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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was mostly about steady. Retail demand was in a full range, mostly light to moderate, best for featured items. Food service was slow to moderate with strongest movement into sports bars and fast food outlets. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to satisfy trade needs. Floor stocks were adequate to long. In the parts structure, movement was light to fair for mid-week trading. Dark meat cuts were in the best position with thighs and thigh meat often tight. Boneless skinless breasts were readily available to ample, and all other breast items and wings were at least sufficient. 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 85.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 81.50 cents last year on March 19, 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	180.50
BREASTS - B/S	146.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	79.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	118.00
THIGHS	54.50
DRUMSTICKS	60.50
LEG QUARTERS	35.50
WINGS	148.00

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

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was about steady. Demand was fair at best with limited movement. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to satisfy present trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate for mid week trading. Breast items were sufficient, but tenders were more available and wings were better balanced. Dark meat items were in good supply 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 generally no better than fair for midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes were more than sufficient for current trade needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was seasonally light. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breast were available and slow to clear; bone in breast, wings and tenders were at least adequate for current needs. Thighs and thigh meat were well cleared.

MIDWEST REGION The whole broiler fryer market tone was about steady with additional offers adequate to fully adequate for the limited trade call. Retail movement was light to good with best consumer interest on featured items like breast cuts. Distributive demand was slow to moderate with best movement into fast food channels, sports bars, and grills. Floor stocks were balanced to long with sizes mixed ranging light to heavy. Supplies of boneless skinless breasts and large wings were available, smaller sized wings and drums adequate to available, and balanced to tight on the remainder of items. The trade sentiment was weak on boneless skinless breasts and wings, fully steady on thighs and boneless dark meat, and mostly steady on the balance of parts.

WESTERN REGION The market tone on whole broilers was mostly steady. WOGs were steady to barely steady. Retail demand moderate to instances good. Foodservice demand slow to moderate. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Weights desirable. Parts demand light to moderate, best into retail. Some fill-in trading noted on boneless skinless breasts at 124 cents delivered. Offerings of boneless skinless breast meat adequate to ample, balance of white items mostly adequate. Dark offerings were light on thighs and thigh meat, balance mostly adequate. The market tone on thighs and thigh meat were steady to fully steady, boneless skinless breasts steady to weak, 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 14, 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 6 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 14, 2009. Placements were down 6 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2008 through March 14, 2009 were 1.84 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 03/14/09	2009	2008	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
	Thousand		
EGGS SET	203,181	219,153	-7
CHICKS PLACED	169,268	180,426	-6

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 25-Apr-09 is estimated at 155.1 million head. This compares to 153.9 million head the previous week and to 169.5 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 167.2 million head and the composite weighted average price was 78.90 cents per pound.

MAR 17 **SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS** **MAR 18**

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	ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	363	120.00-192.00	-	137.05	BREAST - B/S	362	115.00-192.00	-	136.64
TENDERLOINS	198	130.00-198.00	-	151.67	TENDERLOINS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT				BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	426	31.00-38.00	34	34.17	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	401	30.00-37.00	33-34	33.83
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	662	31.00-39.00	36-37	35.92	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	662	32.00-39.00	36	35.28
WINGS (WHOLE)	150	142.00-151.00	-	144.73	WINGS (WHOLE)	185	140.00-151.00	-	144.03
WINGS (CUT)	124	158.00-167.00	-	161.39	WINGS (CUT)	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S 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
47.50 –55.00	51.09	47.00 – 54.00	50.57	51.18

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 generally no better than fair during midweek trading. Boneless skinless breast were noted as slightly more available and was slow to clear. Bone-in breast, wings and tenders were at least sufficient for current needs. Dark meat cuts were adequate to available with the exception of thighs and thigh meat which were in good balance. Retail and distributive movement was seasonally slow. The market tone was fully steady for thighs and thigh meat; barely steady to instances weak for boneless skinless breast. The balance of items were mostly steady.

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

MAR 17 ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS	MAR 18 ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	145-150	145.14	535,337	BREAST - B/S	145	142.28	453,692
TENDERLOINS	155-160	156.53	149,452	TENDERLOINS	155-160	155.74	49,720
BREAST - WITH RIBS	77-78	80.86	131,760	BREAST - WITH RIBS	77-78	80.98	130,880
BREAST - LINE RUN	77	79.58	55,800	BREAST - LINE RUN	77	79.35	61,200
LEGS	56-57	55.79	108,040	LEGS	56-57	58.48	100,920
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	35-36	35.61	403,560	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	35-36	36.73	228,960
DRUMSTICKS	55-56	61.05	80,320	DRUMSTICKS	55-56	64.36	73,840
THIGHS	54-55	63.58	159,559	THIGHS	54-55	58.47	63,000
B/S THIGHS	116-117	118.38	58,240	B/S THIGHS	116-117	118.68	40,720
WINGS (WHOLE)	146-147	147.10	142,812	WINGS (WHOLE)	146-147	148.66	144,960
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	13-15	15.00	22,720	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	13-15	15.00	15,840
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	47.04	15,200	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	47.58	7,120
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	72.87	26,640	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	73.96	21,080

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
	03/18	03/17	03/16	03/13	03/16	03/13	03/11	03/09
Alabama	3,831	4,133	3,703	3,948	5.13	5.27	3,547	5.32
Arkansas	4,873	4,909	4,836	3,579	5.47	5.36	4,645	5.40
Delmarva	2,025	2,211	2,167	2,128	5.96	5.86	2,140	5.95
KY-LA-TN	2,238	2,240	2,207	1,784	5.32	4.89	2,178	5.33
Mississippi	2,779	2,859	2,697	3,125	5.68	5.55	2,813	5.72
North Carolina	2,704	2,731	2,609	2,448	7.19	7.16	2,509	7.15
Texas	2,683	2,752	2,685	2,629	5.51	5.15	2,635	5.49
Total	21,133	21,835	20,904	19,641	5.69	5.58	20,467	5.71
Mon-Wed	64,498 (A)						62,162 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.
Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 18-Mar-09 is estimated to be 31,617,000 head up 2.94 percent from a week ago and down -3.39 percent from a year ago.
(Last week 30,713,000, last year 32,725,000)

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	175
	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 ENDING21-MAR-09

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	03/21/09 (1)	03/14/09
Class	---------- Thousand head ---------	
Broiler/fryer	157,179(2)	156,477
Light hens	1,242	1,379
Heavy hens	1,447	1,439
Total	159,868	159,295

(1)ESTIMATED
2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 21-Mar-09 is 157.5 million head compared to 162.4 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 157.5 million head or 0.0 million less than estimated available. For the week of 28-Mar-09 the estimated available is 157.7 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY LBS	PROCESSED POULTRY LBS
AM 03/16/09	127,266	77,785
AM 03/01/09	116,137	77,989
CHG	11,129	-204
PCT CHG	10	0

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	03/16/09	03/09/09	03/17/08	03/16/09	03/09/09	03/17/08
PACIFIC COAST	623	610	2,801	7,811	11,011	6,237
LOS ANGELES	209	200	48	844	830	956

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 16, 2009

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

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES FOR 03/17/09
AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	-	-	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.	1.00	4.00	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	5.00	8.00	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	23.00	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	1.20	1.45	1.33	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	1.90	3.20	2.84	RABBITS ea.	4.00	8.00	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.25	5.00	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	13.00	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-				
TOTAL COOPS 44							

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY
Cents per pound for the week ending March 13, 2009

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/Thighs	Necks,Backs & Wings	Livers Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	71.60	127.63	87.16	24.90	12.45	80.94
High	75.65	133.86	99.62	31.13	15.56	80.94
Mostly	74.71	130.75	96.50	31.13	14.01	80.94
SAN JUAN						
Low	70.66	124.52	90.28	21.79	12.45	79.38
High	74.71	136.97	96.50	31.13	15.56	79.38
Mostly	74.71	130.75	93.39	28.02	12.45	79.38
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	72.84	127.63	90.28	24.90	15.56	82.49
High	76.27	136.97	102.73	37.36	18.68	82.49
Mostly	75.33	133.86	99.62	34.24	15.56	82.49
BECERRA						
Low	73.16	130.75	93.39	28.02	15.56	84.05
High	76.89	140.08	105.84	37.36	18.68	84.05
Mostly	74.71	136.97	102.73	34.24	18.68	84.05

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally light to fair and about as expected for the Lent period. Seller offerings were more than sufficient for current 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 noted as about steady. In the parts complex, breast items and wings were adequate to available. Dark meat items were available, but balanced to tight on thighs and thigh meat.
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	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
RANGE	55-86
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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