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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady in the Northeast, about steady in the West and steady in the Midwest. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate, instances fairly good in the West where features were active. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to satisfy trade needs. Floor stocks were balanced to long. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate for mid week trading. Breast items were adequate to ample with boneless skinless in a slightly better balance, but still easy to obtain. Wings were mixed, but available. Dark meat items were adequate to tight with thigh meat in the best position and moving well. In production areas live supplies were moderate at mixed, but 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 81.75 cents last year on March 26, 2008.

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

DOCK PRICE

ITEM	(CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	179.50
BREASTS - B/S	144.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	79.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	119.50
THIGHS	54.50
DRUMSTICKS	61.00
LEG QUARTERS	36.00
WINGS	145.50

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

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was steady to about steady. Demand was fair at best with trading usually limited to regular commitments. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate to satisfy current trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was mostly fair for mid week trading. Breast items were balanced to closely cleared, but boneless skinless was in a slightly better position, but still easy to obtain. Wings were available and dark meat items were adequate to close balanced with thigh meat in the best position and moving satisfactorily. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was generally fair for midweek trading. Offerings of 3 pound and lighter sizes were sufficient for current needs; heavier sizes were at least adequate to available. Movement through retail and distributive channels was seasonally light. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breast were in better balance and was more than sufficient for current needs. Bone-in breast were mostly adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Wings and drums were available with limited movement. Thighs and thigh meat were balanced to adequate.

MIDWEST REGION The trade sentiment on whole broiler fryers was steady with offerings of additional product light to adequate for the limited trade call. Retail movement was light to moderate with featured items like boneless skinless breasts, leg quarters, and wogs providing best consumer interest. Food service demand was slow to moderate with anticipation of improved movement on new dark and white meat promotions into fast food sectors for the start of April. Floor stocks were balanced to long. Sizes were desirable to light. Supplies of bone-in and boneless dark meat items were adequate to tight with boneless skinless breasts and wings adequate to available. The market tone was steady on dark meat items, steady to barely steady on boneless skinless breasts, and steady to weak on wings.

WESTERN REGION The market tone was about steady. Offerings were adequate to ample. Lighter weight product held with a degree of confidence, with some discounts offered on heavy weights. Buying activity was moderate. Retailer demand was moderate to good where promotions in progress. Floor stocks were adequate.

BROILER -TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 8 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 200 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 21, 2009. This was down 8 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 6 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 171 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 21, 2009. Placements were down 6 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2008 through March 21, 2009 were 2.01 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 03/21/09	TOTAL 19 SELECTED STATES		PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
	2009	2008	
	<i>Thousand</i>		
EGGS SET	199,518	215,850	-8
CHICKS PLACED	171,053	181,091	-6

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 02-May-09 is estimated at 156.7 million head. This compares to 155.1 million head the previous week and to 170.1 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter price was 170.7 million head and the composite weighted average price was 80.57 cents per pound.

MAR 24

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

MAR 25

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			WTD AVG	ITEM	POUNDS			WTD AVG
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY			(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	
BREAST - B/S	383	124.00-190.00	-	134.65	BREAST - B/S	428	121.00-188.00	-	130.98
TENDERLOINS	246	140.00-195.00	-	148.51	TENDERLOINS	253	134.00-200.00	-	144.31
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FE	W TO REPORT			BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FE	W TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES	TOO FE	W TO REPORT			FRONT HALVES	TOO FE	W TO REPORT		
LEGS	TOO FE	W TO REPORT			LEGS	TOO FE	W TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	386	30.00-36.00	34	33.08	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	410	30.00-38.00	33-34	33.07
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	662	32.00-39.00	36-37	35.95	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	862	31.00-39.00	36-37	35.77
WINGS (WHOLE)	180	142.00-149.00	-	145.89	WINGS (WHOLE)	125	139.00-151.00	-	143.80
WINGS (CUT)	144	155.00-168.00	-	160.35	WINGS (CUT)	109	154.00-161.00	-	156.57
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FE	W TO REPORT			DRUMSTICKS	TOO FE	W TO REPORT		
THIGHS	TOO FE	W TO REPORT			THIGHS	TOO FE	W TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS	TOO FE	W TO REPORT			B/S THIGHS	71	100.00-115.00	-	104.08

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
47.00 - 54.00	51.45	47.50 - 54.50	50.35	50.53

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 remained mostly fair during midweek trading. Boneless skinless breasts were noted as in better balance but still more than sufficient for current needs. Bone-in breast were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Wings were mixed but available. Thighs and thigh meat were in good balance to well cleared. Retail and distributive movement was light. The market tone was at least steady for thighs and thigh meat; barely steady to weak for wings. Other items were about steady to steady.

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

MAR 24 ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS	MAR 25 ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	140-145	140.03	579,325	BREAST - B/S	140-145	141.90	339,002
TENDERLOINS	150-155	152.72	137,313	TENDERLOINS	150-155	152.72	49,480
BREAST - WITH RIBS	77-78	80.00	153,800	BREAST - WITH RIBS	77-78	79.57	133,920
BREAST - LINE RUN	77	79.10	55,800	BREAST - LINE RUN	77	78.55	52,200
LEGS	56-57	51.38	271,040	LEGS	56-57	59.25	84,480
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	35-36	35.01	381,480	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	35-36	36.44	189,200
DRUMSTICKS	55-56	63.10	48,520	DRUMSTICKS	55-56	65.46	43,720
THIGHS	54-55	60.60	55,080	THIGHS	54-55	60.27	43,960
B/S THIGHS	118-119	117.92	56,240	B/S THIGHS	118-119	119.99	38,760
WINGS (WHOLE)	141-142	142.21	150,400	WINGS (WHOLE)	140-141	145.27	138,080
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	13-15	15.00	32,840	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	13-15	15.00	16,040
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	48.25	16,360	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	54.17	9,700
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	66.76	18,680	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	70.49	13,240

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		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL		AVG WTS
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)
Alabama	3,601	4,155	3,837	3,463	5.30	5.16	3,774	5.13	
Arkansas	4,776	4,913	4,835	3,225	5.45	5.22	4,740	5.47	
Delmarva	2,271	2,080	2,177	2,076	5.98	5.86	2,006	5.96	
KY-LA-TN	2,219	2,252	2,266	1,869	5.36	4.85	2,235	5.32	
Mississippi	2,672	2,865	2,809	2,703	5.87	5.64	2,762	5.68	
North Carolina	2,616	2,760	2,615	2,737	7.14	6.83	2,589	7.19	
Texas	2,667	2,652	2,697	2,617	5.43	5.16	2,654	5.51	
Total	20,822	21,677	21,236	18,690	5.73	5.53	20,760	5.69	
Mon-Wed	63,923 (A)						63,145 (A)		

A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 25-Mar-09 is estimated to be 31,152,000 head up 0.00 percent from a week ago and down -1.19 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,152,000, last year 31,526,000)

**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 28-MAR-09

Class	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	03/28/09 (1)	03/21/09	Thousand head	
Broiler/fryer	158,873(2)	153,932		
Light hens	1,311	1,242		
Heavy hens	1,498	1,447		
Total	161,682	156,621		

(1)ESTIMATED

2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 28-Mar-09 is 157.7 million head compared to 162.2 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 159.2 million head or 1.5 million more than estimated available. For the week of 04-Apr-09 the estimated available is 155.5 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS	LBS	LBS	LBS
AM 03/23/09	129,248	76,468		
AM 03/01/09	116,137	77,989		
CHG	13,111	-1,521		
PCT CHG	11	-2		

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	03/23/09	03/16/09	03/24/08	03/23/09	03/16/09	03/24/08
PACIFIC COAST	632	623	2,727	8,154	7,811	6,575
LOS ANGELES	238	209	48	1,315	844	987

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 MARCH 23, 2009

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

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES FOR 03/24/09

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY	LOW HIGH AVG			HEAVY FOWL ea.	LOW HIGH AVG		
	1.00	1.50	1.28		7.00	9.50	
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	3.25	6.00	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	1.05	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	1.20	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS lb.	1.70	3.50	1.98
DUCKS lb.	1.70	3.50	1.98	RABBITS ea.	3.50	7.00	-
RABBITS lb.	1.60	3.55	2.65	PIGEONS ea.	1.75	3.25	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	6.50	7.00	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-	TOTAL COOPS	55		

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending March 20, 2009

	Whole Chickens		Legs W/Thighs	Necks,Backs & Wings	Livers Gizzards	Hens
	Breasts					
RAYON						
Low	77.11	128.52	93.18	25.70	12.85	83.54
High	78.40	141.37	102.81	32.13	19.28	83.54
Mostly	77.11	138.16	99.60	32.13	16.06	83.54
SAN JUAN						
Low	76.15	128.52	89.96	22.49	12.85	83.54
High	77.75	138.16	99.60	32.13	16.06	83.54
Mostly	77.11	134.94	96.39	28.92	14.46	83.54
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	77.75	131.73	96.39	25.70	16.06	86.75
High	78.72	141.37	106.03	35.34	19.28	86.75
Mostly	77.75	141.37	102.81	35.34	16.06	86.75
BECERRA						
Low	77.11	134.94	96.39	28.92	16.06	86.75
High	79.36	144.58	109.24	38.56	19.28	86.75
Mostly	77.11	141.37	109.24	38.56	19.28	86.75

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally fair for midweek trading. Seller offerings were adequate to fully sufficient for trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were one cent lower at 71 to 82 cents. Trade sentiment remained about steady to steady. In the parts complex, wings were mixed, but readily available, and breast items were adequate to fully adequate. Dark meat items were in a good balance for boneless thighs, mostly adequate for the remaining items.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	62-86
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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