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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices were unchanged in all areas when compared to last week prices. Trade sentiment was steady in all areas. Retail demand covered the full range, best interest where features were active. Food service demand was slow to moderate, best for fast food and catering. Winter weather hindered both retail and food service in the Midwest area. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate to satisfy trade needs. Processing schedules were light due to upcoming holiday. Floor stocks were adequate to long. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate for early week trading. Breast items were more than adequate, but wings were tight and most dark meat items were close balanced to short and held with confidence. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable.

FINAL BROILER FRYER 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-DEC-2008 (cents per lb)

	US grade A			: Composite	
Areas	**Majority**	**Wtd Avg**	**Lds**	**:Wtd Avg**	**Lds**
Boston/New England	TFEWR			: 75.43	14
Chicago	71.00-74.00	75.21	19	: 74.46	46
Ohio Cities	TFEWR			: 70.86	8
Denver	94.50	94.50	14	: 93.11	16
Detroit	75.00-79.00	77.57	7	: 77.47	43
Los Angeles	95.00	93.65	65	: 89.58	166
New York	76.00-79.00	77.64	22	: 78.12	43
Philadelphia	75.50-77.00	76.17	12	: 75.72	23
Pittsburgh	75.00-78.00	76.69	13	: 80.14	53
St. Louis	73.75-75.00	73.73	17	: 73.94	25
San Francisco	95.50	94.75	34	: 97.23	68

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	12/22/08	Change Last Wk	12/15/08	12/24/07
505	81.59	-.25	81.84	72.35

WOG Broilers - (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and ltl quantities:

Marketing Regions	**Majority**	**Wtd Avg**	**Lds**
Eastern	79.00-81.00	79.98	29
Central	69.00-77.00	74.47	60
Western	77.00-97.00	83.52	52
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent			
Mississippi	84.00-87.00	85.17	89

GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is **87.00** cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/12 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	**RANGE**	**MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT**
857	72.00-93.00	86.16

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed FINAL weighted average price on ice-packed parts:

ITEM	**WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)**	**VOLUME (000) POUNDS)**
LINE RUN TENDERS	162.00	1,241
BREASTS - B/S	117.00	4,885
BREASTS - WHOLE	73.00	1,203
THIGH MEAT - B/S	102.00	960
THIGHS	50.50	518
DRUMSTICKS	55.00	701
LEG QUARTERS	31.00	7,251
WINGS	119.50	2,260

INFORMATION FROM GA DEPT OF AG POULTRY MARKET NEWS SERVICE.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly fair entering the holiday week. Offerings of all sizes were sufficient for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was seasonally fair. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, wings, tenders and most dark meat cuts were well cleared; breast items were about adequate to adequate for current needs.

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was steady. Demand following the weekend was seasonally light to fair with trading usually limited to regular commitments. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to satisfy trade needs. Schedules this week are mostly part time with many plants down one or two days for the holiday. In the parts structure movement was fair to moderate for early week trading. Breast items were better balanced, but tight on wings and held with confidence. Most dark meat items were closely cleared to short and moving satisfactorily. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION Final majority prices were unchanged. The market tone was about steady. Trading reported at unchanged to slightly higher on regular commitments and unchanged to lower on new negotiations. Offerings were adequate overall. Buying activity was moderate to good. Retailer demand was moderate to good, with best interest where features planned to break mid-week. Dealers reported desirable weekend carryovers. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was 77.21 with the volume reported at 34 loads reported.

MIDWEST REGION Final majority prices into Midwest terminal market unchanged to higher; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady. Producer offerings light on limited buyer inquiry. Retail and food service demand was slow to moderate; winter weather and economy noted by several in trade as affecting movement. Floor stocks adequate to long; weights desirable to heavy. Parts trade was light to moderate, best into catering and fast food. Supplies of wings short, boneless/skinless breast available, other parts limited. The market tone was steady to firm on wings and dark meat cuts, and steady to fully steady on the balance of parts.

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally light to fair entering the holiday week. Seller offerings were adequate and generally balanced. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but noted as desirable. Processing schedules were moderate to light. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 78 to 90 cents. Trade sentiment was generally steady. In the parts complex, supplies were in good balance to tight with wings in the best position.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DEILVEERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FORM DELMARVA

	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
RANGE	64-95
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity remained moderate to instances fairly good entering the week. Offerings of breast items, wings, tenders and most dark meat cuts were in good balance to tight for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was light as interest shifted to other seasonal holiday items. The market tone was at least steady to firm for most items.

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

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	120	110.01	509,780
TENDERLOINS	125	119.74	104,880
BREAST - WITH RIBS	68-69	72.93	91,160
BREAST - LINE RUN	68	69.88	59,400
LEGS	49-50	45.20	161,800
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	31-32	31.05	325,080
DRUMSTICKS	46-47	49.55	106,520
THIGHS	50-51	52.11	40,000
B/S THIGHS	102-103	103.10	16,840
WINGS (WHOLE)	121-122	123.45	164,150
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	13-15	15.00	8,000
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	48.56	6,240
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	73.66	16,560

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	1,357	90.00-160.00	95-107	102.91
TENDERLOINS	368	110.00-197.00	112-115	114.25
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,810	27.00-34.00	27-29	28.41
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,108	27.00-36.00	30-32	31.15
WINGS (WHOLE)	1,300	107.00-129.00	108-112	112.76
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	
THIGHS	1,329	39.00-53.00	39	39.27

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (In thousands)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	12/22	12/18	12/18	12/15	12/11
Alabama	4,041	4,011	5.27	3,768	5.32
Arkansas	5,091	4,948	5.37	5,000	5.45
Delmarva	2,143	2,099	5.98	2,107	6.03
KY-LA-TN	2,313	2,058	5.04	2,111	4.94
Mississippi	2,840	2,757	5.53	2,809	5.53
North Carolina	2,849	2,676	6.80	2,690	6.97
Texas	2,685	2,662	5.69	2,660	5.19
Total	21,962	21,211	5.62	21,145	5.60
Mon	21,962 (A)			21,145 (A)	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations
(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 22-Dec 2008 is estimated to be 32,858,000 up 3.55 percent from a week ago. and up from holiday a year ago. (last week 31,730,000 last year 11,040,000)

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	328	102.00-182.00	-	111.16
TENDERLOINS	480	104.00-181.00	-	115.80
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	388	29.00-34.00	31	31.16
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	717	31.00-36.00	33-34	33.25
WINGS (WHOLE)	110	110.00-122.00	-	117.64
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS	100	97.00-103.00	-	100.60

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Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for Dec 22, 2008 -- F.O.B. Dock

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
47.00 - 53.00	49.83	48.69

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-DEC-2008 TO 26-DEC-2008, CENTS PER POUND

	Price per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	96.00 -121.00	99.00 -110.00
TENDERLOINS	106.00 -128.00	112.00 -125.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	64.00 - 89.00	65.00 - 79.00
LEGS	48.00 - 59.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	29.00 - 40.00	29.00 - 33.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	32.00 - 39.00	31.00 - 33.00
DRUMSTICKS	39.00 - 59.00	-
THIGHS	43.00 - 50.00	-
B/S THIGHS	99.00 -107.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	110.00 -129.00	118.00 -126.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 25.00	-
LIVERS	32.00 - 55.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 65.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP – WHOLE	99.5-116.5
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	103-121
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	ICE PACK	159
	DRY PACK	123
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK	117
	ICE PACK	-
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	114
	DRY PACK	112
DUCKS		235-252

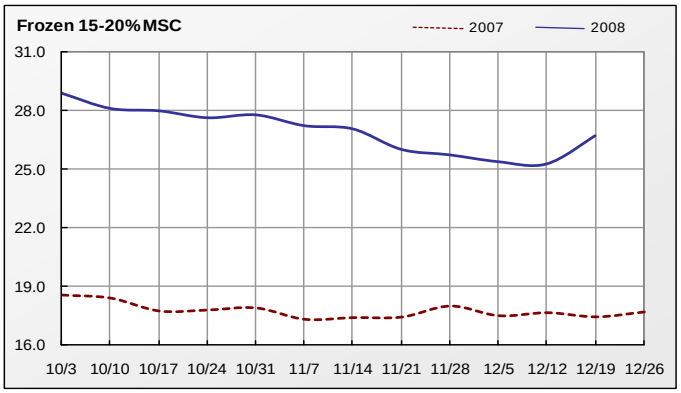
NATIONAL MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

(FOB Shipper Dock or equiv., negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand lb. quantities, cents/lb.; delivery within 2 weeks.)

MSC market tone was steady to fully steady. Supplies were balanced to close. Demand was moderate to good going into the holiday week. Raw materials remained tight with good interest. Trading was moderate to good with most export activity from Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean. Contracts for the 2009 season were generally finished with some domestic and export buyers unfulfilled; contract pricing was unchanged to higher, mostly moderately to sharply higher on fresh 15-20% and sharply higher on the balance. Schedules were normal to reduced for the holiday as well as industry cutbacks noted throughout December. Frame values were steady ranging 8-11 cents FOB, mostly 10-11 FOB; contracts for 2009 were at higher levels as well.

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

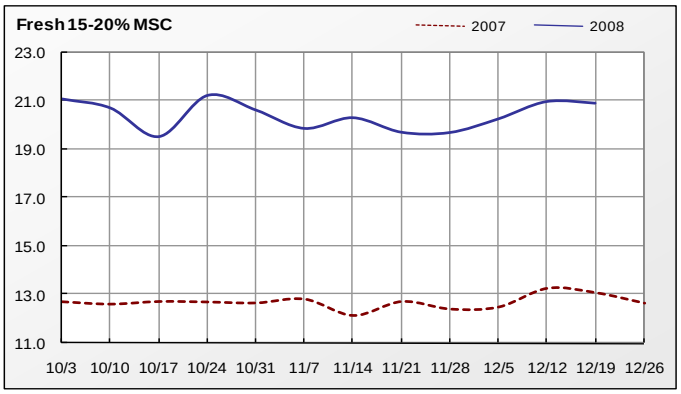
	Frozen			Fresh		
Fat Content	19-Dec-08	Last Week	Last Year	19-Dec-08	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range		26.00	15.75-17.50	25.00 - 26.00	24.00 - 26.00	15.00-16.00
Wtd Avg Price		26.00	16.12	25.48	24.77	15.74
Volume Traded	-	118	198	412	342	456
Volume Exported	-	118	198	110	-	54
15-20%						
Price Range	24.00 - 32.50	24.00 - 30.00	16.00-21.00	19.00 - 28.00	19.00 - 28.00	11.00-16.00
Wtd Avg Price	26.73	25.28	17.42	20.92	20.99	13.09
Volume Traded	1,465	2,587	2,654	3,530	4,066	2,297
Volume Exported	1,225	2,547	2,614	756	835	490
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-		21.50	-
Wtd Avg Price			-		21.50	-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	82	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

	Frozen			Fresh		
Fat Content	Nov 2008	Oct 2008	Nov 2007	Nov 2008	Oct 2008	Nov 2007
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	24.00	31.17	16.76	24.28	25.55	15.67
Volume Traded	322	240	1,234	1,443	1,147	2,494
Volume Exported	160	200	1,234	220	-	104
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	26.34	28.16	17.53	19.96	20.67	12.54
Volume Traded	5,394	6,422	12,989	11,870	11,659	15,504
Volume Exported	4,961	4,939	12,305	1,921	3,047	5,429
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	21.00	20.80	14.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	366	404	240
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

Note: Volume exported refers to that portion of the total volume that is destined for export markets.



LIVE HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 22-DECEMBER-08

SOUTH CENTRAL

Pricing is slightly higher compared to the past week . Demand was moderate for adequate supplies of spent hens. Schedules are reduced for the holiday week. Finished sales were slowing. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-14.75 CENTS/LB.		10.58

SOUTHEAST

Prices were generally unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was moderate to at least moderate for the generally sufficient offerings of spent fowl. Processing schedules were lighter than normal due to the holiday. Finished product supplies were adequate to well cleared. The undertone was at least steady to fully steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.75-19 CENTS/LB.		11.54
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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