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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was steady to about steady in the Northeast, steady to firm elsewhere. Demand was light to good, best where retail ads and fast food promotions were in progress. Supplies were sufficient to tight for present trade requirements. In the parts structure, breast items were in close balance to short, wings were better balanced to tight, and remaining items were at least adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range, but mostly desirable.

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .25 cents to 68.25 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 64.00 cents last year on August 7, 2002.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	204.50
BREASTS - B/S	208.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	106.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	81.00
LEG QUARTERS	31.50
WINGS	72.50

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**SOUTHERN** Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Demand was fair to moderate, best for retail ads and fast food specials. Supplies were sufficient to tight and frequently held with confidence. In the parts structure, movement was mixed, but mostly fair to good. Breast items were close to short of an active call, interest for wings continued to increase, and dark meat was available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to light, mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST** Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair to moderate during midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes ranged balanced to adequate for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was generally fair at best. The market tone was mostly steady. In the parts complex, breast items were in good balance. Dark meat cuts remained at least adequate with legs noted in the longest position. Wings were clearing satisfactorily.

**MIDWEST** The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was steady to fully steady with a firm undertone. Whole fryer offerings remained in close balance for the light to fair trade interest. Demand into retail and food service outlets was light to fair for the most part, instances good into fast food. Floor stocks were in a full range. Weights mixed. Trading on parts items was selective and limited to immediate needs only. Supplies of boneless/skinless breasts continue very limited, wings closely balanced and dark meat items adequate. The market tone was fully steady, undertone firm on breast items and wings with all other items steady.

**WESTERN** The market tone was steady to fully steady. Offerings were generally adequate to cover current needs. Retailer demand was generally good best for parts and to cover features. Floor stocks in fairly good balance. The market tone was steady to firm with white meat items in the strongest position.

### CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES WEEK ENDING 08/02/03	2003	2002	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	206,486	209,004	-01
CHICKS PLACED	167,227	169,884	-02

### BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 206 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 2, 2003. This was down 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

### BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 2, 2003. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through August 2, 2003 were 5.21 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

**WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING** Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for the marketing during the week ending 13-Sep-03 is estimated at 154.1 million head. This compares to 153.1 million head the previous week and to 158.6 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 160.9 million head and the composite weighted average price was 56.41cents per pound.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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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	900	174.00-235.00	177-180	178.99
TENDERLOINS	227	139.00-213.00	145-150	154.92
BREAST - LINE RUN	84	95.00-112.00	97-98	98.77
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	130	30.00-36.00	33	33.39
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	607	24.00-27.00	25	24.98
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	915	26.00-33.50	27-29	27.93
WINGS (WHOLE)	287	57.00-77.00	-	72.93
WINGS (CUT)	396	74.00-81.00	74-77	76.30
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	960	179.00-235.00	182-185	185.30
TENDERLOINS	185	142.00-214.00	145-155	155.86
BREAST - LINE RUN	99	95.00-112.00	95-98	98.20
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	103	31.00-50.00	32-33	34.03
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	795	24.00-28.00	25-26	26.26
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,613	26.00-34.00	27-28	26.90
WINGS (WHOLE)	287	58.00-77.00	-	73.05
WINGS (CUT)	380	74.00-82.00	75-78	76.72
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	76	63.00-88.00	-	71.89

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

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
51.50 - 56.50	53.63	51.00 - 57.50	54.53	53.92

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 generally fair at best during midweek trading. Offerings of breast items were in good balance. Legs were at least sufficient and the balance of dark meat cuts were generally adequate. Wings were clearing satisfactorily. Movement through retail and distributive channels was about fair. Fast food interest has kept breast items in a very manageable state as product is secured for promotional activity. The market tone was fully steady on bone-in breasts, steady to fully steady on boneless-skinless breasts and mostly steady on the balance.

\*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES. **AUGUST 05, 2003**

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	180-185	180.55	494,550	BREAST - B/S	180-185	180.37	546,080
TENDERLOINS	140	141.61	82,590	TENDERLOINS	140-145	143.47	156,400
BREAST - WITH RIBS	84-85	90.30	245,760	BREAST - WITH RIBS	85-86	90.93	256,880
BREAST - LINE RUN	84	85.23	151,800	BREAST - LINE RUN	85	87.07	117,560
LEGS	37-38	36.37	244,760	LEGS	37-38	36.46	341,520
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	25-26	27.03	435,662	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	25-26	27.64	464,971
DRUMSTICKS	33-34	37.66	114,110	DRUMSTICKS	33-34	42.00	98,800
THIGHS	26-27	32.18	70,030	THIGHS	26-27	35.63	79,640
B/S THIGHS	69-70	71.87	88,000	B/S THIGHS	69-70	75.30	81,000
WINGS (WHOLE)	62-63	67.39	246,200	WINGS (WHOLE)	62-63	68.46	224,080
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.14	40,640	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.83	38,560
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	26.08	15,620	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	25.14	13,320
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35-40	40.73	20,070	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35-40	39.54	23,160

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 INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, 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.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		AVG WTS		
	08/06	08/05	08/04	08/01	08/04	08/01	07/30	07/28	
ALA	4,102	4,098	4,015	4,388	5.23	4.99	4,083	5.22	
ARK	5,328	5,303	5,355	4,454	5.04	4.66	4,942	5.01	
DELMARVA	2,284	2,341	2,205	2,459	5.47	5.56	2,290	5.35	
KY-LA-TN	1,973	1,943	1,958	2,109	4.87	4.64	1,346	4.77	
MISS	2,971	3,042	3,013	2,778	5.39	5.36	3,035	5.38	
NC	2,478	2,609	2,446	2,659	6.09	6.09	2,578	6.07	
TEXAS	2,465	2,474	2,486	2,339	4.97	4.70	2,665	5.00	
TOTAL	21,601	21,810	21,478	21,421	5.26	5.12	20,939	5.24	
MON-WED 65,080(A)								63,879(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 8/6 is estimated to be 32,318,000 up 2.9 percent from a week ago and up 0.5 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,421,000; last year 32,170,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
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

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

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 09-AUG-03

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	08/09/03 (1)		08/02/03	
	THOUSAND HEAD			
BRO-FRY	161,889	(2)	164,984	
LT HENS	1,135		1,232	
HVY HENS	1,521		1,551	
CHECK TOTAL	164,545		167,767	

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 09-Aug-03 is 162.3 million head compared to 162.5 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 162.2 million head or 0.1 million less than estimated available. For week of 16-Aug-03 the estimated available is 161.7 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)**

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 08/04/03	217,088		59,151	
AM 07/01/03	206,919		57,844	
CHG	10,169		1,307	
PCT CHG	5		2	

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)**

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	8/04/03	7/28/03	8/05/02	8/04/03	7/28/03	8/05/02
<b>PACIFIC</b>						
<b>COAST</b>	17,289	16,828	28,777	7,746	7,715	5,602
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>	147	200	348	3,018	2,926	3,947

**CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS**

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 04, 2003

HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	RANGE
		58-62
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	RANGE
		59-77

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

	LOW HIGH AVG			FOR 8/05/03		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.40	.90	.54	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	5.75
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	1.25	4.25
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	.25	-	BANTAMS ea.	1.00	6.50
BROILERS lb.	-	.40	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	.30	.45	.39	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.15	2.25
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	7.00	7.50
BUNNIES lb.	-	.60	-	BUNNIES ea.	.50	2.00
ROOSTERS lb.	.30	1.30	.91	ROOSTERS ea.	1.00	7.00
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	.05	.65	.25	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	.25	1.20	.30	DUCKS ea.	2.00	9.50
RABBITS lb.	1.00	1.55	1.15	RABBITS ea.	-	1.00
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.50	3.50
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	5.00	8.50
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	1.40
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	3.00
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-

TOTAL COOPS 161

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City**

Cents per pound for the week ending August 1, 2003

	Whole		Legs	Necks,Back	Livers/	Hens
	Chickens	Breasts	w/ Thighs	&Wings	Gizzards	
<b>RAYON</b>						
Low	55.77	128.70	85.80	8.58	12.87	55.77
High	60.06	137.28	94.38	17.16	17.16	55.77
Mostly	57.92	128.70	90.09	12.87	12.87	55.77
<b>SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	54.91	120.12	85.80	8.58	8.58	55.77
High	59.20	128.70	90.09	12.87	17.16	55.77
Mostly	57.92	128.70	85.80	8.58	12.87	55.77
<b>NEW SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	54.91	128.70	85.80	8.58	12.87	57.92
High	59.20	137.28	94.38	17.16	17.16	57.92
Mostly	57.92	128.70	85.80	8.58	12.87	57.92
<b>BECERRA</b>						
Low	55.77	128.70	85.80	8.58	12.87	57.92
High	60.06	137.28	94.38	17.16	17.16	57.92
Mostly	58.34	128.70	90.09	12.87	12.87	57.92

**DELMARVA** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was mostly fair to moderate and about as expected for mid-week trading. Offerings were sufficient for current needs with heavier sizes in the better balance. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 59 to 68 cents. Trade sentiment was generally steady. In the parts complex, breast items and wings in good balance and well cleared. Leg quarters were about adequate.

\*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	57-71
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	62.39
NO. OF BOXES	7,108

\*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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