate to fully adequate with legs noted in the longest position.

**BRANDED U.S. GRADE A**  
56-86  
RANGE  
WEIGHTED AVERAGE (A)  
NO. OF BOXES (A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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