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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was steady to at least steady in the East, steady to fully steady in the Midwest, and about steady in the West. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate, mostly fair to moderate, best into fast food. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to fully adequate to satisfy current trade needs. Floor stocks were balanced to closely cleared. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate for mid week trading. Breast items and most dark meat cuts remained in good balance to well cleared and continue to move satisfactorily. Wings were mostly sufficient but noted in better balance. In production areas live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .25 cents to 85.75 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 83.50 cents last year on April 14, 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	183.00
BREASTS - B/S	151.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	82.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	123.50
THIGHS	56.50
DRUMSTICKS	61.00
LEG QUARTERS	39.00
WINGS	139.50

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

**SOUTHERN REGION** Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was fair to moderate with some improvement noted for mid-week business. Supplies of all sizes were sufficient to satisfy current trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate. Breast items and dark meat items were in good supply and moving well. Wings were mostly adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST REGION** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair to moderate for midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes were generally sufficient for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair. The market tone was steady to instance dully steady. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breasts and most dark meat cuts were well cleared; bone-in breasts were clearing satisfactorily. Wings were mostly adequate but noted in better balance.

**MIDWEST REGION** The market tone on whole broiler/fryers remained steady to fully steady. Offerings and trade inquiry were in balance and noted as limited. Trade activity into retail and food service was lackluster to moderate at best, best into fast food. Floor stocks were adequate to in close balance; weights desirable. Parts supplies varied from adequate to limited, but in line with trade call. Wings, large sizes were most available and dark meat cuts in shortest position. Trade sentiment was steady to firm on breast cuts and leg items and steady on wings.

**WESTERN REGION** The market tone was about steady. Offerings were fully adequate overall, with light weights in the closest position. Buying activity was cautious, as buyers watched market developments. Retailer demand was moderate. Floor stocks were generally adequate for current needs.

## BROILER -TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 6 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 202 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 11, 2009. This was down 6 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 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 11, 2009. Placements were down 6 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2008 through April 11, 2009 were 2.51 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 04/11/09	2009	2008	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
	<i>Thousand</i>		
EGGS SET	202,346	215,925	-6
CHICKS PLACED	166,877	177,613	-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 23-May-09 is estimated at 154.6 million head. This compares to 154.7 million head the previous week and to 168.7 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 169.9 million head and the composite weighted average price was 80.78 cents per pound.

APR 14

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

APR 15

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	328	137.00-204.00	-	141.67	BREAST - B/S	337	128.00-202.00	-	138.96
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TENDERLOINS	197	146.00-207.00	-	155.14
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)	426	33.00-38.00	35-36	35.99	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	436	31.00-38.00	36-37	35.95
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	862	33.00-40.00	37-39	37.10	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	782	33.00-41.00	38-39	37.65
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			WINGS (WHOLE)	156	130.00-137.00	-	135.26
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			WINGS (CUT)	188	145.00-156.00	-	149.70
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	85	110.00-119.00	-	113.82

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
49.00 - 55.00	52.25	48.00 - 55.50	52.14	52.73

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 remained fair to moderate during midweek trading. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts and most dark meat cuts were in good balance to well cleared; bone-in breast were clearing satisfactorily. Wings were generally sufficient for current needs but noted in better balance than a week earlier. Retail and distributive movement was fair. The market tone was fully steady to firm for boneless skinless breast; steady to fully steady for the balance of items.

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

APR 14	CURRENT NEG	WTD		APR 15	CURRENT NEG	WTD	
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG	VOL/LBS	ITEM	TRADING*	AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	145-150	136.22	401,762	BREAST - B/S	145-150	139.70	573,043
TENDERLOINS	150-155	152.76	168,990	TENDERLOINS	150-155	156.22	66,280
BREAST - WITH RIBS	77-78	78.39	126,960	BREAST - WITH RIBS	77-78	84.66	83,800
BREAST - LINE RUN	77	78.32	68,400	BREAST - LINE RUN	77	78.67	64,800
LEGS	56-57	51.32	234,200	LEGS	56-57	57.89	116,480
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	37-38	37.55	377,240	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	37-38	39.23	202,040
DRUMSTICKS	54-55	57.87	77,960	DRUMSTICKS	54-55	60.93	72,680
THIGHS	55-56	56.13	68,300	THIGHS	55-56	61.10	79,240
B/S THIGHS	120-121	118.97	27,160	B/S THIGHS	120-121	120.61	78,920
WINGS (WHOLE)	134-135	138.14	151,800	WINGS (WHOLE)	134-135	143.43	191,800
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	13-15	15.00	29,920	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	13-15	15.00	12,800
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	48.45	7,640	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	47.66	12,720
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	65-70	69.21	15,320	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	65-70	69.54	10,040

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
	04/15	04/14	04/13	04/10	04/13	04/10	04/08	04/06	
Alabama	3,711	4,187	3,752	3,300	5.59	4.96	4,035	5.44	
Arkansas	4,956	4,988	4,897	3,252	5.49	5.15	4,607	5.43	
Delmarva	2,081	2,224	1,249	1,712	6.52	5.96	2,225	6.08	
KY-LA-TN	2,231	2,145	2,079	2,239	5.08	5.16	2,235	5.25	
Mississippi	2,521	2,860	2,750	2,466	5.63	5.67	2,475	5.71	
North Carolina	2,751	2,688	2,113	2,075	7.24	6.77	2,592	7.11	
Texas	2,423	2,600	2,688	2,500	5.34	5.23	2,345	5.55	
Total	20,674	21,692	19,528	17,544	5.72	5.47	20,514	5.74	
Mon-Wed	62,154	(A)					62,644	(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 15-Apr-09 is estimated to be 30,931,000 head up 0.48 percent from a week ago and down -6.39 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 30,783,000, last year 33,042,000)

**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 18-April-09

Class	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	04/18/09 (1)	Thousand head	04/11/09	Thousand head
Broiler/fryer	156,687(2)		153,203	
Light hens	1,279		1,197	
Heavy hens	1,497		1,457	
Total	159,463		155,857	

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 18-Apr-09 is 157.2 million head compared to 167.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 157.0 million head or 0.2 million less than estimated available. For the week of 25-Apr-09 the estimated available is 158.6 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -**

Selected Centers	(Inc. Gov't Stocks)		(In Thousands)	
	Processed Turkeys	Lbs	Processed other Poultry	Lbs
AM 04/13/09	132,706		71,216	
AM 04/01/09	130,812		73,006	
CHG	1894		-1790	
PCT CHG	1%		-2%	

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT -** (In Thousands)

	Processed Turkeys			Processed other Poultry		
	04/13/09	04/06/09	04/14/08	04/13/09	04/06/09	04/14/08
<b>PACIFIC COAST</b>	587	609	2,838	8,313	8,251	6,883
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>	230	230	233	1,419	1,454	1,157

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES FOR 04-14-09**

\*AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LO			HI			AVG		
	LO	HI	AVG	LO	HI	AVG	LO	HI	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	1.10	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-	-	-
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.	-	-	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	8.00	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	-	-	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-	-	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	1.40	1.70	1.57	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	2.25	2.80	2.54	RABBITS ea.	-	8.00	-	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.75	3.25	-	-	-
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 13									

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - MEXICO CITY**

Cents per pound for the week ending April 10, 2009

	Whole		Legs	Necks, Backs	Livers/	Hens
	Chickens	Breasts	W/Thighs	& Wings	Gizzards	
<b>RAYON</b>						
Low	80.44	138.70	93.62	27.74	13.87	90.15
High	83.22	145.63	100.56	34.67	17.34	90.15
Mostly	83.22	142.17	97.09	31.21	15.60	90.15

**SAN JUAN**

Low	79.75	138.70	93.62	24.27	13.87	90.15
High	82.18	149.10	100.56	31.21	17.34	90.15
Mostly	82.18	145.63	93.62	27.74	13.87	90.15

**NEW SAN JUAN**

Low	81.49	142.17	97.09	31.21	13.87	91.89
High	83.91	149.10	104.02	38.14	20.80	91.89
Mostly	83.22	145.63	100.56	34.67	17.34	91.89

**BECERRA**

Low	82.18	142.17	100.56	34.67	17.34	93.62
High	84.95	152.57	107.49	38.14	20.80	93.62
Mostly	83.22	149.10	104.02	38.14	17.34	93.62

**CENTRAL REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, CENTS PER POUND FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 13, 2009

**RANGE**

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

**DELMARVA** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to moderate for midweek trading. Seller offerings were generally adequate for trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but usually desirable. Processing schedules were reported as moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices remained unchanged at 71 to 82 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, breast items and most dark meat items were in good balance to well cleared. Wings were mostly adequate.

\*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**

69-87

**WEIGHTED AVERAGE**

(A)

**NO. OF BOXES**

(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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