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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was mixed, but overall no better than steady. Retail and food service demand was slow to moderate, best for active retail ads, fast food specials, and fairs. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate with some discounting reported. In the parts structure, movement was light and cautious. Wings were mostly sufficient, dark meat was readily available, and breast items were adequate to ample and competitively priced. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights in a full range.

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading declined .25 to 80.00 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 68.75 cents last year on August 20, 2003.

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	244.00
BREASTS - B/S	209.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	121.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	95.50
LEG QUARTERS	33.00
WINGS	115.50

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

**SOUTHERN** Trade sentiment was steady at best. Retail demand was light to fair with limited features; food service was fair to moderate, best for fast food. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, supplies of all items were at least adequate or readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was cautious and selective during midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes were at least sufficient with scattered discounting noted. In the parts complex, breast items were ample and discounted. Dark meat cuts were fully sufficient with thighs and leg quarters noted as available. Wings were mostly adequate.

**MIDWEST** Trade sentiment on whole broiler/fryers continued steady to barely steady. Offerings were mixed, but adequate for the limited buyer needs. Retail demand was mostly slow, to occasionally moderate in some locations. Retail features were sparse; 40% off sale of whole line; rotisserie birds \$5.39, \$4.99 and 2 for \$7.00; eight-piece fried chicken at \$4.99; boneless/skinless breasts at \$2.99 and \$2.49; split breasts at \$1.49 and \$1.39; pick of the chick at 99 cents; and drums at 79 cents. Food service demand was slow to moderate with best interest into fast food and fairs. Floor stocks were in a full range. Weights were mostly desirable to at times running heavier than desired. Part offerings were adequate for the cautious and unassuming trade interest. Supplies of breast cuts, wings mixed and dark meat was adequate. The market tone was steady on wings and steady to barely steady on the balance.

**WESTERN** Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Offerings ranged adequate to ample. Whole body product over 4 pounds continued in the longest position. Buying activity was cautious with satisfying immediate needs their priority. Retailer demand moderate overall, best for parts. Floor stocks generally adequate.

## CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES	WEEK ENDING 08/14/04		PERCENT CHANGE
	2004	2003	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	213,018	205,371	+04
CHICKS PLACED	173,308	169,515	+02

## BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 4 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 14, 2004. This was up 4 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.

## CHICKS PLACED UP 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 14, 2004. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through August 14, 2004 were 5.68 billion, up 2 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 marketing during the week ending 25-Sep-04 is estimated at 160.1 million head. This compares to 159.1 million head the previous week and to 159.4 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 162.0 million head and the composite weighted average price was 64.59 cents per pound.

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## SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

AUGUST 18, 2004

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			WTD	ITEM	POUNDS			WTD
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG		(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG
BREAST - B/S	550	155.00-230.00	158-164	162.45	BREAST - B/S	620	153.00-225.00	155-160	161.33
TENDERLOINS	148	190.00-245.00	200-208	202.64	TENDERLOINS	178	190.00-245.00	190-200	198.93
BREAST - LINE RUN	98	112.00-132.00	113-118	116.88	BREAST - LINE RUN	88	112.00-128.00	115-118	117.26
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	85	79.00-85.00	80-83	82.29
LEGS	88	32.00-54.00	35-37	37.13	LEGS	73	34.00-54.00	34-37	37.84
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	547	23.00-29.00	26-27	26.15	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	507	24.00-29.00	26-27	26.48
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,020	26.00-33.00	28-29	28.40	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,060	26.00-33.00	28-29	28.23
WINGS (WHOLE)	240	92.00-112.00	93-96	94.91	WINGS (WHOLE)	281	92.00-112.00	92-94	96.36
WINGS (CUT)	525	110.00-119.00	112-116	114.88	WINGS (CUT)	535	110.00-119.00	112-118	115.16
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	43	29.00-54.00	-	45.28	THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	102	75.00-120.00	-	81.76	B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
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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 - 58.00	55.62				51.50-57.00	54.39	56.42

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 noted as cautious and unaggressive during midweek trading. Offerings of breast items were readily available and discounted to clear. Leg quarters and thighs were available and the balance of dark meat cuts were at least sufficient. Tenderloins were fully adequate. Retail and distributive draw was light. The market tone ranged barely steady to instances weak.

\*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES. AUGUST 17, 2004

ITEM	AUGUST 17, 2004			AUGUST 18, 2004		
	CURRENT NEG	WTD		CURRENT NEG	WTD	
BREAST - B/S	180	175.29	606,040	175-180	177.12	526,803
TENDERLOINS	205-210	202.65	81,320	205	202.63	104,730
BREAST - WITH RIBS	111-112	118.55	105,080	109-110	120.20	107,000
BREAST - LINE RUN	111	111.89	174,600	109	111.04	170,720
LEGS	48-49	41.77	195,720	48-49	37.73	490,799
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	32-33	32.99	394,577	31-32	33.26	265,880
DRUMSTICKS	35-36	42.38	106,896	35-36	38.01	188,855
THIGHS	30-31	38.77	110,850	29-30	39.96	81,140
B/S THIGHS	85-86	82.39	33,640	85-86	77.47	92,960
WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101	108.39	102,440	100-101	106.44	151,360
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.87	15,500	10-12	11.70	35,040
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	28.15	13,960	30-35	27.70	16,040
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	58.79	27,800	55-60	59.71	27,800

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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		AVG	
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	WTS	WTS	WTS	WTS
	08/18	08/17	08/16	08/13	08/16	08/13	08/11	08/09
Alabama	4,098	4,105	4,037	4,272	5.36	5.04	4,025	5.32
Arkansas	5,519	5,485	5,475	5,609	5.23	4.90	5,402	5.21
Delmarva	2,263	2,309	2,228	2,423	5.75	5.72	2,363	5.59
KY-LA-TN	1,994	2,129	2,139	2,369	5.14	4.80	2,114	5.04
Mississippi	3,105	3,033	3,050	4,228	5.88	5.22	2,876	5.57
NC	2,566	2,538	2,425	2,632	6.46	6.27	2,366	6.35
Texas	2,471	2,469	2,527	3,550	5.17	5.07	2,489	5.13
Total	22,016	22,068	21,881	25,083	5.52	5.22	21,635	5.42
Mon-Wed	66,136(A)						64,557(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 18-Aug-04 is estimated to be 32,938,000 head up 1.46 percent from a week ago and up 2.93 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,465,000, last year 32,000,000)

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS		97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP		95-107
HENS UNDER 5#		-
HENS OVER 5#		78-83
DUCKS		-
RABBITS-WHOLE		-
RABBITS-CUT UP		-
SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY		
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS		
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	107-108
	DRY PACK	116
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	108-109
	DRY PACK	110
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	93
	DRY PACK	93-95
DUCKS		170-185

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

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 21-Aug-04

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	08/21/04 (1)	08/14/04
BRO-FRY	171,212 (2)	167,828
LT HENS	1,616	1,433
HVY HENS	1,295	1,506
CHECK TOTAL	174,123	170,767

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 21-Jul-04 is 165.5 million head compared to 162.5 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 171.6 million head or 6.1 million more than estimated available. For the week of 28-Aug-04 the estimated available is 165.0 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 08/16/04	193,779	57,882
AM 08/01/04	197,542	54,909
CHG	-3,763	2,973
PCT CHG	-2	5

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)**

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	08/16/04	08/09/04	08/18/03	08/16/04	08/09/04	08/18/03
<b>PACIFIC</b>						
<b>COAST</b>	12,159	9,332	15,726	5,298	5,521	7,292
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>	363	366	138	4,174	4,302	2,864

**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 16, 2004

HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX) VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	RANGE
		68-70 70-79

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW HIGH AVG			LOW HIGH AVG		
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	1.35	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	.60	1.20	.90	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	5.50
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-
BROILERS lb.	.40	.50	.46	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	5.00	6.75
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	3.00
ROOSTERS lb.	1.00	1.40	1.19	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	.70	1.05	.93	RABBITS ea.	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.00	5.25
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	5.00
DUCKLINGS lb.	.50	3.25	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-			
TOTAL COOPS	68					

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City**

Cents per pound for the week ending August 12, 2004

	Whole		Legs	Necks, Backs	Livers/
	Chickens	Breasts	W/ Thighs	& Wings	Gizzards Hens
<b>RAYON</b>					
Low	69.03	126.96	87.28	15.87	15.87 43.64
High	69.83	130.92	95.22	19.84	19.84 43.64
Mostly	69.43	130.92	91.25	15.87	15.87 43.64
<b>SAN JUAN</b>					
Low	68.64	126.96	79.35	11.90	11.90 43.64
High	69.43	130.92	87.28	19.84	15.87 43.64
Mostly	69.03	126.96	87.28	15.87	15.87 43.64
<b>NEW SAN JUAN</b>					
Low	69.03	126.96	87.28	15.87	15.87 43.64
High	69.83	130.92	91.25	19.84	19.84 43.64
Mostly	69.43	126.96	87.28	15.87	15.87 43.64
<b>BECERRA</b>					
Low	69.03	126.96	87.28	11.90	15.87 47.61
High	69.83	134.89	95.22	19.84	19.84 47.61
Mostly	69.43	130.92	87.28	15.87	19.84 47.61

**DELMARVA** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to fair at best and generally unaggressive. Seller offerings were more than adequate for current inquiry. Live supplies were moderate; weights were in a full range of light to heavy mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 70 to 85 cents. Trades sentiment was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items were at least adequate to readily available. Dark meat items were available.

\*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	67-90
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	73.11
NO. OF BOXES	6,753

\*7 of 7 plants reporting.

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