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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were unchanged in the West, higher elsewhere when compared to last week prices. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady in the Midwest, fully steady elsewhere. Retail and food service demand ranged light to good, most fair to moderate, best where promotions were in progress. Supplies ranged fully adequate to close balanced to satisfy current trade needs. Floor stocks were adequate to long. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate for early-week trading. Breast items were better balanced to closely cleared, but wings and tenders were tight and held with confidence. Most dark meat items were in good supply and moving satisfactorily. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable.

Final Report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 05-JAN-2009

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Boston/New England	TFEWR	:		81.64	14
Chicago	73.00-76.00	78.00	8 :	77.25	50
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	:		80.57	7
Denver	94.50	94.50	14 :	93.63	16
Detroit	77.00-81.00	80.55	8 :	79.90	39
Los Angeles	95.00	94.22	65 :	88.61	166
New York	79.00-82.00	80.71	21 :	80.36	41
Philadelphia	78.50-80.00	79.55	11 :	78.39	22
Pittsburgh	78.00-81.00	80.27	11 :	82.18	51
St. Louis	77.00-78.00	76.58	18 :	76.27	28
San Francisco	95.50	95.58	32 :	88.81	98

Composite Weighted Average

LOADS	01/05/09	Change	Last Wk 12/29/08	01/07/08
532	82.58	.55	82.03	77.53

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delivered to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities:

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
Eastern	81.00-82.00	81.81	29
Central	71.00-79.00	78.07	76
Western	84.00-97.00	87.37	49
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent			
Mississippi	84.00-87.00	85.68	71

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 87.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
930	74.00-90.25	86.61

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed FINAL weighted average price on ice-packed parts:

	WTD. AVG.	VOLUME
	(CENTS PER POUND)	(000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	165.00	1,194
BREASTS - B/S	121.50	4,771
BREASTS - WHOLE	73.50	1,210
THIGH MEAT - B/S	107.00	1,013
THIGHS	51.00	554
DRUMSTICKS	55.00	711
LEG QUARTERS	32.00	7,336
WINGS	127.00	2,264

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

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYER Trade sentiment was fully steady. Post holiday demand following the weekend was light to moderate, best where features were active. Supplies of all sizes were closely cleared to satisfy current trade needs. In the parts structure movement was mostly fair for early week trading. Breast items were balanced to tight with wings in the best position and held with confidence. Tenders and most dark meat items were in good supply and moving satisfactorily. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

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

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged; however the market tone was fully steady overall. Trading prices were unchanged to slightly higher on regular commitments, and at mixed price levels on new negotiations. Buyers' interest improved where features anticipated to break later in the week. Retailer demand was moderate to good, best to cover promotions in progress or planned. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. The market tone was steady to firm on parts. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was higher at 83.23, with the volume reported unchanged at 32 loads.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices into Midwest markets were higher; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady to fully steady with offers light to adequate. Retail and food service demand was mixed, light to good with many anticipating improved demand for the first of the month. Floor stocks were balanced to long; sizes desirable to heavy. Supplies of wings were tight and balanced to close on the remainder of parts. The trade sentiment was firm on wings and steady to fully steady on the balance of parts.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to moderate as dealers assessed current conditions following the holiday period. Offerings were in good balance to closely cleared. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 81 to 92 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady. In the parts complex, breast items were at least adequate to available. Wings and tenders were closely balanced to very tight. Dark meat cuts were adequate to well cleared.

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	78-94
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operation.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was fair to mostly moderate as dealers assessed market conditions entering the week. Offerings of wings and tenders were in close balance to instances tight. Breast items were at least sufficient to available for current needs. Dark meat cuts were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was fully steady to firm for tenders and wings; cautious for breast items and at least steady for the balance of items.

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

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S		125-130	115.85	464,377
TENDERLOINS		135	131.03	131,680
BREAST - WITH RIBS		68-69	72.87	79,600
BREAST - LINE RUN		68	69.14	52,200
LEGS		50-51	50.98	188,320
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)		31-32	32.47	283,400
DRUMSTICKS		48-49	54.91	89,477
THIGHS		50-51	54.57	55,880
B/S THIGHS		107-108	109.42	26,480
WINGS (WHOLE)		128-129	131.21	166,880
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)		13-15	15.00	12,440
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)		45-50	48.57	9,080
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)		70-75	74.76	21,080

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	691	108.00-123.00	108-111	111.12
TENDERLOINS	207	118.00-174.00	120	121.01
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	169	31.00-32.00	-	31.47
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,322	31.50-37.00	33-34	33.52
WINGS (WHOLE)	455	127.00-129.00	128-129	128.05
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
THIGHS	1,127	42.00-58.00	43	43.06

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (In thousands)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	01/05	01/01	01/01	12/29	12/25
Alabama	3,825	Holiday	Holiday	3,817	Holiday
Arkansas	5,086	Holiday	Holiday	4,940	Holiday
Delmarva	2,174	Holiday	Holiday	2,209	Holiday
KY-LA-TN	2,085	Holiday	Holiday	2,227	Holiday
Mississippi	2,594	Holiday	Holiday	3,000	Holiday
North Carolina	2,820	(A)	(A)	2,501	Holiday
Texas	2,600	Holiday	Holiday	2,670	Holiday
Total	21,184	824	6.24	21,364	0.00
Mon	21,184 (B)			21,364 (B)	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 05-Jan 2009 is estimated to be 31,694,000 down 1.14 percent from a week ago. and down 3.3 percent from a year ago. (last week 32,059,000 last year 32,789,000)

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	277	105.00-192.00	-	119.45
TENDERLOINS	164	110.00-199.00	-	127.46
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	457	30.00-35.00	32	32.09
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,017	32.00-37.00	33-34	33.93
WINGS (WHOLE)	111	118.00-131.00	-	125.31
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for Jan 05, 2009 -- F.O.B. Dock

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
47.50 - 53.50	50.05	49.66

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 05-JAN-2009 TO 09-JAN-2009, CENTS PER POUND

	Price per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	105.00 - 127.00	110.00 - 121.00
TENDERLOINS	127.00 - 145.00	127.00 -
BREAST - LINE RUN	64.00 - 89.00	69.00 - 73.00
LEGS	49.00 - 69.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	31.00 - 41.00	31.00 - 35.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	33.00 - 41.00	33.00 - 34.00
DRUMSTICKS	42.00 - 65.00	-
THIGHS	46.00 - 52.00	-
B/S THIGHS	104.00 - 110.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	118.00 - 150.00	130.00 - 145.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16.00 - 29.00	-
LIVERS	32.00 - 49.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 61.00	-

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

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	99.75-116.75
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	103.25-121.25
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

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, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	159
	DRY PACK	123
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK	117
	ICE PACK	-
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	114
	DRY PACK	112
DUCKS		235-252

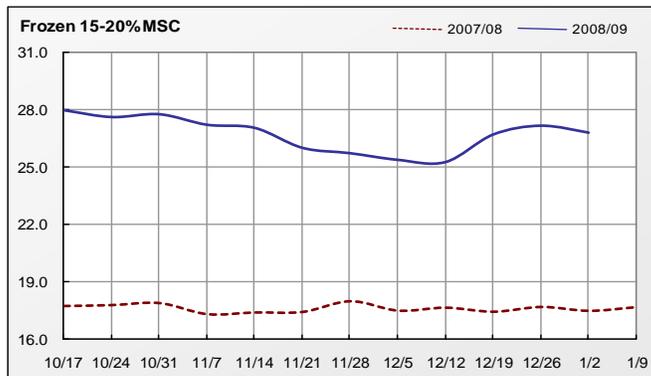
National Mechanically Separated Chicken

(F.O.B. Shipper Dock or equivalent; negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand lb. quantities, cents/lb; delivery within 2 weeks.)

The MSC market tone was steady to fully steady. Supplies were adequate to well cleared. Demand was moderate to fairly good following the holiday. Raw materials were tight with good interest. Trading was moderate to good with most export activity from Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean. New contracts begin this and next week at unchanged to higher, mostly moderately to sharply higher prices on fresh 15-20% and sharply higher prices on the balance. Schedules were reduced for the holiday week. Frame values were steady trading mostly between 10-11 cents FOB with new contracts starting at higher levels as well.

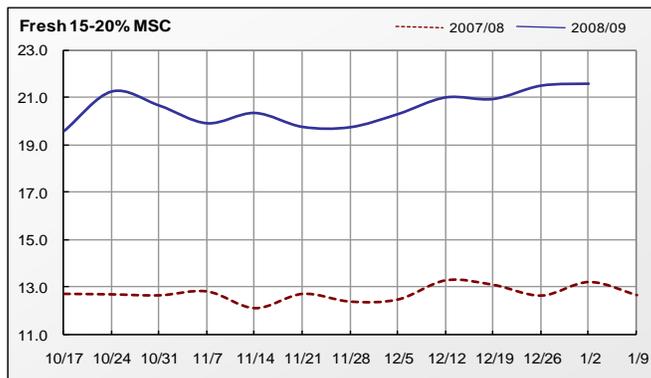
Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	2-Jan-09	Last Week	Last Year	2-Jan-09	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less			15.50	25.00 - 26.00	25.00 - 27.00	15.00-16.00
Price Range			15.50	25.66	25.65	15.67
Wtd Avg Price			54	236	269	361
Volume Traded	-	-	54	55	-	-
Volume Exported						
15-20%	25.00 - 32.00	24.00 - 33.00	16.00-21.00	19.75 - 26.00	19.75 - 28.00	11.00-16.00
Price Range	26.83	27.20	17.47	21.57	21.49	13.21
Wtd Avg Price	802	1,122	1,663	3,061	2,025	2,420
Volume Traded	682	922	1,543	756	184	216
Volume Exported						
20% or More				21.00	21.00	-
Price Range				21.00	21.00	-
Wtd Avg Price				82	80	-
Volume Traded						
Volume Exported						



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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	Dec 2008	Nov 2008	Dec 2007	Dec 2008	Nov 2008	Dec 2007
15% or Less			16.31	24.96	24.28	15.79
Price Range	26.00	24.00	16.31	24.96	24.28	15.79
Wtd Avg Price	118	322	897	1,360	1,443	1,534
Volume Traded	118	160	897	226	220	54
Volume Exported						
15-20%	25.95	26.34	17.48	20.81	19.96	12.89
Price Range	6,646	5,394	9,209	14,306	11,870	11,946
Wtd Avg Price	6,126	4,961	8,640	2,488	1,921	3,085
Volume Traded						
Volume Exported						
20% or More				21.17	21.00	-
Price Range				243	366	-
Wtd Avg Price						
Volume Traded						
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 05-JAN-09**

SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS

Trading levels were slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate supplies of spent hens. Schedules were back to normal. Finished sales were slowing. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7.5-14.75		11.30

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS

Prices were generally unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was moderate to at least moderate for the about adequate to adequate offerings of spent fowl. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Finished product supplies were in good balance. The undertone was at least steady to fully steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.75-19.25		11.59
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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