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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were lower in the East, mostly unchanged elsewhere when compared to previous week. Trade sentiment was about steady in the Northeast, mostly barely steady to steady in all other areas. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to fully sufficient to satisfy trade needs. Floor stocks were adequate to ample. In the parts structure, movement was fair at best for early week trading. Breast items were at least adequate or available, longest for boneless skinless. Dark meat cuts were mostly sufficient, and wings were in good balance and moving satisfactorily. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable.

**FINAL BROILER FRYER** prices negotiated for trucklot sales of RTC broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers and FOB at major market areas (cents per lb) week of 10-AUG-2009

	Grade A		Loads	Composite	
	Majority	Wtd Avg		Wtd Avg	Loads
<b>Delivered to First Receivers 1/:</b>					
Boston/New England	TFEWR		:	72.13	16
Ohio Cities	TFEWR		:	58.73	11
Denver	96.50	96.50	7:	96.13	8
Detroit	TFEWR		:	67.82	36
Los Angeles	97.00	94.91	54:	83.94	119
New York	71.00-74.00	72.41	22:	73.68	46
Philadelphia	70.50-72.00	71.14	11:	70.91	23
Pittsburgh	70.00-73.00	71.36	11:	76.51	54
St. Louis	TFEWR		:	65.26	16
San Francisco	97.50	96.53	38:	91.92	49

	Whole Body 2/:		Loads	Composite	
	Majority	Wtd Avg		Wtd Avg	Loads
Chicago	50.00-65.00		:	60.59	46

Composite Weighted Average 3/:				
Loads	08/10/09	Change Last Wk	08/03/09	08/11/08
424	74.98	.40	74.58	79.32

<b>WOG broiler 4/:</b>			
	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads
Eastern	74.00-76.00	74.19	32
Central	49.00-66.50	60.58	71
Western	60.00-76.00	75.18	56

<b>FOB Dock Equivalent 5/:</b>			
	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads
Mississippi	82.00-86.00	84.13	86

- 1/: Includes branded product.
- 2/: Whole Body category includes whole body birds with or without giblets, all grades, brands, and packaging.
- 3/: Includes all whole birds shipped into listed cities including Chicago.
- 4/: Delivered first receiver, trucklot and less than trucklot volumes.
- 5/: Southeast area

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 87.50 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
1,038	58.00-88.42	85.99

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

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	175.50	1,490
BREASTS - B/S	149.50	6,347
BREASTS - WHOLE	93.50	1,551
THIGH MEAT - B/S	111.50	1,239
THIGHS	62.00	1,109
DRUMSTICKS	62.50	1,200
LEG QUARTERS	44.50	9,960
WINGS	136.00	3,304

This information is supplied by the Ga Dept. of Ag/Poultry Market News Service.

**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was generally no better than fair as dealers cautiously assess market conditions entering the week. Offerings of all sizes were fully sufficient for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items were at least adequate to available with boneless skinless breasts in the longest position. Wings, and most dark meat items were sufficient for current needs.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYER** Trade sentiment was about steady. Demand following the weekend 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 early week business. Breast items were more than sufficient, but wings were balance to well cleared with good movement. Dark meat items were mostly balanced with legs and leg quarters in the best position with increased interest noted. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Final majorities were unchanged from last Monday's final prices. Offers of additional whole birds adequate to ample. The market tone on whole birds was barely steady. Retail and food service demand moderate, however noted as not up to expectations. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Weights desirable. Parts trading was noted on boneless skinless breasts at 126-135, bone-in breasts 75-111, leg quarters 42-45, wings 138-142 and fresh thigh meat 100-111. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was down 1.17 cents from last week to 65.64 cents with a volume of 37 loads.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Final majority delivered prices unchanged into the Chicago market area; Ohio cities, Detroit and St. Louis TFEWR. The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was steady to barely steady. Offerings adequate to ample on limited and selective trade need. Retail and food service movement was light to moderate. Floor stocks were adequate to more than desired; weights in desirable range. Supplies of wings were adequate, remaining parts were adequate to plentiful. The trade sentiment was steady to firm on wings, steady to barely steady on breast cuts and unsettled on dark meat lines.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was mostly fair to no better than moderate as dealers assessed current market conditions. Seller offerings were more than sufficient for trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but noted as mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 73 to 85 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items ranged at least adequate to available. Wings were balanced. Dark meat cuts were adequate.

BOILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

<b>BRANDED U.S. GRADE A</b>	
RANGE	58-92
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operation.	

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying activity was generally no better than fair as dealers assess market conditions entering the week. Offerings of breast items were at least adequate to available. Dark meat items were sufficient for current needs. Wings were in good balance and clearing satisfactorily. Retail and distributive movement was fair. The market tone was steady to barely steady for breast items; mostly 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 TRADING*	CURRENT	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	140-145	140-145	134.24	369,084
TENDERLOINS	150	150	149.29	90,240
BREAST - WITH RIBS	89-90	89-90	99.22	73,560
BREAST - LINE RUN	89	89	89.45	84,480
LEGS	59-60	59-60	52.10	157,800
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	41-42	41-42	39.40	337,840
DRUMSTICKS	54-55	54-55	61.84	74,000
THIGHS	55-56	55-56	58.76	51,640
B/S THIGHS	109-110	109-110	110.22	62,080
WINGS (WHOLE)	134-135	134-135	138.65	192,040
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	13-15	13-15	15.00	14,320
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	45-50	46.56	5,480
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	65-70	65-70	69.75	14,040

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	1,202	117.00-150.00	120-121	121.69
TENDERLOINS	408	144.00-198.00	147	148.55
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	197	32.00-50.00	-	37.21
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,149	34.50-46.00	40-41	39.39
WINGS (WHOLE)	755	107.00-141.00	124-127	127.31
DRUMSTICKS	200	44.00-47.00	-	45.20
THIGHS	1,126	51.00-55.00	51	51.24

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (In thousands)**

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	08/10	08/06	08/06	08/03	07/30
Alabama	3,867	3,936	5.42	3,868	5.47
Arkansas	5,339	5,206	5.25	5,055	5.22
Delmarva	2,192	2,162	5.99	2,238	5.98
KY-LA-TN	2,202	2,377	4.90	2,302	5.00
Mississippi	2,915	2,967	5.74	2,928	5.63
North Carolina	2,693	2,709	6.87	2,676	6.96
Texas	2,700	2,765	5.29	2,664	5.35
Total	21,908	22,122	5.58	21,731	5.60
Mon	21,908 (A)			21,731 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 10-Aug 2009 is estimated to be 32,777,000 up 0.51 percent from a week ago and down 0.1 percent from a year ago.

(last week 32,610,000 last year 32,814,000)

**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	381	120.00-185.00	-	132.83
TENDERLOINS	265	136.00-183.00	-	147.42
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	386	34.00-42.00	-	39.39
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS	116	94.00-111.00	-	100.74

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Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for Aug 10, 2009 -- F.O.B. Dock

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
52.00 - 58.50	55.81	55.73

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.

**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 10-Aug-2009 TO 14-Aug-2009, CENTS PER POUND

	Price per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	115.00-146.00	120.00 - 133.00
TENDERLOINS	133.00-157.00	145.00 - 152.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	74.00-103.50	89.00 - 94.00
LEGS	54.00 - 59.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	35.00 - 49.00	37.00 - 40.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	39.00 - 48.00	42.00 - 44.00
DRUMSTICKS	48.00 - 63.00	-
THIGHS	56.00 - 61.00	-
B/S THIGHS	109.00-110.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	118.00-141.00	130.00 - 136.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 29.00	-
LIVERS	32.00 - 51.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 61.00	-

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

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	100-117
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	103-122
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	

**DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

FRESH FRYERS	109-122
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**

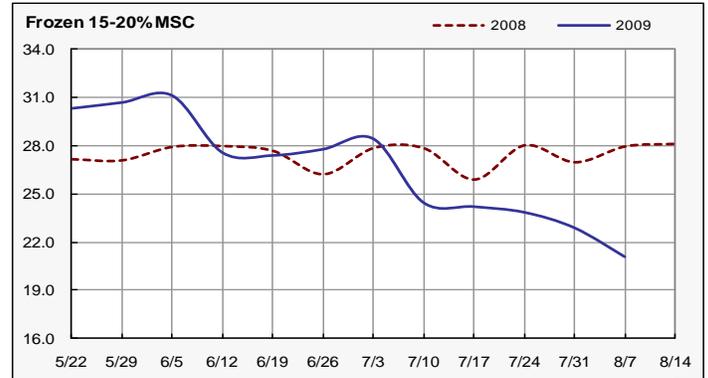
	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK 170
	ICE PACK 159
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK 117
	ICE PACK
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK 116
	ICE PACK
DUCKS	259-262

**National Mechanically Separated Chicken**

(FOB Shipper Dock or equiv., negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand lb. quantities, cents/lb.; delivery within 2 weeks.) The market tone was mostly barely steady to weak on all fat contents; undertone remains cautious and unsettled. Supplies of fresh and frozen 15-20% was adequate to available. The balance of fat contents was generally sufficient for needs. Cancellations continued to persist on regular contracts forcing more product onto the spot marketplace and creating challenges for most dealers. Raw material supplies were adequate to available with increased movement into other channels. Export and domestic demand was light to fair at lower trending prices. Schedules were normal. Frame values were barely steady to weak ranging mostly 7-9 cents FOB.

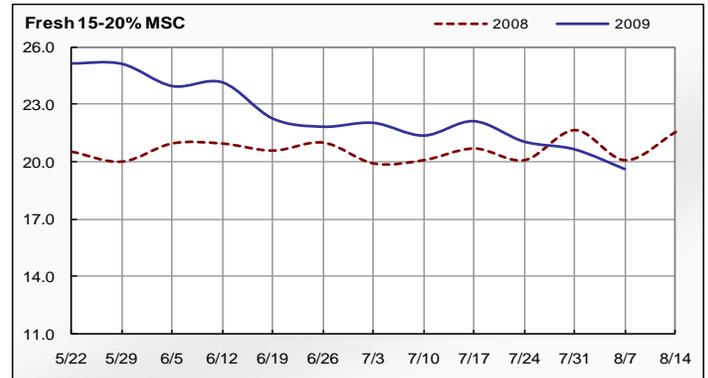
**Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)**

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	7-Aug-09	Last Week	Last Year	7-Aug-09	Last Week	Last Year
<b>15% or Less</b>						
Price Range	20.00	-	-	20.00 - 24.00	24.00	24.00-26.00
Wtd Avg Price	20.00	-	-	21.44	24.61	24.63
Volume Traded	216	-	-	250	232	321
Volume Exported	216	-	-	-	-	-
<b>15-20%</b>						
Price Range	17.00 - 26.00	19.00 - 29.50	26.00-30.00	17.00 - 23.00	17.00 - 24.00	18.00-25.00
Wtd Avg Price	21.11	22.90	27.93	19.64	20.67	20.06
Volume Traded	1,365	997	717	2,594	2,114	2,082
Volume Exported	1,225	877	676	490	449	265
<b>20% or More</b>						
Price Range	-	-	-	22.00	22.00	21.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.00	22.00	21.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	41	122
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	Jul 2009	Jun 2009	Jul 2008	Jul 2009	Jun 2009	Jul 2008
<b>15% or Less</b>						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	30.00	25.39	28.55	23.72
Volume Traded	-	-	40	1,443	1,233	647
Volume Exported	-	-	-	163	216	-
<b>15-20%</b>						
Wtd Avg Price	24.66	28.18	27.53	21.53	23.08	20.16
Volume Traded	8,099	6,088	5,069	15,295	12,262	12,334
Volume Exported	7,299	5,371	4,269	4,769	4,692	2,830
<b>20% or More</b>						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.00	22.00	-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	326	286	-
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., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 10-AUGUST-09**

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS**

Trading was TFEWR. Demand was slow for fully adequate offerings from the field. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was about steady.

**RANGE MAJORITY WTD  
AVG**

AT FARM BUYER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT

**SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS**

Prices were generally unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was fair for the at least adequate offerings of spent fowl. Processing schedules were mostly normal to instances heavy. Finished product supplies were fully sufficient for current trade needs. The undertone was steady.

**RANGE MAJORITY WTD  
AVG**  
AT FARM BUYER LOADING 7.25-16.25 11.24  
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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