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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were unchanged in the West, lower elsewhere when compared to last week prices. Trade sentiment was about steady to barely steady in the Northeast, steady to about steady in the Midwest, and steady to barely steady in the West. Retail and food service demand was slow to moderate, best where features were in progress. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to fully adequate to satisfy current trade needs. Floor stocks were balanced to long. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate for early week trading. Breast items were sufficient to slightly more available on boneless skinless, and wings were at least sufficient. Dark meat items were in good supply with thigh meat in the strongest position and moving well. In production areas live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

FINAL BROILER FRYER prices negotiated for trucklot sales of RTC broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers and FOB at major market areas (cents per lb) week of 16-MAR-2009

	Grade A		Loads	Composite	
	Majority	Wtd Avg		Wtd Avg	Loads
Delivered to First Receivers 1/:					
Boston/New England	TFEWR		:	75.76	17
Ohio Cities	TFEWR		:	59.60	18
Denver	93.50	93.50	14 :	93.72	16
Detroit	70.00-73.00	72.50	6 :	71.47	37
Los Angeles	94.00	91.93	55 :	83.44	127
New York	70.00-73.00	71.48	21 :	72.85	42
Philadelphia	69.50-71.00	70.00	11 :	69.61	22
Pittsburgh	69.00-72.00	70.36	11 :	75.68	51
St. Louis	69.00-71.00	76.00	14 :	73.70	24
San Francisco	94.50	93.24	33 :	89.70	48

	Whole Body 2/:		Loads	Composite	
	Majority	Wtd Avg		Wtd Avg	Loads
Chicago	56.00-68.00		:	62.48	48
Composite Weighted Average 3/:					
Loads	03/16/09	Change	Last Wk	03/09/09	03/17/08
449	75.52	-1.53		77.050	81.15

	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads
Wog broiler 4/:			
Eastern	72.00-74.00	73.16	28
Central	52.00-72.00	63.70	73
Western	65.00-73.00	77.65	51
FOB Dock Equivalent 5/:			
Mississippi	83.00-86.00	83.88	89

- 1/: Includes branded product.
- 2/: Whole Body category includes whole body birds with or without giblets, all grades, brands, and packaging.
- 3/: Includes all whole birds shipped into listed cities including Chicago.
- 4/: Delivered first receiver, trucklot and less than trucklot volumes.
- 5/: Southeast area

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 85.75 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
1,055	68.00-88.78	85.27
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed FINAL weighted average price on ice-packed parts:		
ITEM	WTD. AVG.	VOLUME
	(CENTS PER POUND)	(000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	178.50	1,402
BREASTS - B/S	146.50	5,818
BREASTS - WHOLE	79.50	1,712
THIGH MEAT - B/S	116.00	1,405
THIGHS	54.00	724
DRUMSTICKS	60.50	1,008
LEG QUARTERS	35.00	8,332
WINGS	148.00	2,910

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 light to fair at best as dealers assess market conditions entering the week. Offerings of all sizes were available and slow to clear. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light. The market tone was barely steady. In the parts complex, thighs and thigh meat were clearing satisfactorily. Breast items, tenders and wings were at least sufficient.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYER Trade sentiment was about steady to instances barely steady. Demand was light to fair with some hopes of improvement following the weekend. Supplies of all sizes were more than adequate to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate for early week trading. Breast items were mostly sufficient. Wings and tenders were at least adequate and most dark meat items were balanced with thighs in the best position. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majorities were unchanged from last Monday's. The market tone on whole broilers was steady at best while WOGs, were steady to barely steady. Offerings adequate to fully adequate with over 3lb. sizes the most available. Demand light to moderate, best into retail channels. Parts trading was noted on boneless skinless breasts at 121-145, bone-in breasts 77-100, wings 153-156, drums 58-74, bulk leg quarters 36-46, 4-10 leg quarters 41-42, thigh meat 113-122 cents delivered. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 68.74 cents, down 1.77 cents from last with a volume of 32 loads when compared to last week's volume of 35 loads.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final delivered majority prices were 2-3 cents lower; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole broiler fryer market tone was about steady with offerings fully sufficient for light trade needs. Retail and food service demand was slow to moderate at best. Floor stocks were balanced to long; sizes desirable to heavy. Supplies of breast items, wings, and drums were adequate to available with the remainder of parts in close balance. The market tone was barely steady to weak on boneless skinless breasts, barely steady on drums, fully steady on thighs and boneless dark meat cuts, and about steady on the balance items.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair at best entering the week. Seller offerings were at least adequate to satisfy present trade needs. Live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 72 to 83 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady. In the parts complex, breast items and wings were adequate to fully sufficient with boneless skinless becoming more available. Dark meat items were adequate to barely adequate with boneless cuts in the best 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.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	58-89
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operation.	

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity remained mostly fair entering the week as most dealers worked hand-to-mouth as they assessed market conditions. Offerings of breast items, tenders and wings were at least sufficient for current needs. Thighs and thigh meat were adequate to balanced with thigh meat in the best position. Drums were noted as available with light movement. Retail and distributive movement was seasonally slow. The market tone was fully steady for thighs and thigh meat; barely steady to weak for drums. The balance of items were generally steady.

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

ITEM	NEGOTIATED TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	145-150	136.17	297,212
TENDERLOINS	155-160	157.94	104,908
BREAST - WITH RIBS	77-78	84.46	272,573
BREAST - LINE RUN	77	79.03	59,400
LEGS	56-57	58.55	108,480
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	35-36	36.24	269,280
DRUMSTICKS	55-56	67.44	47,040
THIGHS	54-55	64.36	106,120
B/S THIGHS	116-117	117.82	26,040
WINGS (WHOLE)	146-147	150.74	193,047
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	13-15	11.00	4,503
LIVERS	45-50	48.22	2,360
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	74.59	7,640

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	1,140	128.00-142.00	137-140	135.86
TENDERLOINS	620	148.00-190.00	148-150	155.10
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	3,760	27.00-30.00	29-30	29.23
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,120	32.50-36.00	-	34.07
WINGS (WHOLE)	440	130.00-146.00	143	142.64
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
THIGHS	1,320	50.00-54.00	51	51.27

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (In thousands)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	03/16	03/12	03/12	03/09	03/05
Alabama	3,863	3,748	5.33	3,768	5.40
Arkansas	4,929	4,405	5.30	4,412	5.27
Delmarva	2,185	2,163	5.82	2,161	5.87
KY-LA-TN	2,297	2,142	5.15	2,249	5.12
Mississippi	2,710	2,879	5.65	2,733	5.63
North Carolina	2,693	2,628	6.87	2,621	6.95
Texas	2,853	2,630	5.16	2,476	5.28
Total	21,530	20,595	5.58	20,420	5.60
Mon	21,530 (A)			20,420 (A)	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 16-Mar 2009 is estimated to be 32,211,000 up 5.12 percent from a week ago. and down 1.9 percent from a year ago. (last week 30,642,000 last year 32,834,000)

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	374	132.00-197.00	-	143.50
TENDERLOINS	208	145.00-200.00	-	156.66
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	411	31.00-37.00	34	33.99
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	802	33.00-39.00	36-37	35.96
WINGS (WHOLE)	135	142.00-149.00	-	144.96
WINGS (CUT)	117	167.00-188.00	-	180.82
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for Mar 16, 2009 -- F.O.B. Dock

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
48.50 - 55.00	52.42	51.25

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 16-Mar-2009 TO 20-Mar-2009, CENTS PER POUND

	Price per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	126.00 - 152.00	126.00 - 137.00
TENDERLOINS	147.00 - 163.00	153.00 - 158.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	67.00 - 90.00	67.00 - 78.00
LEGS	50.00 - 60.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	30.00 - 40.00	32.00 - 36.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	34.00 - 45.00	34.00 - 38.00
DRUMSTICKS	48.00 - 68.00	-
THIGHS	53.00 - 58.00	-
B/S THIGHS	116.00 - 123.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	131.00 - 151.00	138.00 - 146.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 29.00	-
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	98-116
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	101-120
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	DRY PACK	121
	ICE PACK	159
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK	117
	ICE PACK	175
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	125
	DRY PACK	116
DUCKS		252-262

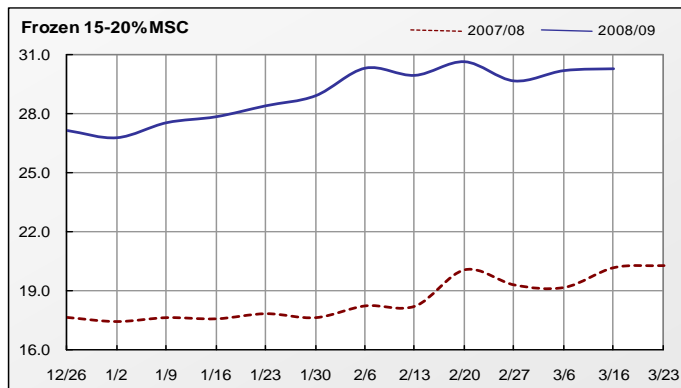
National Mechanically Separated Chicken

(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.)

The market tone for all fat contents of MSC was steady to fully steady. Supplies of fresh 15-20% were adequate to closely cleared with some anticipated reductions in the coming months; tight on the remainder of fat contents. Supplies of raw materials were in close balance. Demand was moderate to good with some resistance noted at current price levels; most export activity into Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central American countries. Schedules were mixed.

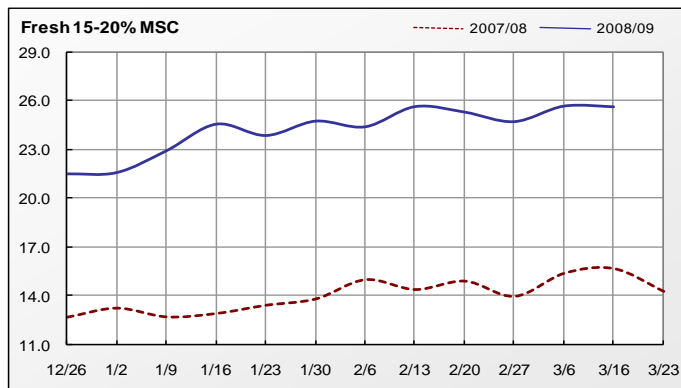
Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	16-Mar-09	Last Week	Last Year	16-Mar-09	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range			18.00	27.00 - 30.00	27.00 - 29.00	18.00-19.00
Wtd Avg Price			18.00	28.48	27.87	18.70
Volume Traded	-	-	52	315	297	302
Volume Exported	-	-	52	53	55	-
15-20%						
Price Range	27.00 - 36.00	27.00 - 34.00	16.25-26.00	23.00 - 31.00	20.00 - 28.50	12.00-22.00
Wtd Avg Price	30.32	30.23	20.22	25.62	25.67	15.65
Volume Traded	1,820	782	1,920	3,282	2,518	1,878
Volume Exported	1,500	728	1,560	938	490	82
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	22.00	22.00	-
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.00	22.00	-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	82	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	Feb 2009	Jan 2009	Feb 2008	Feb 2009	Jan 2009	Feb 2008
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	20.40	28.22	27.67	17.58
Volume Traded	-	-	584	1,101	1,524	1,566
Volume Exported	-	-	264	214	274	-
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	30.12	27.92	18.82	25.03	23.48	14.37
Volume Traded	6,505	5,100	8,143	14,414	12,494	11,547
Volume Exported	5,044	4,268	7,223	4,447	2,613	2,321
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	23.00	22.99	18.03
Volume Traded	-	-	-	325	284	775
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 16-MAR-09

SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS

Trading levels were generally unchanged compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were slowing. Schedules were as desired. Trade sentiment was about steady.

RANGE MAJORITY WTD AVG

AT FARM BUYER LOADING 7.25-14.5 10.49

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS

Prices were generally unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was mostly fair for the generally sufficient offerings of spent fowl. Processing schedules were normal. Finished product supplies were adequate for current trade needs. The undertone was steady.

RANGE MAJORITY WTD AVG

AT FARM BUYER LOADING 8.25-18.25 11.44

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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