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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were mostly unchanged when compared to previous week. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady in the Midwest, steady in all other areas. Retail demand was slow to moderate, best where retail ads and first of the month business were active. Food service was mixed, mostly good for fast food promotions. Supplies were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, boneless skinless breasts were in balance to tight and clearing well, and the remaining items were at least adequate with mixed interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range but mostly desirable.

**Final report** of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 07/21/03-07/25/03 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD LOADS AVG	WTD LOADS AVG	LOADS	
	<b>Delivered to First Receivers</b>				
Bos/New Eng	60.00-63.00	61.67	15	60.44	46
Chicago	53.00-56.00	56.30	40	58.11	75
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	—	—	59.60	28
Denver	72.50	72.50	16	72.22	18
Detroit	54.00-55.00	56.45	11	61.01	37
Los Angeles	73.00	71.17	60	67.68	157
New York	58.00-61.00	58.96	26	59.56	51
Philadelphia	57.50-60.00	58.36	11	57.25	22
Pittsburgh	57.00-61.00	58.91	11	62.49	59
St. Louis	55.75-56.00	55.60	24	57.19	47
San Francisco	73.50	71.98	31	76.38	56
	<b>Composite Weighted Average</b>				
Loads	08/04/03	Change/Last Wk	07/28/03	08/05/02	
596	62.57	0.62	62.34	55.55	

**WOG BROILERS** (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delv'd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	60.00-62.00	61.44	33
Central	58.00-63.50	60.82	63
West	57.50-68.00	62.90	44
	<b>Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent</b>		
Mississippi	67.00-68.50	67.28	81

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 68.00 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
1,151	53.00-70.00	66.25

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	202.50	1,465
BREASTS - B/S	203.50	5,330
BREASTS - WHOLE	103.00	1,958
THIGH MEAT - B/S	78.50	998
LEG QUARTERS	31.00	9,256
WINGS	71.00	3,045

THIS INFORMATION IS SUPPLIED BY THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S POULTRY MARKET NEWS SERVICE.

**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was generally quiet with movement usually light to moderate for first of month business. Offerings were fully sufficient for trade needs. Retail and distributive movement ranged light to occasionally moderate. The market tone was cautious but generally steady. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breast were in close balance, bone-in breast were adequate, leg items and wings were generally sufficient. The balance of items were about adequate to adequate.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand ranged moderate to good, best where retail ads and fast food specials were in progress. Supplies were usually sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, demand was fair to fairly good, best for first of the month and active retail promotions. Boneless skinless breasts were close balanced to limited and trading at premium levels, and all other breast cuts were adequate. Dark meat was mixed, but available, and wings were sufficient with increased seasonal interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Final majority prices were unchanged throughout the region. Trading reported for this week deliveries at unchanged prices on regular commitments and unchanged to higher on new negotiations. Offerings adequate overall. Buying activity was moderate but cautious. Retailer demand was fairly good overall best for parts. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. Trading reported on parts: leg quarters bulk 28-29 and 4/10s 29-29.75, breast bone-in 91-101 and boneless 165-179, drumstick high 30s, thigh meat high 70s, leg meat mainly 70 and wing high 60s. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was up 1.11 to 58.50 with the volume reported at 35 loads up 8 percent.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Final majority delivered prices this week were mostly unchanged from last Monday's final; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole broiler/fryer market tone steady to fully steady. Offerings were light to fair. Retail movement was slow to moderate at best. Food service demand was mixed, mostly good into fast food promotions. Floor stocks were adequate. Weights generally in a desirable range. Trade was noted as good on boneless/skinless breasts, light to fair on all other items. Supplies for the most part were in balance with boneless/skinless breasts tight. The market tone was fully steady to firm on boneless/skinless breasts, steady on remaining items.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to instances fairly good. Offerings were generally adequate with sizes varying from plant to plant. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were in a full range of light to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 59 to 68 cents. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, boneless/skinless breasts were adequate to tight and well cleared. Bone-in breasts were at least adequate. Leg items were at least adequate. Wings were adequate and in fairly good balance. \*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	58-71
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	62.61
NO. OF BOXES	9,329

\*8 of 8 plants reporting.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying activity was light and unaggressive as weekend clearances were reported as only fair. Retail and distributive movement was light to occasionally moderate for first of month business. Offerings were limited but still usually sufficient for a less than active call. Boneless-skinless breasts were clearing and generally well balanced. Wings were sufficient, and leg quarters were at least adequate. The market tone was steady for early week business.

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		180	177.08	573,360
TENDERLOINS		140	142.58	110,560
BREAST - WITH RIBS	84-85		90.16	145,320
BREAST - LINE RUN		84	84.89	91,640
LEGS	37-38		36.96	296,400
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	25-26		27.47	359,498
DRUMSTICKS	33-34		38.33	162,720
THIGHS	26-27		31.61	79,800
B/S THIGHS	69-70		71.41	74,260
WINGS (WHOLE)	62-63		70.36	177,320
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12		12.29	29,280
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30		28.68	6,800
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35-40		43.74	16,920

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (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/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	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,972	149.00-175.00	162-173	169.60
TENDERLOINS	180	133.00-213.00	133-155	149.07
BREAST - WITH RIBS	302	80.00-99.00	80	86.33
FRONT HALVES	183	70.00-80.00	73-80	73.76
LEGS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	703	24.00-26.00	24	24.18
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,016	25.00-27.00	25-26	25.70
WINGS (WHOLE)	693	59.00-96.00	61-63	61.12
DRUMSTICKS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
THIGHS	1,240	18.00-20.00	18	18.26

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	08/04	07/31	07/31	07/28	07/24
ALA	4,092	4,089	5.10	3,992	5.05
ARK	5,310	4,911	4.85	5,169	4.93
DELMARVA	2,254	2,290	5.30	2,192	5.33
KY-LA-TN	1,952	1,955	4.77	1,898	4.77
MISS	3,051	3,009	5.25	2,951	5.23
NC	2,512	2,602	5.94	2,592	5.98
TEXAS	2,498	2,442	4.89	2,481	5.00
TOTAL	21,669	21,298	5.13	21,275	5.16
MON	21,669 (A)			21,275 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 04-Aug 2003 is estimated to be 32,419,000 up 1.55 percent from a week ago and up 1.78 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,925,000 last year 31,851,000)

**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	879	172.00-235.00	175-177	181.07
TENDERLOINS	195	139.00-213.00	139-145	152.77
BREAST - LINE RUN	101	92.00-112.00	92-95	95.64
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	104	30.00-49.00	30-33	33.95
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	657	24.00-27.00	25	25.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,135	26.00-33.50	27-29	27.93
WINGS (WHOLE)	275	56.00-77.00	-	73.02
WINGS (CUT)	510	73.00-81.00	74-76	75.93
DRUMSTICKS	69	49.00-60.00	-	50.43
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR JULY 21, 2003 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
51.00-56.00	53.73	53.70

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER** ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 04-AUG-2003 TO 08-AUG-2003 CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	168.00 - 191.00	175.00 - 184.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	85.00 - 104.00	85.00 - 94.00
LEGS	24.00 - 43.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	24.00 - 34.00	25.00 - 27.00
DRUMSTICKS	26.00 - 47.50	-
THIGHS	24.00 - 41.50	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	54.00 - 70.00	61.00 - 66.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 41.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	39.00 - 45.00	-

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

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	85
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	88-92
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	589

**DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)**

FRESH FRYERS	91-97
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	63
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	100-102
	DRY PACK	107-108
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-105
	DRY PACK	113
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	
	ICE PACK	91-98
DUCKS		155-166

**EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

**CHICKEN** 01-AUG-2003  
 \_\_\_\_\_ PRICES \_\_\_\_\_ VOLUME \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

**CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED** \_\_\_\_\_ PRICES \_\_\_\_\_ VOLUME \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	15.25-18.50	17.00	512,000	472,000
WTD AVERAGE	16.90	17.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	12.00-16.50	10.00-16.00	1,704,000	504,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.88	12.79		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	11.00	40,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		11.00		

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair at best for the at least adequate to fully adequate offerings. Finished product supplies were usually adequate, and clearing. Processing schedules were normal to instances heavy. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER

THE WEEK OF 04-AUG-03.	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-9	8-8.5	8.12
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

**CHICKEN** 01-AUG-2003  
 \_\_\_\_\_ PRICES \_\_\_\_\_ VOLUME \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

**CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED** \_\_\_\_\_ PRICES \_\_\_\_\_ VOLUME \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	19.00	13.00-16.00	121,600	-
WTD AVERAGE	19.00	14.50		
15-20%				
RANGE	12.00-17.00	10.50-16.50	2,914,400	1,406,400
WTD AVERAGE	12.21	13.21		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Prices were slightly lower compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings from producers. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
 FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 04-AUG-03

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.25-10	8-8.5	8.25

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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