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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were higher to unchanged in the Midwest, unchanged elsewhere when compared to last Monday's prices. The market tone was about steady to steady in the East, steady to barely steady elsewhere. Retail demand was slow to good for early week trading. Food service demand was slow to moderate. 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 light to good. Breast items were light to heavy, but wings were adequate on small and tight on jumbo's. Dark meat items were moderate to weak with thigh meat in the weakest position. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed.

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 17-AUG-2009

| | Grade A | | Loads | Composite | |
|---|-------------|---------|-------|-----------|-------|
| | Majority | Wtd Avg | | Wtd | Loads |
| Delivered to First Receivers 1/: | | | | | |
| Boston/New England | TFEWR | | : | 70.50 | 18 |
| Ohio Cities | TFEWR | | : | 61.15 | 12 |
| Denver | 95.50 | 95.50 | 12: | 94.32 | 14 |
| Detroit | TFEWR | | : | 68.41 | 36 |
| Los Angeles | 96.00 | 93.45 | 51: | 80.47 | 135 |
| New York | 71.00-74.00 | 72.59 | 22: | 73.44 | 41 |
| Philadelphia | 70.50-72.00 | 71.21 | 12: | 70.74 | 23 |
| Pittsburgh | 70.00-73.00 | 71.67 | 12: | 76.21 | 54 |
| St. Louis | TFEWR | | : | 66.31 | 13 |
| San Francisco | 96.50 | 95.06 | 39: | 84.24 | 72 |

| | Whole Body 2/: | | Loads | Composite | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------|
| | Majority | Wtd Avg | | Wtd | Loads |
| Chicago | 56.00-65.00 | | : | 61.88 | 43 |
| Composite Weighted Average 3/: | | | | | |
| Loads | 08/24/09 | Change Last Wk | 08/17/09 | 08/25/08 | |
| 461 | 73.84 | -1.04 | 74.88 | 79.06 | |
| WOG broiler 4/: | | | | | |
| | Majority | | Wtd Avg | Loads | |
| Eastern | 73.00-74.00 | | 73.69 | 28 | |
| Central | 52.00-66.50 | | 62.12 | 61 | |
| Western | 63.00-71.00 | | 74.83 | 54 | |

| FOB Dock Equivalent 5/: | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------|--|-------|----|--|
| Mississippi | 82.00-86.00 | | 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/: 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 86.50 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 |
|-------|-------------|--|
| 1,036 | 67.00-88.14 | 85.46 |

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 | 174.50 | 1,530 |
| BREASTS - B/S | 143.50 | 6,387 |
| BREASTS - WHOLE | 90.50 | 1,591 |
| THIGH MEAT - B/S | 112.50 | 1,279 |
| THIGHS | 60.00 | 1,149 |
| DRUMSTICKS | 61.50 | 1,240 |
| LEG QUARTERS | 43.00 | 10,000 |
| WINGS | 137.50 | 3,344 |

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light to no better than fair as dealers cautiously assess market conditions entering the week. Offerings of all sizes were more than sufficient for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was moderate. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items were at least adequate to available; wings were in good balance and most dark meat items were sufficient for current needs with the exception of thighs and thigh meat which were available and slow to clear.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYER The market tone was steady. Retail demand following the weekend was fair to moderate. Food service demand was fair. Supplies of all sizes were sufficient to satisfy current trade needs. In the parts structure movement was fair to moderate for early week trading. Breast items were sufficient but wings were well cleared with good movement. Most dark meat cuts were balanced, however thighs were available and slow to clear. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majorities were unchanged from last Monday's final prices. Offers of whole birds were adequate and WOGs adequate to fully adequate. The market tone on whole broiler/fryers mostly steady and WOGs were steady to barely steady. Retail and food service demand light to moderate with some increased trading activity noted as Labor Day starts approaching. Floor stocks tight to adequate. Weights desirable. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was down .60 cents from last week to 66.72 cents with a volume of 34 loads. Trading was noted on boneless skinless breasts at 117-128, bone-in breasts 77-108, bulk leg quarters 42-49 cents.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Chicago market area final majority delivered prices were unchanged to slightly higher. Ohio cities, Detroit and St. Louis TFEWR. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady to barely steady. Trade inquiry was limited on light to moderate offerings. Retail and food service movement was slow to moderate at best. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate; weights mostly desirable. Supplies of large wings very limited, regular wings mixed but no better than adequate and remainder of parts available. The market tone was steady to firm on wings, steady to barely steady on the balance of parts; instances weak on dark meat cuts.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light with some reports of discounting to help clear. Seller offerings were ready available for current trade needs. Live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices remained unchanged at 73 to 85 cents. The market tone was steady to about steady. In the parts complex, supplies of breast items were adequate to heavy, and most dark meat items were sufficient.

BOILER/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) |
| (A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operation. | |

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was light to no better than fair entering the week as dealers cautiously assess market conditions. Offerings of breast items, thighs and thigh meat were moderate to heavy with thigh meat and thighs in the longest position. Wings were light and other dark meat cuts were moderate. Retail and distributive movement was moderate. The market tone was cautious for breast items; fully steady to firm for wings. Thighs and thigh meat were weak.

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

| ITEM | NEGOTIATED | CURRENT TRADING* | WTD AVG** | VOLUME /LBS |
|----------------------------|------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|
| BREAST - B/S | | 130-135 | 125.07 | 466,200 |
| TENDERLOINS | | 145 | 146.48 | 103,680 |
| BREAST - WITH RIBS | | 86-87 | 90.65 | 106,120 |
| BREAST - LINE RUN | | 86 | 88.38 | 52,200 |
| LEGS | | 59-60 | 56.78 | 134,400 |
| LEG QUARTERS (BULK) | | 41-42 | 42.17 | 245,960 |
| DRUMSTICKS | | 54-55 | 60.22 | 73,432 |
| THIGHS | | 51-52 | 61.79 | 59,280 |
| B/S THIGHS | | 105-106 | 113.35 | 54,160 |
| WINGS (WHOLE) | | 135-136 | 141.24 | 172,320 |
| BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED) | | 13-15 | 15 | 6,280 |
| LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS) | | 45-50 | 49.39 | 3,840 |
| GIZZARDS (HEARTS) | | 65-70 | 69.46 | 17,400 |

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, RI, AND PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED 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.

ARKANSAS 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 | 1,309 | 111.00-174.00 | 112-117 | 117.44 |
| TENDERLOINS | 407 | 134.00-225.00 | 136-145 | 143.66 |
| BREAST - WITH RIBS | | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | |
| FRONT HALVES | | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | |
| LEGS | | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | |
| LEG QUARTERS (BULK) | | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | |
| LEG QUARTERS (4/10) | 1,336 | 37.00-40.00 | - | 38.74 |
| WINGS (WHOLE) | 848 | 107.00-148.00 | 127-132 | 130.25 |
| DRUMSTICKS | | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | |
| THIGHS | 1,960 | 34.00-49.00 | 39-40 | 39.94 |

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER/FRYERS (In Thousands)

| | Estimate | Actual | Avg Wts | Actual | Avg Wts |
|----------------|------------|--------|---------|------------|---------|
| | 08/24 | 08/20 | 08/20 | 08/17 | 08/13 |
| Alabama | 3,891 | 3,866 | 5.45 | 3,879 | 5.48 |
| Arkansas | 5,231 | 5,172 | 5.23 | 5,278 | 5.06 |
| Delmarva | 2,240 | 2,256 | 5.90 | 2,239 | 5.93 |
| KY-LA-TN | 2,389 | 2,301 | 4.93 | 2,445 | 4.82 |
| Mississippi | 2,798 | 2,944 | 5.72 | 2,808 | 5.73 |
| North Carolina | 2,695 | 2,672 | 6.97 | 2,529 | 6.86 |
| Texas | 2,714 | 2,716 | 5.28 | 2,771 | 5.38 |
| Total | 21,958 | 21,927 | 5.59 | 21,949 | 5.54 |
| Mon | 21,958 (A) | | | 21,949 (A) | |

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 24-Aug 2009 is estimated to be 32,852,000 down 0.26 percent from a week ago, and up 2.0 percent from a year ago.

(last week 32,937,000 last year 32,203,000)

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.

| ITEM | POUNDS (000) | RANGE | MAJORITY | WTD AVG |
|---------------------|--------------|-------------------|----------|---------|
| BREAST - B/S | 381 | 118.00-182.00 | - | 132.08 |
| TENDERLOINS | 159 | 137.00-194.00 | - | 145.99 |
| 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 | - | 39.13 |
| LEG QUARTERS (4/10) | 850 | 36.00-44.00 | - | 40.83 |
| 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 | | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | |

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR AUG 24, 2008 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

| RANGE | TODAY'S AVERAGE | 5-DAY AVERAGE |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 52.00 - 57.00 | 55.12 | 53.87 |

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 24-AUG-2009 TO 28-AUG-2009, CENTS PER POUND

| | Price Per Lb. | Mostly |
|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| BREAST - B/S | 114.00 - 140.00 | 115.00 - 127.00 |
| TENDERLOINS | 141.00 - 160.00 | 142.00 - 152.00 |
| BREAST - LINE RUN | 72.00 - 110.00 | 77.00 - 89.00 |
| LEGS | 49.00 - 59.00 | - |
| LEG QUARTERS (BULK) | 33.00 - 49.00 | 37.00 - 40.00 |
| LEG QUARTERS (4/10) | 36.00 - 48.00 | 41.00 - 46.00 |
| DRUMSTICKS | 49.00 - 63.00 | - |
| THIGHS | 52.00 - 62.00 | - |
| B/S THIGHS | 109.00 - 111.00 | - |
| WINGS (WHOLE) | 118.00 - 144.00 | 125.00 - 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 | 99-116 |
| WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES | 102-121 |

FROZEN HENS 5# & UP

FROZEN DUCKS

FROZEN SQUABS

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

| | R4NGE |
|------------------|---------|
| 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

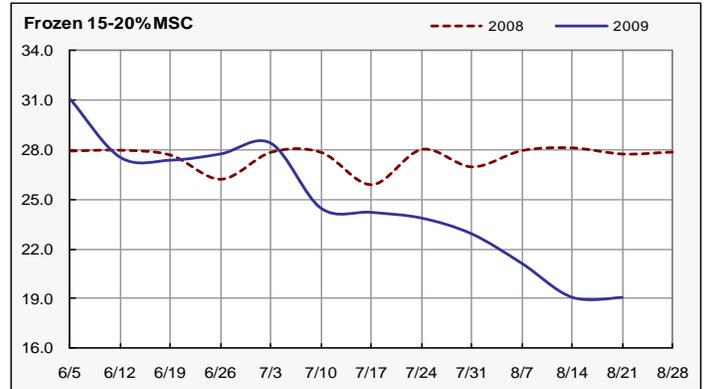
| | RANGE |
|------------------|--------------|
| FRESH FRYERS | ICE PACK 159 |
| | DRY PACK 170 |
| ROASTERS 4# & UP | ICE PACK |
| | DRY PACK 117 |
| HENS OVER 5# | ICE PACK |
| | DRY PACK 116 |
| DUCKS | 259-262 |

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 mixed, steady to weak on all fat contents; undertone continued unsettled. Supplies of fresh and frozen 15-20% were adequate to instances available with the balance fully sufficient. Supplies of additional spot loads of 15-20% MSC are of less volume than the prior week. With the contract season approaching, many are closely watching market developments. Raw material supplies were adequate to available. Export and domestic demand was light to fair at best with some reporting improvements to Mexico. Schedules were normal. Frame values were barely steady to weak ranging mostly 6.5-9 cents FOB.

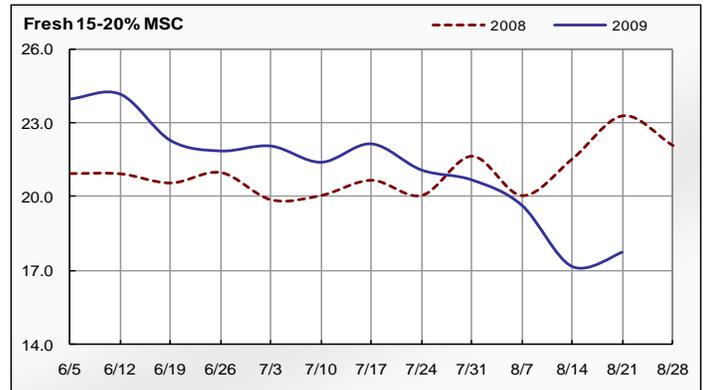
Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

| Fat Content | Frozen | | | Fresh | | |
|--------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| | 21-Aug-09 | Last Week | Last Year | 21-Aug-09 | Last Week | Last Year |
| 15% or Less | | | | | | |
| Price Range | | | - | 19.00 - 20.00 | 20.00 - 21.00 | 26.50-27.00 |
| Wtd Avg Price | | | - | 19.25 | 20.72 | 26.75 |
| Volume Traded | | | - | 163 | 282 | 241 |
| Volume Exported | | | - | - | - | - |
| 15-20% | | | | | | |
| Price Range | 15.00 - 23.00 | 15.00 - 22.50 | 24.00-31.00 | 14.50 - 22.00 | 14.00 - 22.00 | 18.00-28.00 |
| Wtd Avg Price | 19.03 | 19.04 | 27.72 | ***17.72*** | 17.15 | 23.28 |
| Volume Traded | 2,099 | 1,852 | 894 | ***2,521*** | 3,578 | 2,481 |
| Volume Exported | 1,859 | 1,772 | 734 | 775 | 612 | 631 |
| 20% or More | | | | | | |
| Price Range | - | - | - | ***18.00*** | 20.00 | 21.00 |
| Wtd Avg Price | - | - | - | ***18.00*** | 20.00 | 21.00 |
| Volume Traded | - | - | - | ***82*** | 41 | 82 |
| 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 |
| 15% or Less | | | | | | |
| Wtd Avg Price | - | - | 30.00 | 25.39 | 28.55 | 23.72 |
| Volume Traded | - | - | 40 | 1,443 | 1,233 | 647 |
| Volume Exported | - | - | - | 163 | 216 | - |
| 15-20% | | | | | | |
| 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 |
| 20% or More | | | | | | |
| 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 24-AUGUST-09**

SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS

Prices were of insufficient volume to report definite levels. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent heavy fowl. 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 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
11.22
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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