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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were unchanged in the West, lower elsewhere when compared to last week. Trade sentiment was overall steady to about steady in all areas. Retail demand covered the full range, mostly light to moderate with limited movement. Food service demand was slow to moderate, mostly fair to moderate following the weekend. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to readily available 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 mostly sufficient with boneless skinless better balanced. Wings were at least adequate to ample and slow to clear. 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.

<u>FINAL BROILER FRYER</u> prices negotiated for trucklot sales of RTC broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers and FOB at major market areas (cents per lb) week of 23-MAR-2009

per lb) week of 23-	MAR-200	09				
		Grade	e A		Con	nposite
	ľ	Majority	Wtd	Loads	Wtd	Loads
		, ,	Avg		<u>Avg</u>	
Delivered to First	Receiv	ers 1/:	Ū			
Boston/New Eng		FEWR		:	71.93	15
Ohio Cities		FEWR		:	58.92	15
Denver		93.50	93.50	14:	92.64	16
Detroit	70.00	0-71.00	71.38	8:	71.48	43
Los Angeles		94.00	91.09	57 :	85.42	185
New York	69.00	0-72.00	70.40	20:	73.42	45
Philadelphia	68.50	0-70.00	69.09	11:	69.37	23
Pittsburgh	68.00	0-71.00	69.67	12:	75.27	52
St. Louis	69.00	0-71.00	75.64	14:	72.52	25
San Francisco		94.50	92.69	32:	92.46	77
Delivered to First	t Receiv	ers 1/:				
		Whole E	3ody 2/:		Con	nposite
	ľ	Majority	Wtd	Loads	Wtd	Loads
			Avg		<u>Avg</u>	
Chicago	55.00	0-68.00		:	61.76	56
Composite Weig	hted Av	erage 3/:				
Loads 03/	30/09	Change	Last Wk	03/23	3/09	03/31/08
552	75.80	8	37	76.	67	76.86
Wog broiler 4/:						
		Majo	rit <u>y</u>	Wtd Av	<u>g</u>	<u>Loads</u>
Eastern		72.00-74	.00	72.83		31
Central		55.00-66	.00	63.32		79
Western		66.00-78	.00	78.27	•	54
FOB Dock Equiv	alent 5/					
Mississippi		82.00-86	.00	83.57	•	89

1/: Includes branded product.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 85.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

		MONDAY	FINAL WTD .	AVG
<u>LOADS</u>	RANGE	FOB DOC	K OR EQUIVA	<u>LENT</u>
1,036 6	6.00-91.00		84.64	
Georgia f.o.b. dock co	onfirmed FINAL we	eighted avera	age price on ice	-packed
parts:		AVG.	VOLUME	
ITEM	(CENTS PE	R POUND)	(000 POUNDS	S)
LINE RUN TENDER	S 177.00		1,442	
BREASTS - B/S	145.00		5,858	
BREASTS - WHOLE	80.00		1,752	
THIGH MEAT - B/S	119.00		1,445	
THIGHS	54.50		764	
DRUMSTICKS	60.50		1,048	
LEG QUARTERS	36.00		8,372	
WINGS	145.00		2,950	
This information is supp	lied by the Ga Dept	of Ag/Poultry	Market News Ser	vice.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was generally no better than fair as dealers assess market conditions entering the week. Offerings of all sizes at least sufficient for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light. The market tone was steady to about steady. In the parts complex, thighs and thigh meat were well cleared. Breast items were clearing satisfactorily and wings were available with light movement.

<u>SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYER</u> Trade sentiment was steady at best. Demand following the weekend was no better than fair for upcoming first of the month business. Supplies of all sizes were mostly sufficient to satisfy current trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate for early week trading. Breast items were balanced with boneless skinless in a better balance. Wings were at least adequate with light movement. Dark meat items were in good supply and moving well. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged throughout the region. The market tone was about steady. Trading reported for the weeks delivery was at unchanged prices overall. Offerings were close to adequate. Light weights held with a degree of confidence. Buying activity increased to cover anticipated promotions. Retailer demand was moderate to good, best where first-of-the month features planned. Dealers reported good weekend clearances. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was 69.40 with the volume reported at 35 loads.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices moved lower into Chicago, unchanged into St. Louis and Detroit; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was mostly steady. Offers of whole birds were adequate on light to moderate trade call. Retail and food service movement was slow to moderate overall with some improvement expected late week for first of month. Floor stocks were sufficient for trade needs; weights desirable. Supplies of boneless/skinless breast was adequate, wings increased in availability, dark meat cuts were in close balance. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady on breast cuts and leg items, and barely steady to weak on wings.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally fair entering the week. Seller offerings were adequate to fully sufficient for trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices remained unchanged at 71 to 82 cents. Trade sentiment remained about steady to steady. In the parts complex, breast items were adequate to balanced and moving satisfactorily. Wings were at least adequate to available for trade needs. Dark meat cuts adequate to well cleared with thighs and thigh meat in the tightest 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 62-86
WEIGHTED AVERAGE (A)
NO. OF BOXES (A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operation.

^{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

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was generally no better than fair entering the week. Offerings of breast items were clearing satisfactorily. Wings were at least adequate to available for current needs. Thighs and thigh meat were in good balance to well cleared. Retail and distributive movement was seasonally light. The market tone was fully steady for thighs and thigh meat; barely steady for wings and drums. Other items were mostly steady to at least steady.

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

	CURRENT	WTD	VOLUME
ITEM NEGOT	TATED TRADING*	AVG**	/LBS
BREAST - B/S	140-145	135.70	403,680
TENDERLOINS	150-155	155.12	110,640
BREAST - WITH RIBS	77-78	81.71	100,320
BREAST - LINE RUN	77	79.27	59,400
LEGS	56-57	54.30	154,320
LEG QUARTERS (BUL	K) 35-36	35.85	310,360
DRUMSTICKS	53-54	62.43	78,680
THIGHS	54-55	59.92	51,400
B/S THIGHS	120-121	121.68	24,520
WINGS (WHOLE)	138-139	145.29	155,320
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED) 13-15	15.00	3,000
LIVERS (5 POUND TU	BS) 45-50	47.39	8,160
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	64.93	13,240
NEW YORK CITY METRO	POLITAN AREA, nort	hern NJ, MA,	CT, RI, & PA
(NORTHEAST OF HARRI	SBURG).		

^{*} TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.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.

PO	UNDS			WTD
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJ	AVG
BREAST - B/S	480	113.00-136.00	113-118	120.42
TENDERLOINS	370	125.00-153.00	144	143.41
BREAST - WITH RIBS		OO FEW TO REP	-	
FRONT HALVES		OO FEW TO REP	ORT -	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)1,520	28.00-30.00	30	29.74
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,720	29.00-36.00	33-35	33.05
WINGS (WHOLE)	280	119.00-139.00	130-131	130.00
DRUMSTICKS	Т	OO FEW TO REP	ORT -	
THIGHS	360	48.00-52.00	51-52	50.89

ESTIMATE SCHALL AVOIDED ACTUAL AVOIDED

ES ⁻	TIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	03/30	03/26	03/26	03/23	03/19
Alabama	3,916	3,770	5.36	3,837	7.88
Arkansas	4,321	4,931	5.20	4,835	5.23
Delmarva	2,224	2,221	5.96	2,177	5.88
KY-LA-TN	2,270	2,245	5.05	2,266	5.05
Mississippi	2,719	2,597	5.45	2,809	5.59
North Carolina	a 2,713	2,601	6.98	2,615	6.93
Texas	2,704	2,655	5.33	2,697	5.34
Total	20,867	21,020	5.56	21,236	6.03
Mon	20,867 (A)		21,236 (A	.)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 30-Mar 2009 is estimated to be 31,219,000 down 2.03 percent from a week ago and down 5.3 percent from a year ago.

(last week 31,867,000 last year 32,968,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVA-LENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

P	OUNDS			WTD
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJ	AVG
BREAST - B/S	283	126.00-192.00	-	134.16
TENDERLOINS	TC	O FEW TO REP	ORT	
BREAST - LINE RUN	TC	OO FEW TO REP	ORT	
FRONT HALVES	TC	O FEW TO REP	ORT	
LEGS	TC	O FEW TO REP	ORT	
LEG QUARTERS (BUL	K) 401	30.00-37.00	-	34.31
LEG QUARTERS (4/10) 757	32.00-39.00	-	35.64
WINGS (WHOLE)	TC	OO FEW TO REP	ORT	
WINGS (CUT)	TC	O FEW TO REP	ORT	
DRUMSTICKS	TC	O FEW TO REP	ORT	
B/S THIGHS	TC	O FEW TO REP	ORT	
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Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for Mar 30, 2009 -- F.O.B. Dock RANGE TODAY'S AVERAGE 5-DAY AVERAGE 48.50 - 54.50 51.91 50.88

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 30-Mar-2009 TO 03-Apr-2009, CENTS PER POUND

	Price per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	124.00 - 156.00	124.00 -131.00
TENDERLOINS	136.00 - 167.00	155.00 -159.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	60.00 - 97.00	76.00 - 78.00
LEGS	55.00 - 60.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	29.00 - 41.00	33.00 - 34.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	34.00 - 45.00	36.00 -
DRUMSTICKS	48.00 - 61.50	-
THIGHS	53.00 - 58.00	-
B/S THIGHS	118.00 - 125.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	129.00 - 159.00	131.00 -135.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED) 12.00 - 25.00	-
LIVERS	35.00 - 49.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 61.00	-

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

09-119 25-135

	<u>RANGE</u>
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	98-115
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	101.5-119.5
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

FRESH FRYERS	1
ROASTERS 4# & UP	1:
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

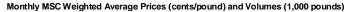
^{**} WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

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 fresh 15-20% MSC was steady and on the balance of fat contents steady to fully steady. Supplies of fresh 15-20% were balanced to more available this week due to some seasonal cutbacks; the remainder of fat contents barely adequate to tight. Some anticipated reductions are expected in the coming weeks. Supplies of raw materials continue close. Demand was at least moderate to instances good with some resistance noted at current price levels. Most export activity into the Caribbean and Central American countries with good inquiry noted from Asia; Mexico slowing. Schedules were mixed and seasonal. Frames values were steady trading mostly between 11-13 cents FOB.

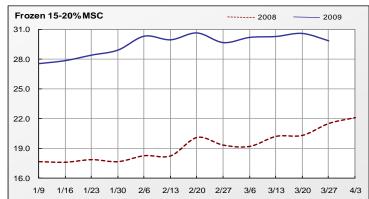
Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

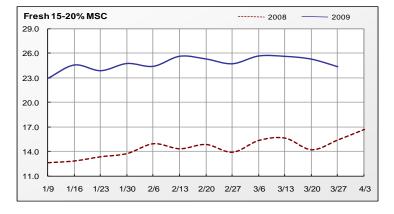
	Frozen			Fresh			
Fat Content	27-Mar-09	Last Week	Last Year	27-Mar-09	Last Week	Last Year	
15% or Less							
Price Range			20.00	28.00 - 32.00	28.00 - 29.00	18.00-23.00	
Wtd Avg Price			20.00	29.22	28.56	19.84	
Volume Traded	-	-	55	354	242	326	
Volume Exported	_	-	55	55	54	_	
15-20%							
Price Range	27.00 - 34.00	27.00 - 35.00	16.25-24.00	20.00 - 28.00	20.00 - 29.00	11.50-22.00	
Wtd Avg Price	29.89	30.63	21.52	24.35	25.28	15.43	
Volume Traded	1,994	1,878	2,417	2,519	3,139	1,700	
Volume Exported	1,994	1,398	2,216	694	694	368	
20% or More							
Price Range	-	-	-	22.00	22.00	16.00-18.00	
Wtd Avg Price			-	22.00	22.00	17.00	
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	82	245	
Volume Exported	-	-	-	_	-	-	



		Erozon		Fresh			
	Frozen						
Fat Content	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 23-MAR-09

SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS

Trading was TFEWR. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings from producers. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

RANGE MAJORITY WTD AVG

AT FARM BUYER LOADING

TOO FEW TO REPORT

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS

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

RANGE MAJORITY WTD AVG

AT FARM BUYER LOADING 8.25-18.5 AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FOB PLANT TOO

TOO FEW TO REPORT TOO FEW TO REPORT

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^{*} WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.