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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were unchanged in the West, but trending higher elsewhere when compared to last week prices. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm in the East, steady to firm in the Midwest and steady to fully steady, instances firm in the West. Retail and food service demand was light to good, mostly moderate to fairly good, best into fast food and catering. Supplies of all sizes were mostly well cleared to satisfy current trade needs. Floor stocks were adequate to tight. In the parts structure, movement was moderate to fairly good for early week business. Breast items were close balanced to short and moving well. Wings were generally sufficient, but tenders were at least adequate to available. Most dark meat items were well cleared to tight with good movement. In production areas live supplies were moderate at 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 18-MAY-2009

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	Majority	Wtd	Loads	Wtd	Loads
	iviajority		Luaus		Luaus
Dalivared to Fir	ot Doggiyara 1/	Avg		<u>Avg</u>	
Delivered to Fire				70.04	4.4
Boston/New En			:	78.64	14
Ohio Cities	TFEWR		_:	82.94	17
Denver	94.50	94.50	7:	86.85	12
Detroit	78.00-81.00	79.50	8:	80.17	49
Los Angeles	95.00	94.04	55 :	95.67	137
New York	76.00-79.00	78.05	21:	79.54	45
Philadelphia	75.50-77.00	76.64	11:	76.93	22
Pittsburgh	75.00-78.00	77.36	11:	81.36	53
St. Louis	TFEWR		:	82.04	17
San Francisco	95.50	95.28	36 :	90.10	63
Delivered to Fire	st Receivers 1/:				
	Whole E	Bodv 2/:		Con	nposite
	Majority	Wtd	Loads	Wtd	Loads
	, ,	Avg		<u>Avg</u>	
Chicago	76.00-84.00	9	:	82.04	51
	ghted Average 3/:				
•		Last Wk	05/11	/09	05/19/08
480	84.51 2.6		81.		80.78
Wog broiler 4/:	<u>Major</u>	ritv	Wtd Av		Loads
Eastern	81.00-83.		81.86		31
Central	76.00-86.		82.06		85
Western	88.00-94.		90.40		60
FOB Dock Equi		00	30.40		00
Mississippi	86.00-88.	00	86.39		90
wiississippi		00	00.39		90

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 87.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG

LOADS RA	<u>ange</u> <u>f</u> (OB DOCK (<u>OR EQUIVAL</u>	<u>.ENT</u>
1,068 74.0	0-95.12		86.44	
Georgia f.o.b. dock confir	med FINAL weigh	nted average	price on ice-	packed
parts:	WTD. A	/G.	VOLUME	
ITEM	(CENTS PER P	OUND) (0	000 POUNDS	i)
LINE RUN TENDERS	175.00		1,412	
BREASTS - B/S	157.50		5,826	
BREASTS - WHOLE	88.50		1,712	
THIGH MEAT - B/S	122.50		1,416	
THIGHS	62.00		724	
DRUMSTICKS	62.00		1,008	
LEG QUARTERS	48.00		8,338	
WINGS	137.00		2,916	
This information is supplied	by the Ga Dept. of A	Ag/Poultry Ma	rket News Servi	ice.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fairly good to good as dealers assess market conditions entering the week. Offerings of all sizes were in close balance to well cleared. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone was fully steady to mostly firm. In the parts complex, breast items were well cleared to tight. Dark meat cuts were in good balance and wings were generally sufficient for current needs.

<u>SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYER</u> Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Demand following the weekend was at least moderate to fairly good. Supplies of all sizes were well cleared to short to satisfy current trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was moderate to fairly good for early week trading. Breast items were balanced to tight with cutlets in the strongest position and moving well. Wings were adequate to closely cleared, and dark meat items were no more than adequate with leg quarters held with confidence. In productions areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majorities were unchanged from last Monday's. Offerings light at best. Demand moderate to mostly good. Weights desirable. Floor stocks clean to adequate coming off the weekend. Parts demand moderate to good. Offerings light to adequate. The market was steady to fully steady, instances firm. Parts trading was noted on boneless skinless breasts 141-157, bone-in breasts 94-110, wings 138-146, drums 61-70, leg quarters 52-64, thighs 65-71, leg meat 112-118, thigh meat 122-128 cents delivered. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was down 0.37 cents to 90.42 cents and the volume reported was up 5% to 39 loads.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority delivered prices moved higher into Midwest markets; St. Louis and Ohio cities TFEWR. The trade sentiment on whole broiler/fryers was steady to firm. Offerings were light on like interest. Retail and food service movement was light to good, best clearance noted through catering and fast food. Floor stocks were short to adequate; weights desirable. Supplies of tenders were available, other parts were in close balance. Trade sentiment was steady to firm on breast and leg cuts, steady on the balance of parts.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally moderate to good entering the week. Seller offerings were well cleared for present trade requirements. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but reported as mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 78 to 89 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady to mostly firm. In the parts complex, breast items and most dark meat cuts were well cleared to tight. Wings were generally adequate and moving satisfactorily. Tenders were at least adequate to available for trade needs.

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	69-96
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 remained at least moderate to good as dealers assess market conditions entering the week. Offerings of breast items and most dark meat cuts were well cleared to tight; wings were generally sufficient and noted in better balance than the previous week. Tenders were at least adequate to available. Retail and distributive movement was moderate. The market tone was fully steady to firm for breast items, legs, leg quarters and drums. Other cuts were steady to fully steady.

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

	(CURRENT	WTD	VOLUME
ITEM	NEGOTIATED 1	TRADING*	AVG**	/LBS
BREAST - B/S		160	149.66	489,480
TENDERLOIN	S	145-150	149.51	120,240
BREAST - WIT	TH RIBS	88-89	92.08	101,745
BREAST - LIN	E RUN	88	90.50	68,400
LEGS		65-66	67.14	139,840
LEG QUARTE	RS (BULK)	47-48	48.04	284,680
DRUMSTICKS	;	57-58	64.14	52,400
THIGHS		59-60	66.46	48,080
B/S THIGHS		120-121	120.94	36,760
WINGS (WHO	LE)	134-135	140.82	167,040
BACKS AND N	NECKS (STRIPPE	ED) 13-15	14.84	20,132
LIVERS (5 PO	UND TUBS)	45-50	47.00	8,000
GIZZARDS (H	EARTS)	65-70	70.00	13,760
	Y METROPOLITAN	I AREA, northe	ern NJ, MA, C	CT, RI, & PA
(NORTHEAST C	OF HARRISBURG).			

^{*} 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.

PC	UNDS			WTD		
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJ	AVG		
BREAST - B/S	1,384	128.00-187.00	140-149	145.04		
TENDERLOINS	668	130.00-235.00	-	145.10		
BREAST - WITH RIBS	Т	OO FEW TO REF	PORT -			
FRONT HALVES	Т	OO FEW TO REF	PORT -			
LEGS	Т	OO FEW TO REF	PORT -			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK) 724	41.00-45.00	43-44	43.54		
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,408	41.00-49.00	46-49	47.22		
WINGS (WHOLE)	712	120.00-139.00	123-127	128.15		
DRUMSTICKS	554	53.00-59.00	54-55	54.38		
THIGHS	1,410	45.00-57.00	54-55	54.93		

ESTIMATE ACTUAL AVG WTS ACTUAL AVG WTS

ES ⁻	<u> </u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	AVG WTS	<u>ACTUAL</u>	AVG WTS
	05/18	05/14	05/14	05/11	05/07
Alabama	3,979	3,987	5.43	3,946	5.30
Arkansas	5,007	4,953	5.26	5,073	5.35
Delmarva	2,249	2,232	5.87	2,209	6.16
KY-LA-TN	2,035	2,023	5.06	1,745	5.02
Mississippi	2,712	2,883	5.84	2,624	5.79
North Carolina	a 2,753	2,666	7.04	2,679	7.07
Texas	2,690	2,697	5.37	2,684	5.45
Total	21,425	21,441	5.65	20,960	5.67
Mon	21,425 (A)		20.960 (A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 18-May 2009 is estimated to be 32,054,000 up 1.91 percent from a week ago and down 4.7 percent from a year ago.

(last week 31,453,000 last year 33,642,000)

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.

	POL	JNDS			WTD
ľ	ГЕМ	(000)	RANGE	MAJ	AVG
В	BREAST - B/S	399	142.00-207.00	-	150.28
Т	ENDERLOINS	197	144.00-204.00	-	151.17
В	BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO	FEW TO REPORT		
F	RONT HALVES	TOO	FEW TO REPORT		
L	EGS	TOO	FEW TO REPORT		
L	EG QUARTERS (BULK)	438	45.00-49.00	46-47	46.89
L	EG QUARTERS (4/10)	782	47.00-52.00	49	48.96
	VINGS (WHOLE)	155	132.00-141.00	-	136.00
٧	VINGS (CUT)	TOO	FEW TO REPORT		
С	RUMSTICKS	TOO	FEW TO REPORT		
T	HIGHS	TOO	FEW TO REPORT		
В	3/S THIGHS	65	119.00-127.00	-	122.00
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Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for May 18, 2009 -- F.O.B. Dock RANGE TODAY'S AVERAGE 5-DAY AVERAGE 58.00 - 64.00 60.95 60.59

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 18-May-2009 TO 22-May-2009, CENTS PER POUND

	Price per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	136.50 - 157.00	144.00 -151.00
TENDERLOINS	130.00 - 158.00	145.00 -155.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	82.00 - 104.00	88.00 - 97.00
LEGS	60.00 - 70.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	38.00 - 52.00	45.00 - 49.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	46.00 - 56.00	48.00 - 52.00
DRUMSTICKS	48.00 - 68.00	-
THIGHS	58.00 - 66.00	-
B/S THIGHS	118.00 - 125.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	128.00 - 142.00	130.00 -136.00
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 IN	<u>ISTITUTIONS</u>
	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	99-117
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	103-121
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	
FRESH FRYERS	109-119

FRESH FRYERS
109-119
ROASTERS 4# & UP
125-135
HENS UNDER 5#
HENS OVER 5#
DUCKS
RABBITS-WHOLE

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY,

RABBITS-CUT UP

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

		<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	121-159
	ICE PACK	159
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK	117
	ICE PACK	175
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	116
	ICE PACK	125
DUCKS		252-262

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

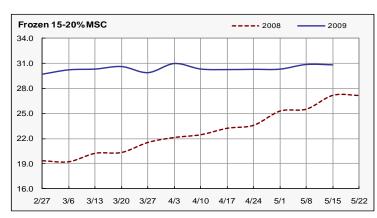
National Mechanically Separated Chicken

(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 all fat contents was mostly steady. Supplies of fresh 15-20% were sufficient for current needs and clearing with the remainder of fat contents adequate to close. Many industry players continue to anticipate some supply changes with recent plant closings and ongoing production cutbacks. Supplies of raw materials were adequate to tight. Export demand was good, while domestically it was fair to moderate and spotty depending on end users varying production schedules; most interest centered on frozen. Exports continue to be most active into Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central American countries. Schedules were mixed, ranging seasonally normal in preparation for the Memorial Day holiday to short due to some equipment issues. Frame values were steady ranging between 9-13 cents FOB.

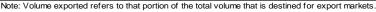
Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

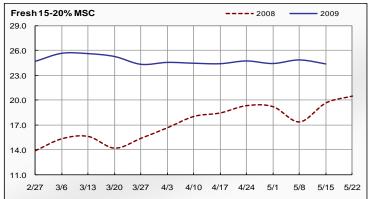
		Frozen		Fresh		
Fat Content	15-May-09	Last Week	Last Year	15-May-09	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range			24.00-28.00	28.00 - 30.00	28.00 - 30.00	23.50-25.00
Wtd Avg Price			25.74	29.29	29.22	24.29
Volume Traded	-	-	92	418	276	141
Volume Exported	-	-	52	55	54	-
15-20%						
Price Range	27.00 - 34.00	27.00 - 35.00	21.00-30.00	20.00 - 28.00	22.00 - 28.00	15.00-28.00
Wtd Avg Price	30.83	30.88	27.15	24.40	24.87	19.69
Volume Traded	1,061	1,318	1,790	2,224	3,085	3,047
Volume Exported	901	1,038	1,590	734	1,387	755
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	22.00	22.00	-
Wtd Avg Price			-	22.00	22.00	-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	41	82	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

		Frozen			Fresh	
Fat Content	Apr 2009	Mar 2009	Apr 2008	Apr 2009	Mar 2009	Apr 2008
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	33.00	-	20.77	28.65	28.56	21.89
Volume Traded	40	-	216	937	1,208	912
Volume Exported	-	-	216	215	217	-
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	30.61	30.27	22.69	24.54	25.26	18.04
Volume Traded	11,295	6,474	7,926	12,147	11,295	12,004
Volume Exported	10,263	5,620	6,493	1,795	2,815	3,263
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.00	22.00	18.43
Volume Traded	-	-	-	408	326	286
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-





LIVE HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 18-MAY-09

SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS

Trading was TFEWR. Demand was light for at least adequate offerings of spent heavy fowl. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were sluggish. Trade sentiment was about steady.

WTD

RANGE MAJORITY AVG

AT FARM BUYER LOADING TOO FEW

TOO FEW TO REPORT

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS

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

AVG

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RANGE MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING 8.25-18
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPO

AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT TOO FEW TO REPORT

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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