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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices are 2 cents higher in the East, unchanged elsewhere when compared to previous week. Offerings are light to moderate, mostly light. Demand into retail outlets is moderate to good; food service is light to moderate. Floor stocks are adequate. The market activity is moderate to active. In the parts structure, movement is moderate to good. Prices are trending higher for breast items, steady to firm for wings and dark meat cuts. Availability is light to sufficient for all parts with breast items in the closest position. In production areas, live supplies are light to moderate. Weights are mostly desirable, but continue to be affected by the heat and often trending lighter. Market activity on parts is moderate to active.

FINAL Prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers and FOB Dock at major market areas (cents per lb) Week of 23-AUG-2010

	Grade A Maj	Wtd Avg	Lds	: Composite Wtd Avg	Lds
Delivered to First Receivers 1/:					
Boston/New England	TFEWR			: 82.22	13
Ohio Cities	TFEWR			: 80.35	12
Denver	96.50	96.50	4	: 93.38	8
Detroit	TFEWR			: 80.94	36
Los Angeles	97.00	96.23	44	: 88.26	121
New York	83.00-86.00	84.90	21	: 84.81	44
Philadelphia	82.50-84.00	83.55	11	: 82.81	24
Pittsburgh	82.00-85.00	84.36	11	: 85.29	55
St. Louis	TFEWR			: 81.24	13
San Francisco	97.50	97.21	14	: 85.66	61

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:

	Whole Body 2/: Maj	Wtd Avg	Lds	: Composite Wtd Avg	Lds
Chicago	75.00-82.00			: 83.69	42

Composite Weighted Average 3/:

Loads	08/23/09	Change Last Wk	08/16/09	08/24/08
429	84.73	1.09	83.64	73.84

WOG Broilers 4/:	Majority	Wtd Avg	Lds
Eastern	85.00-88.00	86.95	33
Central	75.00-85.00	82.29	72
Western	87.00-91.00	90.59	52

FOB Dock Equivalent 5/:

Mississippi	83.00-87.00	85.28	46

1/: Includes branded product.
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.

GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is **88.00** cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/12 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
995	78.00-92.03	87.21

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed FINAL WTD AVG price on ice-packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000) POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	215.00	1,745
BREASTS - B/S	198.50	7,599
BREASTS - WHOLE	108.50	1,520
THIGH MEAT - B/S	93.00	1,236
THIGHS	50.50	1,109
DRUMSTICKS	61.50	1,189
LEG QUARTERS	40.00	10,502
WINGS	121.50	3,707

This info is supplied by the GA Dept. of Ag/Poultry Market News Service.

NORTHEAST Prices are trending steady to firm on all sizes. Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fairly good to good as dealers assess market developments entering the week. Offerings are light. Market activity is fairly active. In the parts complex, supplies of wings and most dark meat cuts are light to moderate; breast items and tenders are light and clearing well.

SOUTHERN Price trend for whole broilers and fryers is firm. Offerings are light to moderate. Demand following the weekend is moderate with trading usually limited to regular commitments. Market activity is moderate to active. In the parts structure, movement is moderate to fairly good for early week business. Prices are trending steady to firm for wings and most dark meat items. Breast items and tenders are trending firm to higher with good movement. Offerings of dark meat items and wings are light to moderate but breast cuts are light and moving well. In production areas, live supplies are light to moderate. Weights are desirable to light due to severe heat. The market activity is moderate to mostly active on parts.

WESTERN Final majority prices are unchanged from last Monday. Whole broiler fryers and WOGs are steady to firm. Demand moderate to good, best into retail channels. Offerings light. Floor stocks light to adequate. Sizes desirable for needs. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average is up 5.30 cents from last week to 88.54 cents on 40 loads. Trading was noted on boneless skinless breasts 165-194; tenderloins 186-191; bone-in breasts 95-124; wings 116-130; legs 53-68; leg quarters bulk 42-49, 4/10 44-45; drums 42-57; thighs 57-63; fresh thigh meat 96-104; fresh leg meat 93-101 cents delivered.

MIDWEST Final majority delivered prices unchanged into the Chicago market; TFEWR into Ohio cities, Detroit, and St. Louis. Whole broiler/fryer pricing was steady to higher. Offerings on whole birds were light to moderate. Floor stocks were adequate; weights light to desirable. Part prices were mostly steady, occasionally steady to higher in the case of boneless/skinless breast and tenders. Supplies of tenders and boneless/skinless breast were light to short, wings and leg items light to moderate. Retail and food service demand was slow to moderate. Fast food and retail ads were most activity.

DELMARVA Less-than-trucklot asking prices are unchanged at 85 to 93 cents, with a steady to at times firm trending undertone. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds is moderate to fairly good entering the week. Supplies are light to moderate. Live supplies are moderate; weights are mostly desirable to light. Processor schedules are moderately heavy. Market activity is moderate to active. In the parts complex, offerings are light to moderate with breast items and tenders in the best position.

*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	80-98
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Prices were trending firm for breast items and tenders; mostly steady to firm for dark meat cuts. Trucklot buying activity was moderate to fairly good as dealers assess market conditions entering the week. Offerings of breast items and tenders are light and well cleared; wings and most dark meat cuts are light to moderate and clearing satisfactorily. Market activity is moderate to active.

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

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	190	172.89	492,400
TENDERLOINS	190	187.02	107,440
BREAST - WITH RIBS	103-104	108.33	118,224
BREAST - LINE RUN	103	104.73	69,188
LEGS	58-59	56.39	172,160
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	40-41	40.81	232,480
DRUMSTICKS	49-50	58.86	90,560
THIGHS	50-51	56.88	91,760
B/S THIGHS	99-100	98.89	51,520
WINGS (WHOLE)	121-122	122.82	187,000
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	13-15	15.00	12,760
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	40-45	42.55	7,160
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	53.17	11,920

NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, northern NJ, MA, CT, RI, & 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.

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.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,997	145.00-199.00	165-176	171.31
TENDERLOINS	326	184.00-244.00	184-188	190.68
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	2,104	30.00-37.00	35-37	35.07
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	852	36.00-42.00	38-39	38.95
WINGS (WHOLE)	359	100.00-125.00	-	115.77
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS	581	45.00-48.00	-	47.89

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (In thousands)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	08/23	08/19	08/19	08/16	08/12
Alabama	4,122	4,121	5.36	4,047	5.25
Arkansas	4,519	5,053	4.97	4,774	5.21
Delmarva	2,313	2,290	5.83	2,263	5.91
KY-LA-TN	2,461	2,393	5.00	2,341	4.90
Mississippi	3,042	2,770	5.58	3,065	5.65
North Carolina	2,706	2,710	6.81	2,717	6.80
Texas	2,658	2,727	5.44	2,711	5.48
Total	21,821	22,064	5.50	21,918	5.53
Mon	21,821 (A)			21,918 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.
Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 23-Aug 2010 is estimated to be 32,647,000 down 0.74 percent from a week ago and up 0.5 percent from a year ago. (last week 32,890,000 last year 32,490,000)

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.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	413	33.00-38.00	-	36.41
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	852	39.00-41.00	-	39.60
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

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Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for Aug 23, 2010 -- F.O.B. Dock

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
62.00 - 67.50	64.57	65.34

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 23-AUG-2010 TO 27-AUG-2010, CENTS PER POUND

	Price per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	167.00 -189.00	172.00 -185.00
TENDERLOINS	179.00 -199.00	184.00 -191.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	100.00 -118.00	100.00 -107.00
LEGS	52.00 - 58.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	34.00 - 43.00	37.00 - 39.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	39.00 - 49.00	40.00 - 42.00
DRUMSTICKS	40.00 - 57.00	-
THIGHS	50.00 - 56.00	-
B/S THIGHS	96.00 -106.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	114.00 -127.00	119.00 -125.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 40.00	-
LIVERS	32.00 - 49.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 59.00	-

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

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	100-118
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	104-122
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	
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, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	
	DRY PACK	130-164
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	
	DRY PACK	117
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	129
	DRY PACK	118
DUCKS		265-268

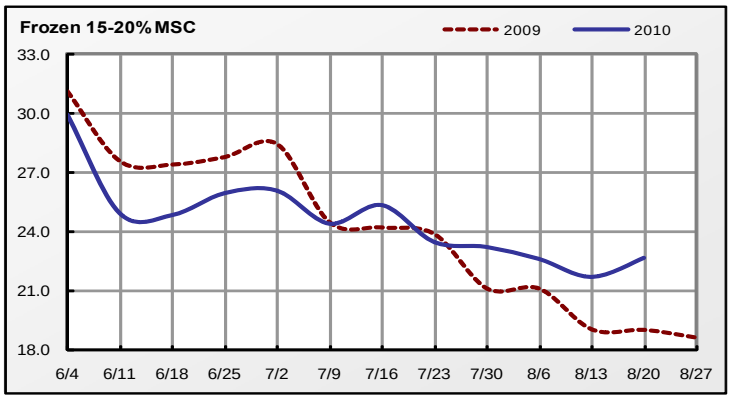
NATIONAL MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

(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 price trend for fresh and frozen 15-20% MSC was steady to weak; other fat contents steady to lower. Supplies of fresh and frozen 15-20% were moderate to mostly heavy with the balance moderate. Schedules were normal to reduced with some disruptions noted. Export and domestic demand on fresh and frozen 15-20% was light; movement into the Caribbean, Central America, and Mexico light. Market activity was slow. The spot marketplace remains unsettled with continued slow finished product sales and heavy inventories, some contract cancellations plant disruptions, and increased frame sales and rendering. Supplies of raw materials were heavy. Frame values were steady to lower with trading levels ranging 5-9 cents FOB, mostly 6-7 cents FOB.

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

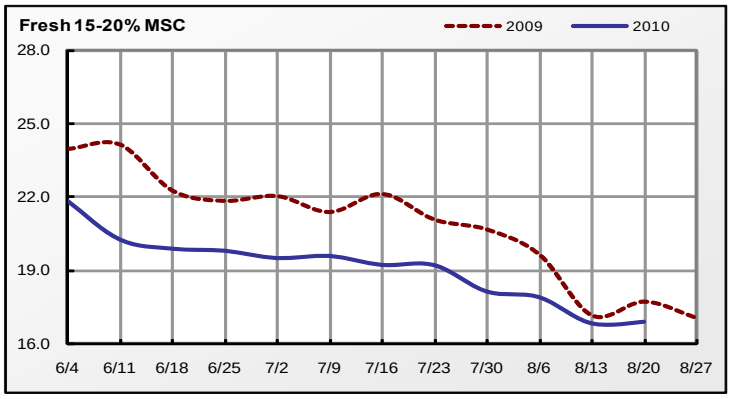
	Frozen			Fresh		
Fat Content	20-Aug-10	Last Week	Last Year	20-Aug-10	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range			-	21.00	19.00	19.00-20.00
Wtd Avg Price			-	21.00	19.00	19.25
Volume Traded	-	-	-	122	41	163
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	20.00 - 26.00	18.00 - 24.00	15.00-23.00	13.00 - 23.00	13.00 - 23.00	14.50-22.00
Wtd Avg Price	22.64	21.66	19.03	16.86	16.80	17.72
Volume Traded	1,189	1,479	2,099	3,352	2,463	2,521
Volume Exported	1,069	1,271	1,859	938	326	775
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	18.00	18.00	18.00
Wtd Avg Price			-	18.00	18.00	18.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	41	82	82
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

	Frozen			Fresh		
Fat Content	Jul 2010	Jun 2010	Jul 2009	Jul 2010	Jun 2010	Jul 2009
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	24.00	-	-	25.25	26.13	25.39
Volume Traded	270	-	-	1,738	866	1,443
Volume Exported	270	-	-	912	305	163
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	24.61	26.22	24.66	19.06	20.44	21.53
Volume Traded	7,249	7,079	8,099	16,393	13,264	15,295
Volume Exported	6,629	6,499	7,299	1,775	653	4,769
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	21.33	20.60	22.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	367	204	326
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., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 23-AUGUST-2010

SOUTH CENTRAL Trading was TFEWR. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

SOUTHEAST Prices were generally unchanged when compared to the previous week. Offerings are moderate for current needs. Processing schedules are noted as normal. Finished product supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity remained slow to moderate.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-16.25 CENTS/LB.		12.36
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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