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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices for next week's trading were trending higher in the Midwest, unchanged elsewhere. Trade sentiment was steady to about steady in the Northeast, steady to fully steady in all other areas. Retail and food service demand was slow to moderate at best, strongest into fast food for promotions. Supplies were usually sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was fair to fairly good, best to cover weekend needs. Breast items and wings were balanced to tight and clearing well, and dark meat was available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.

Preliminary report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 08/11/03-08/15/03 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	54.00-57.00	53.00-64.00	56.35	23
Los Angeles	73.00			
New York	58.00-61.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	67.00-68.50	51.00-70.00	67.34	82

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 68.25 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.
863	62.75-70.25	67.86

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	206.50	1,074
BREASTS - B/S	211.00	4,877
BREASTS - WHOLE	106.00	1,758
THIGH MEAT - B/S	79.00	698
LEG QUARTERS	31.50	8,331
WINGS	73.00	2,839

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MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was steady to instances fully steady. Whole fryer offerings were in balance for buyers current interest. Retail demand slow to fair. Food service movement light to moderate best into fast food outlets. Floor stocks were generally in balance. Sizes desirable. Supplies of boneless skinless breast adequate to tight, wings tight and balance adequate. The market tone was firm on wings, steady to fully steady on breasts items and steady on dark meat items.

SOUTHERN BROILER Trade sentiment was mixed, but overall at least steady. Demand entering the weekend was fair to good, best where retail ads and fast food specials were in progress. Supplies were sufficient to close balanced for trade needs. In the parts structure, demand was fair to good, and product was frequently held with confidence. Availability of all items was no more than adequate with white meat in the tightest position and clearing well. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices were unchanged. Trading reported for next weeks' deliveries at unchanged to higher prices. Offerings in fair balance with current needs. Retailer demand was good, best for parts. Dealers anticipated sat

isfactory weekend clearances. The market tone was steady to firm on parts with white meat items in the strongest position.

Ads noted (per pound unless otherwise stated):

Arizona – cornish hen 179, Cornish hen 22 ounce 250, boneless breast 197 and 359 buy one get one free, boneless breast 2.5# bag IQF 599, breast tender 197, split breast 99-199, split breast 4# bag IQF 599, leg quarter 59, thigh 99-129, drumstick 99-129, ground chicken 199;

Northern California – whole body 99-139, whole cut-up 139, breast 149-199, leg quarter 89, whole leg 4# bag 396, drumstick 4# bag 396, thigh 4# bag 396, (food service deli section – fried 8 piece mixed 499);

Southern California – whole body 59-69, whole cut-up 148, roaster 99, Cornish hen marinated 99-199, Cornish hen 99, Cornish hen 22 ounce 219 each, Cornish hen 12 count case 1999, boneless breast 197-399, boneless breast 4# bag IQF 999-1049, boneless breast chunks 179, boneless thigh meat 4# bag 499, boneless leg meat 69-99, boneless leg meat marinated 158-199, split breast 97-199, leg quarter 49-99, leg quarter 8# bag 384, leg quarter 10# bag 390, leg quarter marinated 99, wing 149, wing 5# bag 599, thigh 49-169, drumstick 49-169, (food service deli section fried – mixed 8 piece 399).

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly fair to moderate entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes were generally sufficient for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was only fair at best. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items were in good balance. Dark meat cuts were adequate to well cleared. Wings were clearing.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds remained fair to moderate entering the weekend. Seller offerings were sufficient for current needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderately heavy. 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 were in close balance to well cleared. The balance of cuts were 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			61.65
NO. OF BOXES			10,252
CUMULATIVE	08/04/03-08/08/03		62.19
	08/05/02-08/09/02		50.11
NO. OF BOXES	08/04/03-08/08/03		43,381
	08/05/02-08/09/02		35,681

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

AUGUST 07

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

AUGUST 08

ITEM	AUGUST 07				AUGUST 08					
	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	WEEKLY (000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	913	177.00-235.00	178-180	180.44	770	178.00-235.00	178-180	180.29	4,422	181.30
TENDERLOINS	302	142.00-211.00	145-150	169.28	192	142.00-211.00	145-150	154.49	1,101	158.56
BREAST - LINE RUN	99	95.00-110.00	95-98	98.00	109	94.00-115.00	97-98	98.69	492	97.84
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				75	78.00-87.00	-	82.47	317	83.09
LEGS	128	32.00-50.00	32-33	33.75	113	32.00-50.00	32-33	33.98	578	33.80
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	675	24.00-28.00	25-26	25.52	623	25.00-27.00	26	25.93	3,357	25.57
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,085	26.00-34.00	27-29	28.25	1,565	27.00-34.00	28-29	28.10	6,313	27.76
WINGS (WHOLE)	107	59.00-77.00	-	66.74	287	60.00-77.00	-	73.30	1,243	72.53
WINGS (CUT)	435	74.00-83.00	76-80	78.44	340	74.00-84.00	77-78	78.01	2,061	77.02
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				126	52.47
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				141	51.84
B/S THIGHS	215	66.00-88.00	-	74.00	71	67.00-88.00	-	74.49	418	74.90
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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS					WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS					
TRADING FOR AUGUST 07, 2003 F.O.B. DOCK. TODAY'S					TRADING FOR AUGUST 08, 2003 F.O.B. DOCK. TODAY'S					
RANGE		AVERAGE			RANGE		AVERAGE		5-DAY AVERAGE	
51.50 - 58.00		56.52			51.50 - 57.00		54.20		54.52	

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 increased slightly entering the weekend but was moderate overall. Offerings of breast items were in good balance. Dark meat cuts were adequate for current needs. Wings were clearing well. Movement through retail and distributive channels was about fair. The market tone was fully steady on breast items and at least steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED B/F PARTS, DLVRD TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER LB.

ITEM	August 07			August 08		
	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	WEEKLY VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	185	180.99	678,840	185	181.88	2,849,438
TENDERLOINS	140-145	144.06	98,280	140-145	143.52	592,424
BREAST - WITH RIBS	86-87	90.79	238,360	87-88	91.76	1,119,304
BREAST - LINE RUN	86	87.69	145,720	87	88.17	619,520
LEGS	37-38	37.25	253,080	37-38	35.35	1,422,239
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	26-27	27.43	467,876	27-28	27.69	2,134,897
DRUMSTICKS	33-34	38.22	139,760	33-34	36.43	660,235
THIGHS	26-27	38.09	51,440	26-27	38.43	340,060
B/S THIGHS	69-70	71.57	102,200	69-70	71.31	430,416
WINGS (WHOLE)	63-64	69.37	244,240	64-65	68.27	1,201,990
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.17	31,080	10-12	12.03	170,280
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	24.50	8,840	25-30	27.69	50,940
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35-40	40.07	23,720	35-40	39.88	122,910

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.
 ** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPE, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL	AVG WT	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
08/08	08/0708/0608/0508/06	08/05 08/01	07/30		
ALA	4,1014,0754,0254,081	5.19 5.18	4,388 5.18		
ARK	5,0365,3675,1055,147	4.92 4.95	4,454 4.97		
DELMARVA	2,4862,2892,2662,366	5.41 5.33	2,459 5.42		
KY-LA-TN	2,2772,0181,8771,943	4.74 4.87	2,109 4.96		
MISS	2,7593,0822,9382,987	5.37 5.33	2,778 5.31		
NC	2,6172,5782,5822,659	5.98 6.10	2,864 6.04		
TEXAS	2,4652,4762,4352,507	4.84 5.00	2,339 4.94		
TOTAL	21,74121,88521,22821,6225,19	5.22	21,391 5.24		
MON-FRI	108,706(A)			106,544(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 08-Aug 03 and 9-Aug-03 is estimated to be 32,527,000 up 1.33 percent from a week ago and up 0.0 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,099,000; last year 32,527,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 09-Aug-03 is estimated to be 157,782,000 head down 1 percent from a week ago, and down 2 percent from a year ago

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

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

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

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

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 26-Jul-03 (Preliminary),

	(A) Fast food/ Food service	(B) Retail	(C) Deboning
	4.20 Lbs & down	4.21-5.25 Lbs	5.26 Lbs & Up
-----THOUSANDS-----			

Head	25,641	25,332	45,084
Avg Weight	3.80	4.81	6.10
% of total /1	27%	26%	47%

COMPARISONS

Last week	23,946	31,450	49,431
Avg Weight	3.81	4.85	6.15
% of total /1	23%	30%	47%

Same week, yr ago /2	20,046	20,367	28,940
Avg Weight	3.88	4.87	5.97
% of total /1	29%	29%	42%

To date/2003	732,842	694,567	1,367,697
To date/2002	849,328	717,212	1,360,641

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION W/E 02-Aug-03 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	159,246	1,133	1,499	2,632	522
AVG WT	5.14	3.40	8.20	6.13	6.68
LAST WEEK	157,247	1,105	1,459	2,564	383
SAME WK YR AGO	157,689	1,633	1,560	3,193	450
AVG WT	4.99	3.48	7.78	5.58	6.50
TO-DATE/2003	4,726,360	48,419	42,606	91,025	12,898
TO-DATE/2002	4,794,474	54,761	42,060	96,821	13,387

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 162.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 161.2 million head or 1.5 million head less than or 99% of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: AUG 05, 2003

PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

AI PAPERS REQUIRED FOR ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.70 - .80	Silkie	2.00 - 2.25ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.20 - .30	Pigeons	1.00 - 1.50ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.40 - .80	White Pigeons	2.00 - 3.00ea.
Crossbred Roosters		Rabbits	
5-9 LBS	.50 - .80	4-6 LBS	.50 - 1.10
Crossbred Roosters		Rabbits	
7-11 LBS	.50 - .75	6-9 LBS	.50 - .70
Guinea Fowl	.80 - 1.00	Bunnies	1.00 - 4.00ea.
Banty Roosters	4.00 - 5.00ea.	Guinea Pigs	4.50 - 7.50ea.
Banty Hens	2.50 - 3.00ea.	Goats	30.00 - 60.00ea.
Leghorn Roosters	.10 - .12	Kid Goats	20.00 - 25.00ea.
		Doves	3.00 - 4.25ea.

Total Coops Sold 340

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 04-AUG-2003

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND MOSTLY	140	146
MIDWEST MOSTLY	124-128	125-130

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

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	61-64	62-63
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	57-86	65-70

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

12 OZ.	60.48-69.66
14 OZ.	66.96-76.14
16 OZ.	73.44-83.43

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 unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was moderate to good. Weights were in the desirable range. Schedules full time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.25-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.35-1.45, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$0.30-0.45, livers at \$0.75-1.70, and feet at \$0.80-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 04-AUG-2003

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS MOSTLY	107-124	125

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
JUNE	28 167.3	160.4	104%	5.37
JULY	5 145.3	160.9	90%	5.24
	12 161.8	160.4	101%	5.23
	19 159.1	160.8	99%	5.14
	26 159.2	162.6	98%	5.11
AUGUST	2 161.2	162.7	99%	5.14
YEAR TO DATE	4622.7	4688.2	99%	
AUGUST	9	162.3		
	16	161.7		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	08/09/03	08/02/03	% CHG	08/10/02	% CHG
Broilers	157,782	159,246*	-01	160,570*	-02
Cattle	715	706	+01	704*	+02
Hogs	1,805	1,815	-01	1,806*	0

Under Federal Inspection

* ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Prices were generally unchanged on both light and heavy cannery when compared to a week earlier. Demand ranged light to good and trading was limited. Offerings were about adequate to adequate. The undertone was generally steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) 20-25 MAJORITY 23-24	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS) 28-36 MAJORITY 32.5-34.5
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CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) 22-26 MAJORITY 25.5-26	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS) 30.5-38 MAJORITY 34.5-36.5
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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 REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Values were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Offerings of spent fowl were fully adequate for current trade needs. Demand was light to no better than fair. Processing schedules were about normal. Opinions on removal cost were steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-12	9-11

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Costs were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was easily covered by adequate supplies. Schedules were as desired and in line with a fair call for finished product. Disposal values were expected to remain steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Values were unchanged. Demand was generally light into traditional slaughter operations with offerings fully adequate to mostly ample. The majority of spent fowl continued to be obtained by alternative operators. Opinions of values were steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	6-12	10-11

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants schedules light to moderate. Offerings held for egg production.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR
SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 11-AUG-03

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was no better than fair for the at least adequate to fully adequate offerings. Finished product supplies were generally adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Processing schedules for next week were noted as normal to less than normal. 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	

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Negotiations were too few to report for next weeks arrivals. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings from producers. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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