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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was overall steady to about steady in all areas. Retail and food service demand was light to good, mostly light to fair with some increase interest noted for first of the month business. Supplies of all sizes were close balanced to fully adequate to satisfy current trade needs. Floor stocks were balanced to readily available. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate for mid week trading. Breast items were mostly sufficient with boneless skinless better balanced and moving well. Wings were adequate to ample and slow to clear. Dark meat items were in good supply and moving satisfactorily. 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 82.00 cents last year on April 2, 2008.

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

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	179.50
BREASTS - B/S	144.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	80.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	122.50
THIGHS	55.00
DRUMSTICKS	60.00
LEG QUARTERS	36.00
WINGS	144.00

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

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was steady at best. Demand for midweek was no better than fair with trading limited to regular commitment. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate for mid week trading. Breast items were balanced and moving well. Wings were available and dark meat items were in good supply. 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 no better than fair as dealers were content to limit orders to most immediate needs. Offerings of 3 pound and lighter sizes were adequate to balanced; heavier sizes were at least sufficient for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was seasonally light. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, breast items were about adequate to adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Wings were readily available and competitively priced. Gizzards were seasonally slow. Thighs and thigh meat were in good balance.

MIDWEST REGION The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was steady. Producer offerings were moderate on light trade call. First of the month demand increases were noted into retail, but were slight, while food service trade was lackluster and slow to develop. Floor stocks were sufficient; weights desirable. Trade in the parts centered on dark bone-in cuts and boneless/skinless breast where supplies were adequate to limited. Other parts supplies varied, but generally were available with wings more prevalent. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak on wings, steady to fully steady on boneless/skinless breast and dark meat cuts.

WESTERN REGION The market tone was cautiously steady. Offerings were generally adequate. Retailer demand fairly good overall all. Floor stocks in fairly good balance.

BROILER -TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 7 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 200 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 28, 2009. This was down 7 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 8 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 28, 2009. Placements were down 8 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2008 through March 28, 2009 were 2.18 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	2009	2008	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
03/28/09			
	<i>Thousand</i>		
EGGS SET	200,221	214,627	-7
CHICKS PLACED	166,614	180,372	-8

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 09-May-09 is estimated at 155.3 million head. This compares to 156.7 million head the previous week and to 170.0 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 171.9 million head and the composite weighted average price was 82.02 cents per pound.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

APR 01

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	ITEM	POUNDS			WTD
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG		(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG
BREAST - B/S	290	127.00-193.00	-	136.41	BREAST - B/S	418	126.00-200.00	-	133.90
TENDERLOINS	197	144.00-195.00	-	154.14	TENDERLOINS	198	142.00-205.00	-	156.96
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT				BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	386	30.00-37.00	33-34	32.94	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	391	30.00-37.00	33-34	33.85
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	977	31.00-39.00	35-36	35.33	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	843	32.00-39.00	36	35.67
WINGS (WHOLE)	TOO FEW TO REPORT				WINGS (WHOLE)	165	132.00-140.00	-	137.33
WINGS (CUT)	TOO FEW TO REPORT				WINGS (CUT)	168	150.00-159.00	-	152.68
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				B/S THIGHS	70	108.00-115.00	-	110.71

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
47.50 - 54.50	50.72	47.50 - 54.50	51.08	50.88

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 no better than fair as demand maintained an even keel and dealers saw no need to extend floor stocks beyond most immediate needs Offerings of breast items and tenders were sufficient for current needs. Wings were fully adequate to ample and slow to clear. Gizzards were available. Thighs and thigh meat were in good balance and clearing satisfactorily. Retail and distributive movement was seasonally slow. The market tone was fully steady for thighs and thigh meat; barely steady to weak for gizzards and wings. Other items were mostly steady.

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

MAR 31	CURRENT NEG	WTD	VOL/LBS	APR 01	CURRENT NEG	WTD	VOL/LBS
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG		ITEM	TRADING*	AVG	
BREAST - B/S	140-145	140.43	539,400	BREAST - B/S	140-145	133.55	466,640
TENDERLOINS	150-155	152.96	142,256	TENDERLOINS	150-155	153.39	182,576
BREAST - WITH RIBS	77-78	79.05	144,000	BREAST - WITH RIBS	77-78	84.36	90,480
BREAST - LINE RUN	77	78.25	64,800	BREAST - LINE RUN	77	78.29	63,000
LEGS	56-57	51.89	227,280	LEGS	56-57	58.80	93,440
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	35-36	35.33	364,760	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	35-36	37.09	147,800
DRUMSTICKS	53-54	59.56	64,480	DRUMSTICKS	53-54	60.86	55,320
THIGHS	54-55	59.51	53,480	THIGHS	54-55	60.70	45,520
B/S THIGHS	120-121	121.96	57,880	B/S THIGHS	120-121	122.15	37,280
WINGS (WHOLE)	137-138	139.96	168,560	WINGS (WHOLE)	136-137	138.66	182,920
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	13-15	15.00	20,040	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	13-15	15.00	20,360
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	47.63	16,920	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	44.12	9,040
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	65.26	22,040	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	65-70	67.34	14,280

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
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	WTS
Alabama	3,563	4,046	3,780	3,857	5.40	5.34	3,577	5.30	
Arkansas	4,729	4,852	4,586	3,524	5.39	5.12	4,702	5.45	
Delmarva	2,002	2,163	2,203	2,106	5.96	5.82	2,280	5.98	
KY-LA-TN	2,225	2,256	2,201	1,852	5.27	4.86	2,224	5.36	
Mississippi	2,743	2,843	2,673	2,979	5.79	5.64	2,301	5.87	
North Carolina	2,556	2,760	2,630	2,820	7.11	7.07	2,537	7.14	
Texas	2,702	2,621	2,681	2,622	5.38	5.24	2,669	5.43	
Total	20,520	21,541	20,754	19,760	5.71	5.59	20,290	5.73	
Mon-Wed	62,928	(A)					63,051	(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 01-Apr-09 is estimated to be 30,700,000 head up 0.83 percent from a week ago and down -8.69 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 30,447,000, last year 33,621,000)

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 04-APR-09

Class	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	04/04/09 (1)	03/28/09	Thousand head	
Broiler/fryer	156,557(2)	153,932		
Light hens	1,297	1,242		
Heavy hens	1,520	1,447		
Total	159,374	161,682		

(1)ESTIMATED

2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 04-Apr-09 is 155.5 million head compared to 168.5 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 156.9 million head or 1.4 million more than estimated available. For the week of 11-Apr-09 the estimated available is 155.2 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS	LBS	LBS	LBS
AM 03/30/09	129,389	73,605		
AM 03/01/09	116,137	77,989		
CHG	13,252	-4,384		
PCT CHG	11	-6		

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	03/30/09	03/23/09	03/31/08	03/30/09	03/23/09	03/31/08
PACIFIC COAST	627	632	2,513	8,256	8,154	6,430
LOS ANGELES	235	238	48	1,412	1,315	869

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 30, 2009

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

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES FOR 03/31/09

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY							
	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.40	1.70	1.06	HEAVY FOWL ea.	6.00	10.50	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	3.00	7.00	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	1.00	1.60	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	1.55	1.60	1.58	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	2.00	3.10	2.94	RABBITS ea.	6.00	14.00	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	3.00	4.00	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-				
TOTAL COOPS	45						

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending March 27, 2009

	Whole Chickens		Legs	Necks,Backs & Wings	Livers Gizzards	Hens
	Breasts	W/Thighs				
RAYON						
Low	73.59	130.05	82.47	22.20	9.52	82.47
High	76.13	139.57	91.99	31.72	12.69	82.47
Mostly	76.13	136.40	91.99	28.55	12.69	82.47
SAN JUAN						
Low	72.96	130.05	79.30	22.20	9.52	82.47
High	76.13	136.40	88.82	28.55	12.69	82.47
Mostly	76.13	133.23	88.82	25.38	12.69	82.47
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	74.54	133.23	85.65	25.38	12.69	84.06
High	77.08	142.74	95.16	34.89	19.03	84.06
Mostly	76.13	139.57	91.99	34.89	15.86	84.06
BECERRA						
Low	75.18	136.40	88.82	28.55	12.69	85.65
High	77.72	145.91	98.33	38.06	19.03	85.65
Mostly	76.13	142.74	95.16	34.89	15.86	85.65

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally fair with light trading. Seller offerings were adequate to fully adequate to handle trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 71 to 82 cents. Trade sentiment was noted as about steady. In the parts complex, breast items were adequate and moving satisfactorily. Wings were fully adequate to readily available and reported as increasing in availability. Dark meat items were in a good balance to well cleared.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	WEIGHTED AVERAGE	NO. OF BOXES
60-87	(A)	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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