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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was about steady to weak in the Northeast, steady to weak in the Midwest, and steady to barely steady the West. Retail and food service demand was slow to moderate with limited ads noted into retail. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to satisfy current trade needs. Floor stocks were balanced to long. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate for mid week trading. Breast items were sufficient to slightly more available on boneless skinless, and wings were at least sufficient. Dark meat items ranged adequate to readily available, but thighs were tight with good movement. In production areas live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading declined .25 cent to 85.75 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 81.25 cents last year on March 12, 2008.

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

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	180.00
BREASTS - B/S	146.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	79.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	116.50
THIGHS	54.50
DRUMSTICKS	61.00
LEG QUARTERS	35.00
WINGS	148.50

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 into all channels was light and unaggressive and usually limited to regular commitments. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate to satisfy current trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate for mid week trading. Breast items were sufficient, but wings were more than adequate. Dark meat items were balanced to well cleared with thighs in the best position and moving well. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light to fair at best for midweek trading as dealers were content to limit orders to most immediate needs. Offerings of all sizes were available and slow to clear. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light and selective. The market tone was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, breast items and tenders were noted as slightly more available but still clearing satisfactorily. Thighs and thigh meat were well cleared; other dark meat cuts were balanced to adequate. Wings were at least sufficient for current needs.

MIDWEST REGION The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was steady to weak. Producer offerings were more than sufficient for light trade needs. Retail and food service movement was lacking and noted as slow to moderate at best. Floor stocks were adequate to ample; weights desirable to light. Parts trade was light and nonaggressive. Supplies were adequate with drums long. Trade sentiment was barely steady on drums, steady to firm on thighs, unsettled on boneless/skinless breast and steady on the balance of parts.

WESTERN REGION The market tone on whole fryers was generally steady, WOGs steady to barely steady. Offerings adequate to fully adequate. Retail and foodservice demand light to moderate. Weights ranged desirable to heavier than desired. Floor stocks adequate. The market tone on breast meat and drums was steady to barely steady, thigh meat steady to fully steady, balance mostly steady.

BROILER –TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 7 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 203 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 7, 2009. This was down 7 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 7 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 7, 2009. Placements were down 7 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2008 through March 7, 2009 were 1.67 billion, down 6 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED TOTAL 19 SELECTED STATES

WEEK ENDING 03/07/09	2009	2008	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
	Thousand		
EGGS SET	203,328	219,337	-7
CHICKS PLACED	167,561	179,798	-7

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 18-Apr-09 is estimated at 153.9 million head. This compares to 152.0 million head the previous week and to 168.1 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 167.9 million head and the composite weighted average price was 78.78 cents per pound.

MAR 10 **SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS** **MAR 11**

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	437	136.00-197.00	-	142.02
TENDERLOINS	188	150.00-205.00	-	165.43
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	452	32.00-37.00	34-35	34.74
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	804	34.00-40.00	36-37	36.04
WINGS (WHOLE)	160	140.00-149.00	-	144.44
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	322	135.00-200.00	-	140.80
TENDERLOINS	183	150.00-205.00	-	158.17
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	386	31.00-37.00	34-35	34.11
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	842	32.00-39.00	36-37	35.71
WINGS (WHOLE)	135	140.00-147.00	-	144.67
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
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 F.O.B. DOCK

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
48.00 –53.50	51.52	47.50 – 54.50	50.51	51.03

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 mostly fair to instances moderate during midweek trading. Offerings of breast items were noted as slightly more available but were clearing satisfactorily; tenders and wings were at least sufficient for current needs. Thighs and thigh meat were well cleared with drums noted as available. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair. The market tone was fully steady to firm for thighs and thigh meat; barely steady for drums. The balance of items were generally steady.

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

MAR 10 ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	145-150	139.75	527,772
TENDERLOINS	155-160	154.50	204,088
BREAST - WITH RIBS	77-78	82.53	128,520
BREAST - LINE RUN	77	79.58	59,400
LEGS	56-57	54.68	140,760
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	35-36	35.63	392,120
DRUMSTICKS	58-59	65.40	78,308
THIGHS	53-54	60.95	79,080
B/S THIGHS	112-113	116.65	68,480
WINGS (WHOLE)	146-147	151.53	225,195
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	13-15	15.00	18,480
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	48.89	12,120
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	74.33	26,360

MAR 11 ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	145-150	142.03	465,364
TENDERLOINS	155-160	157.62	80,100
BREAST - WITH RIBS	77-78	85.70	84,640
BREAST - LINE RUN	77	79.12	59,400
LEGS	56-57	55.07	173,560
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	35-36	37.05	186,840
DRUMSTICKS	57-58	66.44	72,360
THIGHS	54-55	60.49	73,640
B/S THIGHS	113-114	115.44	39,880
WINGS (WHOLE)	146-147	150.41	156,739
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	13-15	15.00	11,440
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	47.75	7,480
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	74.87	11,960

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 (1,000)		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WTS		ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS
	03/11	03/10	03/09	03/06	03/09	03/06	03/04	03/02
Alabama	3,611	4,086	3,768	3,872	5.32	4.48	3,609	5.41
Arkansas	4,706	4,926	4,412	3,697	5.40	5.23	5,040	5.46
Delmarva	2,130	2,190	2,161	2,660	5.95	5.79	2,237	(A)
KY-LA-TN	2,217	2,278	2,249	1,833	5.33	4.90	2,301	(A)
Mississippi	2,795	2,859	2,733	2,797	5.72	5.60	2,737	5.71
North Carolina	2,560	2,690	2,621	3,242	7.15	6.91	2,482	7.04
Texas	2,602	2,680	2,476	2,595	5.49	5.23	2,624	5.52
Total	20,621	21,709	20,420	20,696	5.71	5.45	21,030	5.66
Mon-Wed	63,340 (B)						61,082 (B)	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations
(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.
Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 11-Mar-09 is estimated to be 30,851,000 head down 2.24 percent from a week ago and down -5.21 percent from a year ago.
(Last week 31,558,000, last year 32,545,000)

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
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	159
	DRY PACK	121
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	125
	DRY PACK	117
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	125
	DRY PACK	116
DUCKS		252-262

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER
UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING14-MAR-09

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	03/14/09 (1)	03/07/09
Class	---------- Thousand head ---------	
Broiler/fryer	156,477(2)	154,203
Light hens	1,379	1,288
Heavy hens	1,439	1,402
Total	159,295	156,893

(1)ESTIMATED
2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 14-Mar-09 is 157.1 million head compared to 168.4 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 156.8 million head or 0.3 million less than estimated available. For the week of 21-Mar-09 the estimated available is 157.5 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY LBS	PROCESSED POULTRY LBS
AM 03/09/09	120,893	78,959
AM 03/01/09	116,137	77,989
CHG	4,756	970
PCT CHG	4	1

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	03/09/09	03/02/09	03/10/08	03/09/09	03/02/09	03/10/08
PACIFIC COAST	610	646	2,762	11,011	7,870	7,259
LOS ANGELES	200	206	44	830	934	1,172

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 MARCH 9, 2009

		RANGE
HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	75-86
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	75-94

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES FOR 03/10/09
AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	1.20	2.10	1.60	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.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	10.50	11.00	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	1.60	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	1.65	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	2.75	3.55	3.20	RABBITS ea.	13.00	17.50	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.00	5.25	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	8.00	10.50	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-				
TOTAL COOPS 27							

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY
Cents per pound for the week ending March 6, 2009

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/Thighs	Necks,Backs & Wings	Livers Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	69.06	119.07	83.35	20.84	11.91	77.39
High	71.44	125.02	89.30	29.77	14.88	77.39
Mostly	70.55	122.04	86.32	26.79	13.39	77.39
SAN JUAN						
Low	68.46	119.07	80.37	23.81	11.91	75.90
High	70.55	128.00	86.32	29.77	14.88	75.90
Mostly	70.55	122.04	83.35	23.81	11.91	75.90
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	69.65	122.04	86.32	23.81	14.88	78.88
High	72.03	128.00	92.28	32.74	17.86	78.88
Mostly	69.65	125.02	89.30	29.77	17.86	78.88
BECERRA						
Low	69.95	125.02	89.30	26.79	14.88	80.37
High	72.63	130.97	95.25	35.72	17.86	80.37
Mostly	70.55	128.00	92.28	32.74	17.86	80.37

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was mostly fair with trading usually limited to regular commitments. Seller offerings were at least sufficient to satisfy current trade requirements. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were one cent lower at 73 to 84 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady. In the parts complex, breast items were adequate to barely adequate with b/s breasts more available. Wings were available, and dark meat cuts were sufficient with thighs closer balanced and drums fully adequate.
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	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
RANGE	61-87
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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