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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices were trending unchanged in the West, lower elsewhere when compared to early week prices. Trade sentiment was mixed, but overall steady to barely steady in all areas. Retail and food service demand was light to fairly good, mostly fair following the holiday weekend. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate to satisfy current trade needs. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. In the parts structure, movement was moderate to fairly good for early week trading. Breast items, tenders, wings and most dark meat items were well cleared to short with wings in the strongest position. In productions areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, but mostly desirable.

FINAL BROILER FRYER report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of RTC ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 19-JAN-2009 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	COMPOSITE WTD AVG	LOADS
Boston/New England	TFEWR		:	81.36	14
Chicago	65.00-74.00	75.13	17 :	69.00	51
Ohio Cities	TFEWR		:	67.64	11
Denver	94.50	94.50	13 :	93.09	16
Detroit	75.50-80.00	79.06	8 :	75.44	39
Los Angeles	95.00	94.31	59 :	92.67	137
New York	78.00-81.00	79.35	20 :	78.14	41
Philadelphia	77.50-79.00	78.00	11 :	76.80	23
Pittsburgh	77.00-80.00	78.20	10 :	80.80	51
St. Louis	72.50-73.75	73.27	16 :	73.08	22
San Francisco	95.50	95.82	31 :	93.74	38

***NOTE:** On February 6, 2009, the CHICAGO U.S. Grade A price quotation will be combined into the Whole Body price quotation and will no longer be reported as a separate price quotation. The whole body category includes whole body birds with or without giblets, all grades, brands and packaging. Until then, CHICAGO the U.S. Grade A and Whole Body price quotations will run concurrently.*

Delivered to First Receivers:

	Whole Body 1/: MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	*Composite* WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago 1/	65.00-74.00			69.00	51

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	01/19/09	Change	Last Wk 01/12/09	01/21/08
443	81.33	-1.24	82.56	73.82

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

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
Eastern	79.00-81.00	80.06	29
Central	59.00-74.00	71.34	62
Western	79.00-97.25	83.61	49
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent			
Mississippi	84.00-87.00	85.32	851

1/: Whole Body category includes whole body birds with or without giblets, all grades, brands, and packaging.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 87.25 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
1,027	71.00-89.50	86.70

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	175.00	1,318
BREASTS - B/S	128.50	5,516
BREASTS - WHOLE	73.00	1,377
THIGH MEAT - B/S	110.00	1,109
THIGHS	52.50	614
DRUMSTICKS	57.00	808
LEG QUARTERS	34.00	8,983
WINGS	138.00	2,611

This information is supplied by the Ga Dept. of Ag/Poultry Market News Service.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was generally no better than fair as dealers cautiously assess market conditions entering the week. Offerings of all sizes were fully sufficient for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair. The market tone was mostly steady. In the parts complex, breast items wings, tenders and most dark meat cuts were in close balance to well cleared.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYER Trade sentiment was about steady. Demand following the holiday weekend was mostly fair with limited trading. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was moderate to fairly good for early week trading. Breast items were balanced to tight with boneless skinless in the best position and held with confidence. Wings, tenders and dark meat items were in very good supply and moving well. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majorities were unchanged from last Mondays'. Trade sentiment mostly steady on whole fryers, steady to barely steady on WOGs. Retail demand on whole fryers moderate to instances good, mostly moderate. Wog demand light to moderate. Food service demand light to moderate with some noting reduced orders. Weights desirable. Floor stocks adequate to sometimes longer than desired. Parts demand moderate with offerings adequate for buyers needs. Boneless skinless breasts traded at 117-129, bone-in breasts 76.50-95, wings 130-147, leg quarters 36-45, and drums 60-69 cents delivered.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final delivered majority prices into Midwest markets were lower; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was about steady. Producer offers sufficient for limited trade need. Retail and food service demand light to fairly good overall. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate; weights mostly desirable. Supplies of wings were tight, tenders limited, dark meat and breast cuts were closely balanced. Trade sentiment was firm on wings, fully steady to firm on tenders, steady to fully steady on dark meat lines and on breast cuts.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to fair. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate with smaller sizes slightly more available. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but mostly desirable. Processing schedules were very light to moderate with various plants down yesterday for the MLK Holiday. Less than truck lot asking prices were unchanged at 80 to 91 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. In the parts complex, breast items were adequate and clearing well. Wings and tenders were in good supply to well cleared, and dark meat cuts were sufficient to tight with drums in the closest position.

BOILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

	01/20/09 BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	01/19/09 BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
RANGE	**46-86**	**55-96**
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	**(A)**	**(A)**
NO. OF BOXES	**(A)**	**(A)**

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operation.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was at least moderate following the holiday weekend. Offerings of breast items, tenders, wings and most dark meat cuts were in close balance to tight with premiums noted in some instances. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate, best where scattered feature activity was noted. The market tone was fully steady to firm for breast items, tenders, wings and most dark meat cuts.

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		135-140	131.97	344,381
TENDERLOINS		150-155	147.96	87,080
BREAST - WITH RIBS		73-74	80.47	80,160
BREAST - LINE RUN		73	75.83	64,800
LEGS		56-57	54.55	231,560
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)		35-36	34.51	259,440
DRUMSTICKS		58-59	63.80	78,720
THIGHS		53-54	59.13	34,480
B/S THIGHS		112-113	113.42	28,080
WINGS (WHOLE)		140-141	144.86	132,325
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)		13-15	15.05	17,560
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)		45-50	48.44	3,200
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)		70-75	74.97	13,240

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	1,038	107.00-131.00	117-131	120.52
TENDERLOINS	323	143.00-154.00	-	146.82
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,713	30.00-42.00	30-31	31.29
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,995	33.00-37.00	35-36	34.99
WINGS (WHOLE)	533	110.00-148.00	143-146	143.31
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	
THIGHS	1,404	47.00-56.00	47-49	48.79

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (In thousands)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	01/20	01/16	01/16	01/13	01/09
Alabama	4,070	3,852	5.21	4,041	5.15
Arkansas	5,055	4,341	5.47	4,686	5.40
Delmarva	2,189	2,352	5.74	2,130	5.80
KY-LA-TN	2,264	2,357	4.70	2,246	4.87
Mississippi	2,970	3,119	5.49	3,001	5.61
North Car	2,800	3,500	6.90	2,747	6.87
Texas	2,621	2,500	5.60	2,649	5.17
Total	21,969	22,021	5.62	21,500	5.60
Mon-Tue	37,812 (A)			42,668 (A)	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations
(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.
Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 20-Jan 2009 is estimated to be 32,868,000 up 1.88 percent from a week ago. and down 3.3 percent from a year ago.
(last week 32,263,000 last year 33,974,000)

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	277	121.00-202.00	-	129.44
TENDERLOINS	230	136.00-215.00	-	150.89
BREAST - LINE RUN	115	72.00-85.00	-	76.35
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	466	32.00-36.00	34	34.07
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	732	34.00-40.00	36-37	36.11
WINGS (WHOLE)	140	121.00-139.00	-	132.45
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS	122	108.00-119.00	-	113.19

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Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for Jan 20, 2009 -- F.O.B. Dock

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
48 49.50 - 55.00	51.82

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 19-JAN-2009 TO 23-JAN-2009, CENTS PER POUND

	Price per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	113.00 -136.00	119.00 -131.00
TENDERLOINS	125.00 -160.00	143.00 -155.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	68.00 - 89.00	69.00 - 85.00
LEGS	53.00 - 61.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	32.00 - 39.00	33.00 - 35.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	34.00 - 41.00	35.00 - 37.00
DRUMSTICKS	52.00 - 62.00	-
THIGHS	52.00 - 59.00	-
B/S THIGHS	107.00 -118.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	132.00 -148.00	138.00 -145.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16.00 - 25.00	-
LIVERS	32.00 - 51.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 61.00	-

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

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	100-107
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	103-111
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

FRESH FRYERS	109-122
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	136
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK	117
	ICE PACK	-
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	114
	DRY PACK	112
DUCKS		235-252

National Mechanically Separated Chicken

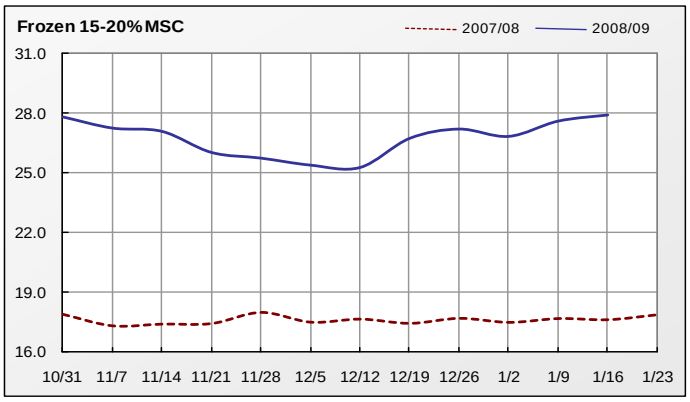
CORRECTION ON 2008 ANNUAL WEIGHTED AVERAGES AND VOLUMES

(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 fully steady to firm on all fat contents. Supplies were balanced to tight. Raw materials remained close with good inquiry. Demand and trading was moderate to good with most export interest and activity from Mexico, Central America, Asia, and the Caribbean. Prices have been significantly higher than last year's levels for most of 2008 and have continued in the same fashion into 2009. Schedules were normal. Frame values were steady trading mostly between 10-11 cents FOB.

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

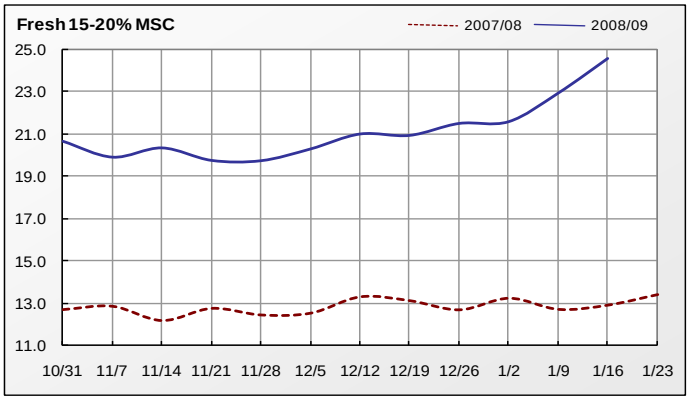
	Frozen			Fresh		
Fat Content	16-Jan-09	Last Week	Last Year	16-Jan-09	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range			16.00	27.00 - 34.00	26.00 - 27.00	15.00-16.00
Wtd Avg Price			16.00	28.93	26.56	15.69
Volume Traded	-	-	54	440	337	382
Volume Exported	-	-	54	55	55	-
15-20%						
Price Range	24.00 - 34.00	25.00 - 33.00	16.00-21.00	23.00 - 29.00	20.00 - 30.00	11.00-16.00
Wtd Avg Price	27.89	27.59	17.61	24.56	22.92	12.88
Volume Traded	1,351	1,287	1,196	2,064	1,964	2,161
Volume Exported	1,151	1,167	1,036	144	490	133
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	23.00		-
Wtd Avg Price			-	23.00		-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	41	-	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

	Frozen			Fresh		
Fat Content	***2008***	2007	2006	***2008***	2007	2006
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	24.01	17.43	17.15	22.58	16.30	16.65
Volume Traded	3,136	14,689	9,357	13,790	20,970	21,039
Volume Exported	2,414	13,122	5,226	446	627	-
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	24.51	17.61	16.84	19.16	12.91	13.95
Volume Traded	78,815	81,625	83,485	140,572	126,860	80,067
Volume Exported	68,238	72,685	73,306	29,789	29,872	10,288
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	19.40	13.98	13.87
Volume Traded	-	-	-	3,408	4,690	5,767
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.C GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 05-JAN-09

SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS

Pricing was slightly higher than a week earlier. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings from production areas. Schedules were as desired. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7.75-14.5		10.78

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS

Prices were generally unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was at least moderate for the generally sufficient offerings of spent fowl. Processing schedules were noted as mostly normal. Finished product supplies were adequate to balanced. The undertone was at least steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.75-18.25		11.61
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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