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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady in the West, mostly steady elsewhere. Retail demand was slow to moderate, mostly fair to moderate, best interest focused on holiday items. Food service demand was light to moderate for upcoming holiday. Supplies of all sizes were at least sufficient to satisfy current trade needs. Processing schedules for this week were mixed with some plants down Friday in observance of the Good Friday holiday. Floor stocks were close balance to fully adequate. In the parts structure, movement was light to fair for midweek business. Breast items were sufficient and clearing satisfactorily. Wings were adequate to readily available and slow to clear. Dark meat items were in good supply with leg quarters, thighs and drums in the best position. In production areas live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 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 82.00 cents last year on April 9, 2008.

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

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	181.00
BREASTS - B/S	147.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	81.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	123.00
THIGHS	55.50
DRUMSTICKS	60.50
LEG QUARTERS	37.00
WINGS	140.50

Information supplied by the GA Dept of Ag's Poultry Market News Service.

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail and food service demand was light to occasionally moderate for mid week business. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate to satisfy current trade needs. Processing schedules for this week were mixed with some plants down Friday in observance of the Good Friday holiday. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate. Dark meat items were in good supply with leg quarters and thighs in the best position. Wings were readily available with limited interest. Breast items were mostly adequate with good movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was generally light to fair at best during midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes were at least sufficient for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was seasonally light. The market tone was no better than steady. In the parts complex, breast items were adequate to balanced. Leg quarters, drums and thighs were clearing satisfactorily. Wings were at least adequate to available.

MIDWEST REGION The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was steady. Producer offerings were light on limited midweek trading. Retail and food service demand most often quoted as light to moderate; better into some retail locales and some uptick noted into a few food service areas. Floor stocks were in close balance to fully adequate; weights desirable to light. Supplies of parts were generally in balance with large wings more than sufficient for trade needs. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak on large wings, steady to firm on dark meat lines and steady on the balance.

WESTERN REGION The market tone was generally steady to fully steady. Offerings in close position to about adequate. Buying activity was basically fair. Retailer demand, although focused on holiday items, was fair overall with best interest on parts. Floor stocks were adequate.

BROILER –TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 6 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 204 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 4, 2009. This was down 6 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 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 4, 2009. Placements were down 7 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2008 through April 4, 2009 were 2.35 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 04/04/09	2009	2008	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
	Thousand		
EGGS SET	203,579	217,082	-6
CHICKS PLACED	168,975	181,007	-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 16-May-09 is estimated at 154.7 million head. This compares to 155.3 million head the previous week and to 169.9 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 171.6 million head and the composite weighted average price was 81.53 cents per pound.

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER 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.

APR 07 ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	APR 08 ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	327	131.00-200.00	135-140	138.62	BREAST - B/S	334	129.00-200.00	-	140.87
TENDERLOINS	181	144.00-202.00	-	156.26	TENDERLOINS	230	144.00-207.00	-	152.87
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)	416	32.00-38.00	35-36	35.79	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	466	34.00-38.00	35-36	35.72
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	902	34.00-40.00	37-38	37.01	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	599	33.00-40.00	37-38	37.54
WINGS (WHOLE)	TOO FEW TO REPORT				WINGS (WHOLE)	140	132.00-141.00	-	137.11
WINGS (CUT)	205	148.00-156.00	-	151.02	WINGS (CUT)	150	148.00-161.00	-	157.37
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
48.50 –55.50	52.40	50.50 – 55.50	52.86	52.26

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 light to fair and generally unaggressive as dealers worked hand-to-mouth during midweek trading. Offerings of breast items were sufficient for most immediate needs. Drums, thighs and leg quarters were in good balance to well cleared. Wings were at least adequate to available. Retail and distributive movement was seasonally light. The market tone was fully steady to firm for leg quarters, thighs and drumsticks; steady for breast items and barely steady for wings.

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

APR 07 ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS	APR 08 ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	140-145	140.51	527,497	BREAST - B/S	140-145	140.97	469,480
TENDERLOINS	150-155	153.23	146,810	TENDERLOINS	150-155	153.32	55,124
BREAST - WITH RIBS	77-78	80.51	165,960	BREAST - WITH RIBS	77-78	82.98	88,840
BREAST - LINE RUN	77	78.64	64,800	BREAST - LINE RUN	77	78.53	64,800
LEGS	56-57	52.26	290,040	LEGS	56-57	51.68	206,040
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	37-38	36.02	378,025	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	37-38	37.74	232,080
DRUMSTICKS	53-54	61.09	102,970	DRUMSTICKS	54-55	60.33	90,960
THIGHS	55-56	59.98	71,920	THIGHS	55-56	56.29	65,920
B/S THIGHS	120-121	121.52	62,520	B/S THIGHS	120-121	122.50	42,440
WINGS (WHOLE)	134-135	128.81	251,560	WINGS (WHOLE)	134-135	137.47	178,000
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	13-15	15.00	23,320	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	13-15	15.00	25,160
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	48.52	15,280	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	48.42	7,880
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	65-70	67.10	20,160	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	65-70	64.96	19,760

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
	04/08	04/07	04/06	04/03	04/06	04/03	04/01	03/30
Alabama	3,730	4,070	3,911	3,858	5.44	5.23	3,610	5.40
Arkansas	4,689	4,873	4,781	3,650	5.43	5.09	4,744	5.39
Delmarva	2,222	2,233	2,203	2,108	6.08	5.89	1,982	5.96
KY-LA-TN	2,222	1,823	2,254	1,929	5.25	4.99	2,193	5.27
Mississippi	2,397	2,889	2,697	2,824	5.71	5.62	2,682	5.79
North Carolina	2,702	2,667	2,650	2,713	7.11	7.12	2,431	7.11
Texas	2,056	2,620	2,657	2,655	5.55	5.30	2,174	5.38
Total	20,018	21,175	21,153	19,737	5.74	5.58	19,816	5.71
Mon-Wed	62,471 (A)						62,103 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.
Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 08-Apr-09 is estimated to be 29,949,000 head up 0.72 percent from a week ago and down -10.81 percent from a year ago.
(Last week 29,736,000, last year 33,580,000)

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 ENDING 11-APR-09

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	04/11/09 (1)	04/04/09
Class	---------- Thousand head ---------	
Broiler/fryer	153,203(2)	156,557
Light hens	1,197	1,297
Heavy hens	1,457	1,520
Total	155,857	159,374

(1)ESTIMATED
2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 11-Apr-09 is 155.2 million head compared to 168.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 153.5 million head or 1.7 million less than estimated available. For the week of 18-Apr-09 the estimated available is 157.2 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY LBS	PROCESSED POULTRY LBS
AM 04/06/09	131,760	72,607
AM 03/01/09	116,137	77,989
CHG	15,623	-5,382
PCT CHG	13	-7

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	04/06/09	03/30/09	04/07/08	04/06/09	03/30/09	04/07/08
PACIFIC COAST	609	627	2,873	8,251	8,256	6,821
LOS ANGELES	230	235	207	1,454	1,412	1,107

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 APRIL 6, 2009

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

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES **FOR 04/07/09**
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.	.85	8.50	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	5.00	11.00	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	1.60	1.75	1.66	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	2.30	3.60	2.80	RABBITS ea.	3.50	7.50	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	3.00	3.75	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	2.25	5.50	-
GUINEA KEETS ea	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-				
TOTAL COOPS 55							

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY
Cents per pound for the week ending April 3, 2009

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/Thighs	Necks,Backs & Wings	Livers Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	77.95	133.24	93.27	26.65	13.32	86.61
High	80.61	143.24	99.93	33.31	16.66	86.61
Mostly	78.95	139.91	96.60	29.98	13.32	86.61
SAN JUAN						
Low	77.28	133.24	89.94	26.65	9.99	86.61
High	79.95	146.57	96.60	29.98	13.32	86.61
Mostly	77.95	143.24	96.60	28.31	13.32	86.61
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	78.61	136.58	96.60	29.98	13.32	88.27
High	80.95	146.57	103.26	36.64	16.66	88.27
Mostly	79.95	143.24	99.93	36.64	16.66	88.27
BECERRA						
Low	79.28	136.58	99.93	29.98	13.32	89.94
High	81.61	149.90	106.60	39.97	19.99	89.94
Mostly	79.95	146.57	103.26	39.97	16.66	89.94

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally light and unaggressive for the upcoming holiday period. Seller offerings were at least sufficient and generally noted as in a manageable balance. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but mostly desirable. Processor schedules were reported as moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices remained unchanged at 71 to 82 cents. Trade sentiment was steady at best. In the parts complex, breast items were sufficient and clearing satisfactorily. Wings ranged at least sufficient to available. Dark meat items were in a good balance to well cleared.

	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
RANGE	66-87
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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