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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices were unchanged in all areas when compared to early week prices. The market tone was overall steady. Retail demand was light to good. Food service demand was light to moderate for late week trading. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to available to satisfy current trade requirements. Floor stocks were moderate to heavy. In the parts structure, movement was fair to good. Breast items were balanced to long, but wings were adequate on small and tight on jumbo's. Most dark meat items were adequate to available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed at desirable weights.

Preliminary Report Prices negotiated for truck lot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 24-AUG-2009 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
New York	71.00-74.00			
Los Angeles	96.00			
Whole Body 2/				
Chicago	56.00-65.00	51.00-79.00	61.82	38
FOB Dock Equivalent 3/:				
Mississippi	82.00-86.00	58.00-88.00	83.24	87

1/: Includes branded product.

2/: Whole Body category includes whole body birds with or without giblets, all grades, brands, and packaging.

3/: Southeast area

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broiler/fryers for this week's trading is 86.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG
833	82.87-88.14	86.42
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice-packed parts:		
ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000) POUNDS
LINE RUN TENDERS	174.50	1,264
BREASTS - B/S	143.50	5,573
BREASTS - WHOLE	90.50	1,337
THIGH MEAT - B/S	112.50	1,190
THIGHS	60.00	1,039
DRUMSTICKS	61.50	1,082
LEG QUARTERS	43.00	8,357
WINGS	137.50	3,011

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was generally no better than fair entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes were available for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels ranged fair to good. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, breast items, thighs and thigh meat were available and slow to clear. Other dark meat cuts were sufficient and wings were well cleared.

MIDWEST BOILER/FRYER Preliminary majority delivered prices into the Chicago market area were unchanged on high side. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady. Offerings were more limited over prior trade period, but sufficient for continued light trade call. Retail and food service demand was noted as improved to fairly good in a few areas, but overall activity was light to moderate. Floor stocks were adequate to ample with cut backs reported by several receivers to maintain balance. Weights were in a desirable range. Supplies of wings were limited, breast cuts were more in balance with trade needs and dark meat lines were available. The market tone was fully steady to firm on wings, about steady on breast cuts and steady to weak on leg cuts.

WESTERN BOILER/FRYER The preliminary majority price for next week into Los Angeles was unchanged from last Monday's final majority. The trade sentiment on whole birds was about steady. Additional offers of Wogs adequate. Retail and food service demand light to moderate best into promotions. Weights desirable. Floor stocks adequate. Offerings of breast items and boneless leg and thigh meat adequate to fully adequate; wings adequate on small wings and tight on jumbo's and leg quarters adequate. Trade sentiment on small wings was mostly steady, jumbo wings firm, breast items and boneless dark items steady to barely steady, and leg quarters barely steady.

SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYER The market tone was steady. Retail and food service demand entering the weekend was fair with trading usually limited to regular commitments. Supplies of all sizes were sufficient to satisfy current trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate for late week business. Breast items were adequate to available with light movement. Wings were in a good supply and moving satisfactorily, and most dark meat cuts were balanced and clearing well. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable weights.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to fair entering the weekend. Seller offerings were adequate for current trade requirements. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices remained unchanged at 73 to 85 cents. The market tone was about steady to steady. In the parts complex, breast items were available and discounted to help clear. Wings were in good balance to well cleared with the larger sizes in the best position. Most dark meat cuts were sufficient and moving satisfactorily.

*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

RANGE	65-90
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	(A)
	08/17/09-08/21/09
	08/18/08-08/22/08
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
	08/17/09-08/21/09
	08/18/08-08/22/08
	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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ITEM	POUNDS			WTD	POUNDS			WTD	WEEKLY	WEEKLY
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	334	114.00-182.00	-	129.59	343	115.00-184.00	-	136.90	1,942	127.33
TENDERLOINS	189	132.00-192.00	-	148.88	193	132.00-194.00	-	147.44	930	144.84
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				502	87.71
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				260	67.71
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				TFEWR	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	436	33.00-41.00	39-40	39.47	395	34.00-42.00	-	39.01	2,077	38.88
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	690	35.00-43.00	41-42	40.73	632	35.00-44.00	-	41.08	3,253	40.71
WINGS (WHOLE)	218	130.00-141.00	-	136.51	TOO FEW TO REPORT				768	132.65
WINGS (CUT)	168	148.00-159.00	-	154.04	TOO FEW TO REPORT				839	152.59
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				181	53.75
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				200	49.43
B/S THIGHS	135	95.00-111.00	-	98.33	TOO FEW TO REPORT				461	94.01
WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING - F.O.B. DOCK.										
		<u>RANGE</u>		<u>TODAY'S AVERAGE</u>		<u>RANGE</u>		<u>TODAY'S AVERAGE</u>		<u>5-DAY AVERAGE</u>
		50.50 - 54.50		53.74		51.00-57.00		54.42		53.42

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 entering the weekend. Offerings of breast items, thighs and thigh meat were moderate to heavy. Wings and other dark meat cuts ranged light to moderate with the larger sized wings noted as well cleared. Retail and distributive movement was moderate to good. The market tone was cautious for breast items; fully steady to firm for wings. Thighs and thigh meat were barely steady to weak.

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

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD	CURRENT NEG			WTD	WEEKLY	WEEKLY
	TRADING*			AVG**	TRADING*			AVG**	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	130-135			123.55	130-135			125.2	123.72	2,276,240
TENDERLOINS	145			147.59	145			145.78	145.8	628,955
BREAST - WITH RIBS	86-87			92.14	86-87			92.04	94.44	409,360
BREAST - LINE RUN	86			86	86			87.97	87.71	348,720
LEGS	59-60			55.64	59-60			56.58	55.4	893,240
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	41-42			42.56	41-42			42.9	42.43	1,162,680
DRUMSTICKS	54-55			61.02	54-55			62.04	61.85	333,040
THIGHS	55-56			64.18	54-55			63.91	63.67	233,600
B/S THIGHS	109-110			114.08	108-109			111.09	112.8	228,520
WINGS (WHOLE)	135-136			139.9	135-136			143.48	141.04	760,920
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	13-15			15	13-15			15	15	88,640
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50			47.69	45-50			48.11	47.22	42,560
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	65-70			70.08	65-70			67.17	68.94	93,680

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)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL		AVG
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)			(1,000)	WTS	
	08/21	08/20	08/19	08/18	08/19	08/18	08/14	08/12	
Alabama	4,172	3,747	3,965	4,079	5.54	5.54	4,420	5.45	
Arkansas	3,704	5,378	5,207	5,280	5.28	5.32	3,816	5.20	
Delmarva	2,190	2,221	2,098	2,158	5.94	6.00	2,367	5.96	
KY-LA-TN	2,310	2,406	2,338	2,336	4.98	4.96	2,519	4.90	
Mississippi	3,434	2,942	2,778	2,917	5.87	5.85	3,094	5.79	
North Carolina	3,324	2,790	2,691	2,595	7.07	7.10	2,711	6.84	
Texas	2,700	2,771	2,744	2,658	5.27	5.37	2,805	5.35	
Total	21,834	22,255	21,821	22,023	5.65	5.68	21,732	5.59	
Mon-Fri	110,739(A)						109,352(A)		
Saturday	1,320 (included in total for date shown)						426		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 21-Aug-09 and 22-Aug-09 is estimated to be 32,666,000 head up 0.17 percent from a week ago and down -5.13 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,611,000, last year 34,432,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 22-Aug-09 is estimated to be 164,791,000 head up 0.01 percent from a week ago, and down 1.5 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 164,770,000, last year 167,350,000)

Actual data incorporated when available.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

	PROCESSED POULTRY, DLVRD TO RETAILERS	RANGE
08/12	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 DLVRD TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

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

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED

W/E 15-AUG-2009	Under Federal Inspection	(Preliminary)	(In Thousands)		
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	Total
	4.25 lbs & down	4.26 - 6.25 lbs	6.26 - 7.75 lbs	7.76 lbs & up	
Head	38,747	88,316	20,657	15,517	163,237
Avg Live Wgt	3.88	5.45	6.93	8.07	5.52
% of total /1	24%	54%	13%	9%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	41,720	85,416	18,517	19,117	164,770
Avg Live Wgt	3.91	5.39	6.81	8.13	5.49
% of total /1	25%	52%	11%	12%	100%
Year Ago 2/	41,233	82,506	25,642	17,908	167,289
Avg Live Wgt	3.82	5.40	6.81	8.05	5.51
% of total /1	25%	49%	15%	11%	100%
To date/2009*	1,299,788	2,524,839	714,917	486,167	5,025,711
To date/2008*	1,373,457	2,575,622	779,821	559,525	5,288,425

*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.
 /1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.
 Weight Class Description: (A) This size product is normally marketed bone-in into fast food and food service sectors and may include Cornish hens. (B) This size product is normally marketed into the retail grocery sector in tray pack or bagged forms. (C) This size product is normally marketed either into the retail grocery sector in tray pack and IQF form or is further processed and marketed into various sectors. (D) This size product is normally marketed deboned or as roasters or roasting chicken.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(PRELIMINARY)	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
W/E 15-AUG-2009	THOUSANDS				
Head	163,237	1,301	1,763	3,064	388
Avg Wt	5.52	3.29	7.74	5.85	5.62
Last week	164,770	1,282	1,564	2,846	409
Same wk yr ago	167,289	1,460	1,728	3,188	453
Avg Wt	5.51	3.24	7.94	5.79	6.55
To-date/2009*	5,025,711	41,415	48,098	89,513	13,144
To-date/2008*	5,288,425	45,097	51,705	96,802	14,067
<i>Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage</i>					
Current week	671,296	2,226	9,074	11,300	1,548
Last week	673,918	2,113	8,123	10,236	1,739
Same wk yr ago	686,713	2,460	9,124	11,584	2,107
To-date/2009*	20,569,537	68,760	250,445	319,205	62,509
To-date/2008*	21,724,569	74,758	272,261	347,019	66,662

Dressing % 74.5% 52.0% 66.5% 71.0%
 (A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 160.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 165.2 million head, or 4.5 million more than estimated available.
 (B) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.

*Note: Year-to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/AVAILABLE COMPARISON

WEEK ENDING	SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE*	PCT	AVG WT	
July	11	161.9	158.4	102%	5.46
	18	162.6	159.9	102%	5.43
	25	162.7	160.4	101%	5.48
Aug	1	165.6	160.9	103%	5.51
	8	166.8	161.3	103%	5.49
	15	165.2	160.7	103%	5.52
Year to date		5,086.5	5,049.1	101%	
Aug	22		159.5		
	29		158.5		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection					
THOUSANDS					
W/E	08/22/09	08/15/09	%CHG	08/23/08	%CHG
Broilers	164,791	164,770	0	167,350	-02
Cattle	653	643	+02	674	-03
Hogs	2,228	2,240	-01	2,238	0

*ACTUAL

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 17 AUG 2009
DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	193-197	198-204
MOSTLY		
MIDWEST	178-194	184-198
MOSTLY		

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	68.00-81.00	70.00-76.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	71.00-87.00	77.00-86.00

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	69.84 - 99.63
14 OZ.	77.76 - 112.59
16 OZ.	84.96 - 124.82

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA,RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was moderate to fairly good with improvement reported into the retail sector. Supplies were adequate to instances fully adequate. Processing schedules remained full-time. Prices paid, first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$7.70-8.70, bone in legs at \$2.45-3.10, gizzards at \$1.20-1.50, wings at \$.70-.90, livers at \$1.25-2.05, and feet at \$.70-1.45.

PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 17-AUG-2009

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	177-210	179-210
MOSTLY		

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION SALE

DATE OF AUCTION: AUGUST 18, 2009

AI PAPERS REQUIRED FOR ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

Prices paid per pound, except as noted.	RANGE
Banty Hens	2.00 - 2.25ea.
White Pigeons	3.00 - 5.00ea.
Bunnies	.50 - 2.00ea.
Chicks	.15 - .70ea.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.50 - .80
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.70 - .75
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.95 - 1.00
Goats	45.00 - 50.00ea.
Guinea Fowl	2.10 - 2.50
Guinea Pigs	4.50 - 8.00ea.
Kid Goats	25.00 - 35.00ea.
Leghorn Hens	1.00 - 1.25ea.
Leghorn Roosters	- 2.00ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.70 - 1.95
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.05 - 1.30
Pigeons	2.00 - 3.50ea.
Pullets 4-6 LBS	1.00 - 1.10
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	.60 - .90
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	.45 - .90
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.50 - .80
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.35 - .50
Silkie	2.50 - 3.50ea.
Banty Roosters	3.00 - 3.75ea.
"Ducklings	1.00 - 2.00
"Turkey Polts	"
Total Coops Sold	4,113

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Sales were noted as too few to report prices. Offerings were fully sufficient for current trade needs. Demand was fair at best with trading limited due to the majority of supplies being used internally. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

LIVE LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL
WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS
(INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY
OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT
3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN Prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was at least moderate for the mostly adequate to fully adequate offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	2-11	3-7

SOUTH CENTRAL Trading was TFEWR. Offerings were at least adequate. Schedules were as desired. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL Prices were unchanged. Offers adequate to ample. Demand for birds was moderate to good. Schedules full time plus. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-10.5	0-5

LIVE HEAVY TYPE HENS

(7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB.,
GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER
THE WEEK OF 24-AUG-09

SOUTH CENTRAL Trading was TFEWR. Demand was light. Offerings were adequate and increasing. Schedules were reduced. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was generally than fair for the at least adequate offerings of spent fowl. Processing schedules for next week were normal to instances heavy. Finished product supplies were fully sufficient for current trade needs. The undertone was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.