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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were trending lower in all areas when compared to early week prices. Trade sentiment overall was barely steady to weak. Retail and food service demand was light to fairly good, mostly light to fair, best into retail and where first of the month features were planned or in progress. Supplies were adequate to ample and heavily discounted to help move. Floor stocks were in a full range. In the parts structure, movement was light and unaggressive for late week trading. Breast items were adequate to readily available with bone-in breast slow to clear. Wings were sufficient, instances tight on larger size. Dark meat items were at least adequate to available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.

Preliminary Report Prices negotiated for truck lot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 03-AUG-2009 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
New York	72.00-75.00			
Los Angeles	97.00			
Whole Body 2/				
Chicago	49.00-65.00	44.00-80.00	61.00	35
FOB Dock Equivalent 3/:				
Mississippi	84.00-88.00	58.00-90.00	84.64	89

- 1/: Includes branded product.
- 2/: Whole Body category includes whole body birds with or without giblets, all grades, brands, and packaging.
- 3/: Southeast area

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broiler/fryers for this week's trading is 88.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG
823	83.19 - 89.14	87.16
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice-packed parts:		
ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000) POUNDS
LINE RUN TENDERS	175.00	1,264
BREASTS - B/S	148.50	5,573
BREASTS - WHOLE	94.00	1,337
THIGH MEAT - B/S	113.00	1,190
THIGHS	62.00	1,039
DRUMSTICKS	63.00	1,082
LEG QUARTERS	44.50	8,357
WINGS	135.00	3,011

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

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light and selective entering the weekend as dealers remained cautious. Offerings of all sizes were available and slow to clear. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light. The market tone was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, breast items were at least adequate to available with bone-in breast in the longest position. Legs and leg quarters were sufficient for trade needs and thighs and thigh meat were fully adequate.

MIDWEST BOILER/FRYER Preliminary majority delivered prices for next week into the Chicago market slid 5 cents. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was barely steady to mostly weak. Offers were plentiful and sharply discounted to help clear. Food service and retail movement was light to fairly good, best into retail centers for first of month features and fast food outlets. Floor stocks were in a full range; Weights were mixed. Parts supplies were fully sufficient for trade needs. The trade sentiment was steady to weak on all parts.

WESTERN BOILER/FRYER The Los Angeles preliminary majority was down 1 cent from last Monday's final to 97 cents. The market tone on whole broiler/fryers and WOGs was barely steady to weak. Offerings adequate to ample. Retail and foodservice demand slow to moderate. Weights desirable. Floors stocks adequate to fully adequate. Parts demand light to moderate. Offerings of wings adequate, balance of items adequate to ample with some noting bone-in dark items moving into a better balance in response to the increased export activity. The market tone on wings was steady, balance of parts barely steady to sometimes weak.

SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYER Trade sentiment was mostly weak. Demand entering the weekend was light with limited first of the month trading. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate to satisfy current needs. In the parts structure, movement was light to fair for late week trading. Breast items were adequate to fully adequate, but wings were sufficient with good movement. Dark meat items were balanced to more than sufficient with thighs in the weakest position. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds varied entering the weekend, but generally remained no better than fair and somewhat disappointing. Seller offerings were readily available and competitively priced to help clear. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but noted as desirable. Processor schedules were heavy when combined with a few plants operating on Saturday. Less than trucklot asking prices were one cent lower at 74 to 86 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady to mostly weak. In the parts complex, breast items were at least adequate to available. Most dark meat cuts were adequate to available. Wings were sufficient for immediate trade needs.

*BROILER/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	70-95
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	(A)
	07/27/09-07/31/09
	07/28/08-07/01/08
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
	07/27/09-07/31/09
	07/28/08-07/01/08
(A)	Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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.

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WEEKLY

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	LBS (000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			1,700	131.40
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			887	145.80
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			468	91.11
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			240	75.90
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				TFEWR
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	410	34.00-41.00	-	38.51		TOO FEW TO REPORT			2,175	38.89
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	662	37.00-44.00	-	40.92	1,210	36.00-44.00	-	38.73	4,258	39.68
WINGS (WHOLE)	160	118.00-132.00	-	128.50		TOO FEW TO REPORT			570	131.44
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			587	151.99
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			141	54.87
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			111	51.37
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			425	104.37

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR JUL 30, 2009 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

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RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
53.00 - 58.00	56.01	54.00 - 59.00	57.08	57.32

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 PARTS Trucklot buying activity increased slightly but still noted as no better than fair entering the weekend. Offerings of breast items, thighs and thigh meat were available with light movement; wings, legs and leg quarters were generally sufficient for current needs. Tenders were more than sufficient. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair. The market tone was barely steady for breast items; steady to at least steady for legs and legs quarters.

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

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS	WEEKLY WTD AVG	WEEKLY VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	145	138.11	703,520	145	135.30	582,801	136.59	2,906,482
TENDERLOINS	150	149.22	123,400	150	147.48	157,960	148.94	572,280
BREAST - WITH RIBS	89-90	100.33	62,680	89-90	94.10	129,760	99.43	411,520
BREAST - LINE RUN	89	90.51	99,200	89	89.03	83,360	90.90	437,960
LEGS	59-60	50.79	230,040	59-60	50.91	246,360	50.15	1,065,840
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	41-42	41.36	215,920	41-42	40.27	288,040	39.15	1,459,960
DRUMSTICKS	54-55	60.71	51,360	54-55	62.14	87,520	61.36	374,200
THIGHS	56-57	66.53	54,360	55-56	64.50	42,360	64.55	246,960
B/S THIGHS	109-110	111.17	106,840	109-110	116.12	54,000	114.15	313,360
WINGS (WHOLE)	134-135	140.53	150,440	134-135	141.93	154,200	140.59	729,980
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	13-15	15.00	17,160	13-15	15.00	23,320	15.00	88,600
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	48.18	4,880	45-50	47.00	10,040	47.26	38,240
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	65-70	69.35	15,360	65-70	69.64	26,840	69.32	89,960

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, RI, AND 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.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS

	ESTIMATED (1,000)		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WTS		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WTS
	07/31	07/30	07/29	07/28	07/29	07/28	07/24	07/22	
Alabama	4,101	4,113	4,039	4,108	5.48	5.56	4,200	5.51	
Arkansas	3,491	5,292	5,290	5,262	5.30	5.34	3,785	5.26	
Delmarva	2,530	2,248	2,198	2,241	6.06	5.96	1,666	5.96	
KY-LA-TN	2,837	2,334	2,248	2,313	5.11	5.07	2,981	4.93	
Mississippi	2,886	2,718	2,679	2,876	5.71	5.84	3,282	5.87	
North Carolina	2,889	2,796	2,654	2,625	7.05	6.99	2,804	6.96	
Texas	2,692	2,700	2,497	2,669	5.34	5.40	2,701	4.99	
Total	21,426	22,201	21,605	22,094	5.66	5.68	21,419	5.59	
Mon-Fri	109,918 (A)						108,155 (A)		
Saturday	1,190 (included in total for date shown)						1,037		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 31-Jul-09 and 01-Aug-09 is estimated to be 32,056,000 head down 0.26 percent from a week ago and down 7.04 percent from a year ago. (Last week 32,141,000, last year 34,485,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 01-Aug-09 is estimated to be 163,733,000 head up 1.86 percent from a week ago, and down 1.76 percent from a year ago. (Last week 160,744,000, last year 166,665,000)

Actual data incorporated when available.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

PROCESSED POULTRY, DLVRD TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	109-122
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	DRY PACK 121-159
	ICE PACK 159
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK 127
	ICE PACK 175
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK 128
	ICE PACK 125
DUCKS	259-262

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED

W/E 25-JUL -2009 Under Federal Inspection (Preliminary) (In Thousands)

	A	B	C	D	
	4.25 lbs & down	4.26 - 6.25 lbs	6.26 - 7.75 lbs	7.76 lbs & up	Total
Head	41,666	79,457	21,883	17,738	160,744
Avg Live Wgt	3.78	5.40	6.84	8.21	5.48
% of total /1	26%	49%	14%	11%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	42,485	81,119	21,154	15,923	160,681
Avg Live Wgt	3.78	5.43	6.86	8.11	5.43
% of total /1	26%	51%	13%	10%	100%
Year Ago 2/	40,907	82,465	25,534	14,108	163,014
Avg Live Wgt	3.83	5.37	7.05	8.10	5.48
% of total /1	25%	50%	16%	9%	100%
To date/2009*	1,177,431	2,270,378	654,753	431,510	4,534,072
To date/2008*	1,246,991	2,329,957	699,764	510,353	4,787,065

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.

*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

Weight Class Description: (A) This size product is normally marketed bone-in into fast food and food service sectors and may include Cornish hens. (B) This size product is normally marketed into the retail grocery sector in tray pack or bagged forms. (C) This size product is normally marketed either into the retail grocery sector in tray pack and IQF form or is further processed and marketed into various sectors. (D) This size product is normally marketed deboned or as roasters or roasting chicken.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(PRELIMINARY)

W/E 25-JUL-2009	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
-----Thousands-----					
Head	160,744	991	1,655	2,646	400
Avg Wt	5.48	3.36	7.86	6.17	6.81
Last week	160,681	1,451	1,610	3,061	404
Same wk yr ago	163,014	1,465	1,812	3,277	431
Avg Wt	5.48	3.15	7.89	5.77	6.54
To-date/2009*	4,534,072	37,519	43,112	80,631	11,892
To-date/2008*	4,787,065	40,945	46,426	87,371	12,764

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Current week	656,253	1,731	8,651	10,382	1,934
Last week	650,011	2,437	8,501	10,938	1,959
Same wk yr ago	665,521	2,400	9,507	11,907	2,001

To-date/2009*	18,552,622	62,175	224,532	286,707	57,390
To-date/2008*	19,667,786	67,807	244,385	312,192	60,819

Dressing % 74.5% 52.0% 66.5% 71.0%

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 160.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 162.7 million head, or 2.3 million more than estimated available. (B) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.

*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/

FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

Week Ending	Million Head Slaughtered	Million Head Available*	Pct	Avg Wt
June 20	162.4	158.8	102%	5.43
27	163.5	158.7	103%	5.49
July 4	153.7	157.6	98%	5.45
11	161.9	158.4	102%	5.46
18	162.6	159.9	102%	5.43
25	162.7	160.4	101%	5.48
Year to date	4588.9	4566.2	100%	
Aug 1		160.9		
8		161.3		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection

W/E	08/01/09	07/25/09	%CHG	08/02/08	%CHG
Broilers	163,733	160,744 *	+1.86	166,665 *	-1.76
Cattle	639	615	+04	662 *	-03
Hogs	2,104	2,030	+04	2,093 *	+01

*Actual

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR DELIVERY THE WEEK OF 27-JUL-2009

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS DLVRD IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER LB

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	193-197	198-204
MIDWEST	178-194	184-198

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A & PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS & UP, DLVRD, CENTS PER LB

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	68.00-79.75	70.00-76.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	71.00-87.00	77.00-86.00

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	69.84- 99.63
14 OZ.	77.76-112.59
16 OZ.	84.96-124.82

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS

All prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment continued steady. Demand was moderate to fairly good with supplies adequate for present needs. Processing schedules were full-time. Prices paid, first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$7.60-8.70, bone in legs at \$2.45-3.10, gizzards at \$1.20-1.50, wings at \$.70-.90, livers at \$1.25-2.05, and feet at \$.70-1.50.

PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 27-JUL-2009

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	177-210	165-210

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - JULY 28, 2009

PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	RANGE
Banty Hens	2.00 - 2.20 ea.
White Pigeons	3.00 - 3.20 ea.
Bunnies	.75 - 3.00 ea.
Chicks	.10 - .80 ea.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9LBS	.40 - .55
Crossbred Roosters 7-11LBS	.70 - .80
Crossbred Roosters 4-6LBS	.85 - 1.00
Geese 9-14LBS	.65 - .75
Goats	21.00 - 50.00 ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.80 - 2.10
Guinea Keets	2.00 - 2.50 ea.
Guinea Pigs	3.20 - 6.00 ea.
Leghorn Hens	1.50 - 2.00 ea.
Leghorn Roosters	- 2.00 ea.
Pekin Ducks	- 13.00 ea.
Pigeons	2.20 - 2.75 ea.
Pullets 4-6LBS	.94 - 1.00
Rabbits 6-9LBS	.90 - 1.20
Rabbits 4-6LBS	1.00 - 1.40
Red Fowl 5-6LBS	.45 - .60
Red Fowl 4-5LBS	.20 - .40
Silkie	3.00 - 4.00 ea.
Banty Roosters	4.00 - 4.10 ea.
Ducklings	1.10 - 1.20 ea.
Macaw Parrot	- 500.00 ea.
Finch	8.00 - 10.00 ea.
Quail	.80 - 1.10 ea.
Peacocks	30.00 - 31.00 ea.
Color Ducks	10.00 - 11.00 ea.
Turkey Polts	1.70 - 2.10 ea.
Love Birds	- 45.00 ea.
Total Coops Sold	4431

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL Sales were too few to report prices. Offerings were at least adequate for current trade needs. Demand was generally fair with limited trading due to the majority of supplies being used internally. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was no better than steady.

Cents per pound, current negotiations, without freight cost

**LIGHT CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)**
TOO FEW TO REPORT

**HEAVY CANNER HENS
(WITHOUT NECKS)**
TOO FEW TO REPORT

Cents per pound, current negotiation, freight cost included

**LIGHT CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)**
TOO FEW TO REPORT

**HEAVY CANNER HENS
(WITHOUT NECKS)**
TOO FEW TO REPORT

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS(INCLUDES HANDLING,FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 (POUNDS)

EASTERN Prices were unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was at least moderate for the mostly adequate to about adequate offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	2-11	3-7

SOUTH CENTRAL Trading of light fowl was TFEWR. Demand was slow for fully adequate offerings. Schedules were selective. Finished sales were slow. Salvage costs were expected to remain constant.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL Prices were unchanged. Offers adequate to light as a few producers continue to adjust removal dates. Demand for birds was moderate to good. Schedules part time to full time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-10.5	0-5

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB. GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 03-AUG-09

SOUTH CENTRAL Negotiations were limited and of insufficient volume to report sales. Demand was fair at best for fully adequate offerings of heavy hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were generally slow. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	RANGE MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was generally fair for the at least sufficient offerings of spent fowl. Processing schedules for next week were mostly normal. Finished product supplies were at least adequate for current trade needs. The undertone was steady.

	RANGE MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT
AT FARM PRODUCES LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT

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