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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 steady to about steady in the Midwest, about steady to barely steady in the West, and steady to instances weak in the Northeast. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate with increased interest noted where features were active. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to ample to satisfy current trade needs. Floor stocks were balanced to long. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate for late week trading. Breast items were close balanced to short with boneless skinless in the strongest position and moving well. Wings and dark meat items were in good supply and moving satisfactorily. In production areas live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

Preliminary Report Prices negotiated for truck lot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 09-Mar-2009 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A
(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
New York	73.00-76.00			
Los Angeles	94.00			
Whole Body 2/				
Chicago	58.00-70.00	50.00-89.25	63.57	45
FOB Dock Equivalent 3/:				
Mississippi	83.00-86.00	63.00-88.00	83.76	85

1/: Includes branded product.
2/: Whole Body category includes whole body birds with or without giblets, all grades, brands, and packaging.
3/: Southeast area

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broiler/fryers for this week's trading is 86.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 ½ to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG
807	77.25-92.14	85.89

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

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000) POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	180.00	1,175
BREASTS - B/S	146.00	5,077
BREASTS - WHOLE	78.50	1,426
THIGH MEAT - B/S	114.00	1,307
THIGHS	53.50	729
DRUMSTICKS	61.00	914
LEG QUARTERS	35.50	6,886
WINGS	147.50	2,670

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

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light and unaggressive as dealers limited orders to regular commitments. Offerings of all sizes were available and slow to clear. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light and selective. Fast food interest was fair to moderate. The market tone was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, breast items were well cleared. Tenders and most dark meat cuts were sufficient and clearing satisfactorily. Wings were at least adequate for current needs.

MIDWEST BOILER/FRYER Preliminary delivered majority prices on next week's trade into the Chicago area moved one cent lower. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady on moderate offerings. Fill-in trade was noted on 3 up wogs at 55 and 56 cents delivered. First of the month demand was slightly elevated into retail, while food service though irregular, was generally light to moderate. Eight-piece cutup, wings and fast food drove interest in food service sector. Floor stocks were adequate to long; weights desirable. Parts movement was best on breast cuts and dark meat cuts saw fairly good interest as well. Supplies of boneless/skinless breast remained tight, bone-in breast mixed, large wings increased in availability and dark meat lines were adequate to tight. Trade sentiment was steady to firm on boneless/skinless breast and thighs; other parts were steady.

WESTERN BOILER/FRYER The preliminary majority prices were unchanged from last week. The market tone was barely steady. Very limited early trading reported. Offerings were tight to adequate on small sizes, and generally ample on heavy weights. Heavy weights were building. Buying activity was fair at best. Retailer demand was moderate, best for parts. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers. The market tone was steady to firm on parts with white meat items in the strongest position.

SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYER Trade sentiment was steady at best. Demand entering the weekend was light to instances moderate, best for active ads and features. Supplies of all sizes were more than adequate to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate. Breast items were sufficient, but boneless skinless cuts were well cleared and held with confidence. Wings and dark meat items were in good supply and moving well. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to moderate entering the weekend. Seller offerings were at least adequate for current trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were one cent lower at 75 to 86 cents. Trade sentiment was steady at best. In the parts complex, breast items were adequate to closer balanced with b/s breasts well cleared to tight. Dark meat cuts were sufficient to balanced, and wings were mixed, but available.

*BROILER/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		60-92
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		(A)
NO. OF BOXES		(A)
CUMULATIVE	03/02/09 – 03/06/09	(A)
	03/03/08 – 03/07/08	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	03/02/09 – 03/06/09	(A)
	03/03/08 – 03/07/08	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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.

MAR 05, 2009					MAR 06, 2009				WEEKLY	
ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	LBS (000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	377	132.00-197.00	-	138.58	328	134.00-197.00	-	140.48	1,667	136.18
TENDERLOINS	220	150.00-196.00	-	155.32	196	150.00-202.00	-	160.22	1,002	159.11
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT			143	75.00-81.00	77-79	77.70	423	78.24
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			275	68.56
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	451	32.00-38.00	34	34.46	415	32.00-37.00	34	34.18	2,269	34.28
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	457	34.00-39.00	36-37	36.56	902	34.00-39.00	36-37	36.14	2,593	36.50
WINGS (WHOLE)	150	142.00-145.00	-	143.40	135	142.00-149.00	-	145.19	625	145.09
WINGS (CUT)	115	160.00-169.00	-	163.61	100	160.00-167.00	-	162.80	566	163.11
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			86	54.76
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			102	53.99
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			345	110.87

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR MAR 05, 2009 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
48.00 - 54.00	54.00

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR MAR 06, 2009 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
48.00 - 54.50	50.76	51.41

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 increased slightly entering the weekend and was noted as mostly moderate. Offerings of breast items were well cleared with good movement. Tenders and most dark meat cuts were about adequate to adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Wings were at least sufficient for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair. The market tone was fully steady to firm for breast items. The balance of items were at least steady.

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

MAR 05, 2009				MAR 06, 2009				
ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS	WEEKLY WTD AVG	WEEKLY VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	145-150	135.19	632,240	145-150	136.83	459,160	132.90	2,332,661
TENDERLOINS	155-160	158.29	96,040	155-160	156.29	87,280	156.39	463,090
BREAST - WITH RIBS	76-77	81.17	174,800	77-78	80.70	135,360	81.07	617,241
BREAST - LINE RUN	76	80.06	61,200	77	79.92	64,800	79.33	309,600
LEGS	56-57	55.58	125,440	56-57	59.45	80,120	54.96	700,640
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	35-36	37.34	386,096	35-36	36.42	371,559	36.46	1,843,719
DRUMSTICKS	58-59	63.69	81,280	58-59	65.99	93,000	63.75	432,040
THIGHS	53-54	60.56	56,160	53-54	60.73	73,920	59.51	326,960
B/S THIGHS	112-113	120.67	47,280	112-113	115.63	43,440	115.81	220,640
WINGS (WHOLE)	146-147	148.70	250,241	146-147	152.22	151,680	150.56	882,071
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	13-15	15.00	21,360	13-15	15.00	32,960	14.98	107,760
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	47.86	9,640	45-50	47.22	15,920	47.41	67,800
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	74.67	17,240	70-75	73.58	33,080	73.33	107,000

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 (1,000)		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WTS		ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS
	03/06	03/05	03/04	03/03	03/04	03/03	02/27	02/25
Alabama	3,653	3,763	3,609	4,084	5.36	5.59	3,791	5.57
Arkansas	3,686	4,642	5,040	4,961	5.31	5.41	3,616	5.35
Delmarva	2,368	2,273	2,237	2,107	5.97	6.01	2,176	5.98
KY-LA-TN	1,873	2,262	2,301	2,285	5.09	5.20	2,049	5.13
Mississippi	2,749	2,859	2,737	2,843	5.80	5.92	2,713	5.86
North Carolina	3,402	2,682	2,482	2,604	7.05	7.00	2,524	6.88
Texas	2,572	2,629	2,624	2,674	5.40	5.42	2,624	5.29
Total	20,303	21,110	21,030	21,558	5.65	5.74	19,493	5.68
Mon-Fri	103,382	(A)					102,761	(A)
Saturday	917	(included in total for date shown)					250	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 06-Mar-09 and 07-Mar-09is estimated to be 30,376,000 head up 3.85 percent from a week ago and down -10.78 percent from a year ago.(Last week 29,251,000, last year 34,048,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 07-Mar-09 is estimated to be 153,713,000 head down 0.87percent from a week ago, and down 6.57 percent from a year ago.(Last week 155,055,000, last year 164,514,000)
Actual data incorporated when available.

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
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	136
	ICE PACK	159
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	-
	DRY PACK	117
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	114
	DRY PACK	112
DUCKS		235-252

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED

W/E 28-FEB-2009 Under Federal Inspection (Preliminary) (In Thousands)

	A 4.25 lbs & down	B 4.26 - 6.25 lbs	C 6.26 - 7.75 lbs	D 7.76 lbs & up	Total
Head	36,178	82,768	22,056	14,053	155,055
Avg Live Wgt	3.81	5.40	7.02	8.28	5.52
% of total /1	23%	54%	14%	9%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	40,200	78,105	22,881	13,626	154,812
Avg Live Wgt	3.87	5.42	6.94	8.15	5.48
% of total /1	26%	50%	15%	9%	100%
Year Ago 2/	45,295	78,836	26,178	15,601	165,910
Avg Live Wgt	3.85	5.44	6.89	8.24	5.49
% of total /1	27%	48%	16%	9%	100%
To date/2009*	314,675	630,064	181,531	117,162	1,243,432
To date/2008*	358,871	629,953	200,446	135,291	1,324,561

/1May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.

Weight Class Description: (A) This size product is normally marketed bone-in into fast food and food service sectors and may include Cornish hens. (B) This size product is normally marketed into the retail grocery sector in tray pack or bagged forms. (C) This size product is normally marketed either into the retail grocery sector in tray pack and IQF form or is further processed and marketed into various sectors. (D) This size product is normally marketed deboned or as roasters or roasting chicken.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(PRELIMINARY) W/E 28-FEB-2009	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	----------Thousands----------				
Head	155,055	1,079	1,449	2,528	401
Avg Wt	5.52	3.33	7.88	5.94	6.70
Last week	154,812	1,172	1,323	2,495	408
Same wk yr ago	165,910	1,409	1,542	2,951	431
Avg Wt	5.49	3.48	8.02	5.85	6.28
To-date/2009*	1,243,432	10,043	12,198	22,241	3,303
To-date/2008*	1,324,561	11,283	12,196	23,479	3,636
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	637,648	1,815	7,593	9,408	1,934
Last week	632,035	1,924	6,986	8,910	1,939
Same wk yr ago	678,580	2,476	8,224	10,700	1,949
To-date/2009*	5,097,238	16,839	63,526	80,365	15,750
To-date/2008*	5,427,214	18,825	64,755	83,580	17,633
Dressing %	74.5%	50.5%	66.5%		72.0%

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 158.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 156.9 million head or 1.2 million less than estimated available.

(B) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.

*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

Week Ending		Million Head Slaughtered	Million Head Available*	Pct	Avg Wt
Jan	24	150.4	157.2	96%	5.48
	31	149.9	158.2	95%	5.59
Feb	7	157.4	157.4	100%	5.49
	14	156.4	157.6	99%	5.48
	21	156.7	158.5	99%	5.48
	28	156.9	158.1	99%	5.52
Year to date		1258.5	1247.3	101%	
Mar	7		157.6		
	14		157.1		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection

W/E	03/07/09	02/28/09	%CHG	03/08/08	%CHG
	----------Thousands----------				
Broilers	153,713	155,055 *	-0.87	164,514 *	-6.57
Cattle	603	618	-02	647 *	-07
Hogs	2,228	2,179	+02	2,231 *	0

*Actual

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR DELIVERY THE WEEK OF 02-MAR-2009

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND MOSTLY	193-197	198-204
MIDWEST MOSTLY	178-194	184-198

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	63.00-78.75	74.00-77.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	71.00-87.00	77.00-86.00

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	69.84- 99.63
14 OZ.	77.76-112.59
16 OZ.	84.96-124.82

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:
CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS

Prices continued unchanged. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand was in a full range, light to good. Supplies were barely adequate to adequate for present trade requirements. Processing schedules were normal. Prices paid, first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at $7.60-8.70, bone in legs at $2.45-3.10, gizzards at $1.20-1.50, wings at $.70-.90, livers at $1.25-2.05, and feet at $.70-1.45.

PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 02-MAR-2009

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	182-210	165-210

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - MAR 03, 2009

DATE OF AUCTION: PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED
AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	RANGE			
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.50	-	1.70	
Chicks	.25	-	.50	ea.
Pekin Ducks		-	8.00	ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.90	-	1.00	
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	1.05	-	1.10	
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.90	-	1.00	
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	1.10	-	1.20	
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.90	-	1.00	
Guinea Fowl	2.00	-	2.20	
Banty Roosters	3.00	-	5.00	ea.
Banty Hens	2.00	-	3.00	ea.
Leghorn Roosters	3.00	-	3.25	ea.
Pigeons	3.20	-	3.60	ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	3.90	-	4.00	
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	2.20	-	2.75	
Bunnies	7.00	-	8.00	ea.
Guinea Pigs	1.50	-	3.00	ea.
Goats		-	45.00	ea.
Kid Goats		-	35.00	ea.
Doves	2.75	-	3.25	ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.60	-	2.00	

*** Total Head Sold 1466 ***

Note: * Reported as total number of head sold rather than total coops sold*

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Sales were too few to report prices. Offerings were at least sufficient for current trade needs. Demand was fair with limited trading due to the majority of supplies being used internally. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

LIVE LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN Prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for the generally adequate offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	2-11	3-7

SOUTH CENTRAL There were no sales to report. Demand was light for at least adequate supplies. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were measured. Trade sentiment about steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL Prices were unchanged. Demand was moderate with offerings adequate. Schedules are normal with heavy amounts of rendering. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-10.5	0-5

LIVE HEAVY TYPE HENS

(7 POUNDS AND UP) *
PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER
THE WEEK OF 09-MAR-09

SOUTH CENTRAL Trading was TFEWR. Demand was light for adequate offerings of spent heavy fowl. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was mostly fair for the at least sufficient offerings of spent fowl. Processing schedules for next week were noted as normal. Finished product supplies were sufficient for current trade needs. The undertone was mostly steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
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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