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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was steady to firm in the East, steady to fully steady in the Midwest, and about steady to fully steady in the West. Retail demand was light to good, mostly fair to moderate. Food service demand was light to moderate, best into fast food and catering. Supplies of all sizes were balanced to well cleared for current trade needs. Floor stocks were in a full range. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate, instances fairly good for mid week trading. Breast items were adequate to fully adequate with boneless skinless in the weakest position and slow to clear. Wings and tenders were adequate to more than sufficient and most dark meat items were in good balance to well cleared, but thighs were reported as available. 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 87.75 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 84.50 cents last year on May 28, 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	176.50
BREASTS - B/S	160.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	94.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	126.00
THIGHS	63.50
DRUMSTICKS	64.00
LEG QUARTERS	50.00
WINGS	138.50

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

**SOUTHERN REGION** Trade sentiment was fully steady. Demand was fair to moderate with most plants assessing market conditions following the extended Memorial Day weekend. Supplies of all sizes were balanced to well cleared to satisfy current trade needs. In the parts structure movement was moderate to at least moderate for mid week trading. Breast items were sufficient to well cleared, and wings were mostly adequate and moving satisfactorily. Dark meat items were balanced to closely cleared, but available for thighs. 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 mostly moderate for early week trading. Offerings of all sizes were balanced to adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone was at least steady. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breast were noted as slightly more available than the previous week. Bone-in breast and most dark meat items were generally sufficient for current needs. Wings and tenders were at least adequate.

**MIDWEST REGION** Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Offerings were light. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate at best. Catering and some fast food outlets provided decent orders. Floor stocks were in a full range; weights desirable. Dark meat parts were limited, especially thighs, wings and boneless/skinless breast were available and slow to clear. The market tone was fully steady to firm on dark meat items, steady to barely steady on boneless/skinless breast and steady on the balance of parts.

**WESTERN REGION** The market tone was about steady to fully steady. Offerings were in fair balance to adequate. Retailer demand was moderate to good, best to cover features and fast food specials. Floor stocks were in fairly good balance.

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

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 204 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 23, 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 85 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 May 23, 2009. Placements were down 6 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2008 through May 23, 2009 were 3.52 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 05/23/09	2009	2008	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
	<i>Thousand</i>		
EGGS SET	203,879	217,208	-6
CHICKS PLACED	166,950	177,324	-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 04-Jul-09 is estimated at 154.0 million head. This compares to 155.2 million head the previous week and to 165.9 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 148.0 million head and the composite weighted average price was 83.61 cents per pound.

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER 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.

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>POUNDS</u> <u>(000)</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>	<u>WTD</u> <u>AVG</u>
BREAST - B/S	491	135.00-202.00	-	144.11
TENDERLOINS	199	135.00-201.00	-	149.63
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	371	47.00-50.00	48-49	48.68
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	822	48.00-53.00	51	50.47
WINGS (WHOLE)	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
WINGS (CUT)	165	145.00-159.00	-	150.35
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	80	118.00-125.00	-	120.251

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR F.O.B. DOCK

<u>RANGE</u>	<u>TODAY'S AVERAGE</u>	<u>5-DAY AVERAGE</u>
63.00 – 66.50	64.51	64.63

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 mostly moderate as dealers continued to assess market conditions for early week business. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts were noted as slightly more available; bone-in breasts were clearing satisfactorily. Most dark meat cuts were balanced to at least adequate with thighs noted in the longest position. Wings and tenders were at least sufficient for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was fair. The market tone was generally steady for breast items and most dark meat cuts. Wings, tenders and thighs were about steady.

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

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>CURRENT NEG</u> <u>TRADING*</u>	<u>WTD</u> <u>AVG</u>	<u>VOL/LBS</u>
BREAST - B/S	160	151.58	617,978
TENDERLOINS	145-150	146.10	237,440
BREAST - WITH RIBS	91-92	99.51	243,800
BREAST - LINE RUN	91	93.03	61,200
LEGS	66-67	67.69	320,080
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	50-51	51.21	485,360
DRUMSTICKS	58-59	68.55	118,300
THIGHS	59-60	67.87	86,700
B/S THIGHS	121-122	123.08	93,920
WINGS (WHOLE)	134-135	141.22	216,000
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	13-15	14.59	38,075
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	45.98	20,200
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	65-70	69.02	24,520

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 (IN THOUSANDS)**

	<u>ESTIMATED</u>		<u>ACTUAL</u>		<u>AVG WTS</u>		<u>ACTUAL</u>		<u>AVG</u>
	(1,000)	05/26	(1,000)	05/22	05/25	05/22	(1,000)	05/20	WTS
Alabama	3,928	4,148	1,797	4,231	4.48	5.29	3,805	5.47	
Arkansas	5,208	5,256	912	4,071	4.36	4.92	4,988	5.41	
Delmarva	2,291	2,283	Holiday	2,982	Holiday	6.00	2,259	6.08	
KY-LA-TN	2,005	2,008	1,042	2,397	4.51	4.97	2,051	5.12	
Mississippi	2,806	2,873	2,647	3,010	6.01	6.07	2,619	6.14	
North Carolina	2,741	2,771	1,185	4,038	6.46	7.03	2,672	7.29	
Texas	2,670	2,669	1,356	2,346	5.95	5.36	2,669	5.55	
Total	21,649	22,008	8,939	23,075	5.41	5.70	21,063	5.80	
Mon-Wed	52,734	(A)					63,518	(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.  
Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 27-May-09 is estimated to be 32,389,000 head up 2.47 percent from a week ago and down -22.03 percent from a year ago.  
(Last week 31,607,000, last year 41,541,000)

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)**

**PROCESSED POULTRY, DLVRD TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
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**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 159
	DRY PACK 121-159
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 30-MAY-09

Class	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	05/30/09 (1)		05/23/09	
	----- Thousand head -----			
Broiler/fryer	148,620(2)		164,951	
Light hens	1,288		1,553	
Heavy hens	1,199		1,364	
Total	151,107		167,868	

(1)ESTIMATED

2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 30-May-09 is 156.8 million head compared to 154.4 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 148.9 million head or 7.9 million less than estimated available. For the week of 06-Jun -09 the estimated available is 158.2 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS**

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 05/25/09	144,325		66,351	
AM 05/01/09	136,202		68,523	
CHG	8,123		-2,172	
PCT CHG	6		-3	

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)**

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	05/25/09	05/18/09	05/26/08	05/25/09	05/18/09	05/26/08
<b>PACIFIC</b>						
<b>COAST</b>	1,899	1,446	1,811	7,851	7,815	9,842
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>	222	245	224	1,297	1,328	1,376

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

FOR 05/26/09

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW HIGH AVG			LOW HIGH AVG		
	HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	4.00	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	1.40	1.80	1.56	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	1.50	1.80
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	3.00	4.75
ROOSTERS lb.	-	.45	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	4.00
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	3.00	3.25	3.16	RABBITS ea.	1.50	3.00
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	3.00	5.75
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.	-	-	-	PEACOCKS ea.	-	-
PARTRIDGES ea.	-	-	-	COCKATIELS ea.	-	-
DOVES ea.	-	-	-	GUINEAS	-	-
TOTAL COOPS	40					

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY**

Cents per pound for the week ending May 22, 2009

	Whole Chickens		Legs	Necks,Backs & Wings	Livers	Gizzards	Hens
	Breasts	W/Thighs					
<b>RAYON</b>							
Low	72.43	144.87	89.68	20.70	10.35	50.01	
High	80.71	158.67	100.03	27.59	13.80	50.01	
Mostly	80.71	155.22	96.58	24.14	10.35	50.01	
<b>SAN JUAN</b>							
Low	71.40	141.42	86.23	20.70	6.90	48.29	
High	79.33	155.22	96.58	24.14	13.80	48.29	
Mostly	79.33	155.22	93.13	22.42	10.35	48.29	
<b>NEW SAN JUAN</b>							
Low	74.16	144.87	93.13	20.70	10.35	51.74	
High	81.40	162.12	103.48	27.59	13.80	51.74	
Mostly	81.40	158.67	100.03	24.14	12.07	51.74	
<b>BECERRA</b>							
Low	75.88	148.32	96.58	20.70	10.35	55.19	
High	82.78	165.57	106.93	27.59	13.80	55.19	
Mostly	79.33	162.12	103.48	27.59	13.80	55.19	

**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 MAY 25, 2009

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

**DELMARVA** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to moderate for midweek trading as dealers assessed post holiday conditions. Offerings were adequate and generally in good balance. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but mostly desirable. Processor schedules ranged moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 83 to 94 cents. Trade sentiment was noted as steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, breast items were adequate and clearing well and tenders were at least adequate. Most dark meat cuts were in good balance to well cleared, but thighs were reported as available. Wings were generally adequate.

**BRANDED U.S. GRADE A**

RANGE	68-101
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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