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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices for whole broiler/fryers are steady to fully steady in the Midwest and West, steady to weak in the East. Preliminary majority prices are down 1 cent in the East, unchanged elsewhere when compared to early week prices. Offerings are light to heavy, mostly moderate to heavy with buyers scrambling to cover needs due to production problems at processing plants affected by the storms in the Southeast. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate entering the weekend. Floor stocks are light to moderate. Market activity is seasonally slow to moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate. Prices are trending steady to weak for boneless skinless breast, tenders and wings, steady for all other parts. Offerings are moderate to heavy for b/s breast and tenders, light to moderate for wings, and moderate for dark meat items. The market activity is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate. Weights are mixed, but noted are mostly desirable.

<u>PRELIMINARY REPORT</u> Prices negotiated for trucklot sales of readyto-cook broiler/fryers FOB and delivered to first receivers at major market areas (cents per lb) Week of 02-May-2011

	Majority	Range	Wtd Avg	Loads
Delivered to	First Receivers:			
US Grade A	1/			
New York	79.00-82.00			
Los Angeles	96.00			
Whole Body	2/			
Chicago	75.00-82.00	67.00-87.25	75.78	28
FOB Dock Ed	quivalent 3/:			
Mississippi	83.00-87.00	75.00-88.00	85.07	28

1/: Includes branded product.

2/: Whole Body category includes whole body birds with or without giblets, all grades, brands, and packaging.

3/: Southeast area

GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES The 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.

	Preliminary f.o.b.	Dock or Equivalent
Loads Ra	nge	Prelim. Wtd Avg
647 83.75-9	3.60	86.48
Georgia f.o.b. o	dock confirmed preliminary weighte	ed average price
on ice-packed i	parts:	

	Wtd Avg	Volume
Item	(Cents per Pound)	(000 Pounds)
Line Run Tenders	201.50	1,112
Breasts - B/S	155.00	4,890
Breasts - Whole	91.50	1,104
Thigh Meat - B/S	127.50	958
Thighs	64.50	742
Drumsticks	64.00	784
Leg Quarters	47.00	7,050
Wings	78.50	2,610
This info is supplied	by the GA Dept. of Ag/Po	ultry Market News Service.

WESTERN REGION The Los Angeles preliminary majority is 96 cents, unchanged from last Monday's. The market on whole fryers is steady and WOGs is steady to fully steady. Offerings very light to light. Some industry members are having hard time finding late week product for next week's shipments in partial response to the storms this week in the southern U.S. Retail demand light to good, mostly light to moderate with continued improvement noted for some going into the weekend. Foodservice demand light to good, mostly light to moderate. Floor stocks moderate. Weights desirable. The market on bone-in breasts, wings, boneless skinless breasts and tenderloins is mostly steady. The market on dark items is steady to fully steady. Demand light to moderate, instances good. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts, tenderloins, bone-in breasts and wings light to moderate as industry members continue to assess ramifications of the storms in the southern U.S. on supplies. Offerings of dark items very light to light. Movement light to good, mostly light to moderate.

MIDWEST REGION Preliminary majority prices in Chicago were unchanged from last week's levels. Whole bird prices are steady for now. Offerings are light as buyer's try to cover needs. Storms in the southern and eastern states the last couple of days continue to be disruptive to supply lines. Retail and food service demand is light to instances moderate. Floor stocks are moderate. Weights are desirable to light. Whole bird market activity is about moderate. Parts prices are steady for wings and dark meat items and steady to barely steady for all other parts items. Supplies are moderate for boneless skinless breasts and tenders while all other parts items are balanced with needs. Market activity on all parts items is slow to moderate.

NORTHEAST REGION Prices are trending steady on most sizes. Trucklot buying activity for ready-to-cook whole broiler fryers is light as dealers continue to assess market conditions following the tornadoes that affected production areas in the Southeast. Offerings are moderate to heavy for current needs. Trade activity is slow. In the parts complex, supplies of tenders and boneless skinless breast are heavy and slow to clear. Wings are moderate to heavy and other items are generally sufficient for current needs.

<u>SOUTHERN REGION</u> Prices are trending weak for whole broiler/fryers. Offerings are moderate to heavy for current trade needs. Demand entering the weekend is light with some processors down because of power outages or damages from Wednesday storms. In the parts structure, movement is mostly light. Prices are trending steady for most parts. Boneless skinless breast, tenders, and wings are steady to weak. Offerings range light to moderate with b/s breast and tenders moderate to heavy. Dark meat items are in good supply and moving satisfactorily. Market activity is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate. Weights are desirable.

DELMARVA Less-than-trucklot asking prices are unchanged at 81 to 92 cents, with a steady trending undertone. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds is light entering the weekend as dealers assess the impact following storms in the south. Offerings are moderate to heavy for immediate trade needs. Live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed, but noted as mostly desirable. Processing schedules are moderately heavy. Market activity is slow. In the parts complex, supplies ranged moderate to heavy.

*Broiler/fryer current negotiated prices for immediate delivery includes mostly multiple-drop shipments of branded and wing tagged to New York City form Delmarva

Range Weighted Average No. Of Boxes		(A) (A)
Cumulative	04/25/11-04/29/11	(A)
	04/26/10-04/30/10	(A)
No. Of Boxes	04/25/11-04/29/11	(A)
	04/26/10-04/30/10	(A)
(A) Not reported to avoid	d disclosing individual of	operations.

SOUTHERN STATES 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.

April 28, 2011 April 29, 2011 Weekly **Pounds** Wtd **Pounds** Wtd Pounds Wtd (000)(000)(000)Avg ltem Range Mai Avg Range Maj Avg Breast - B/S Too Few To Report Too Few To Report 2,121 128.26 **Tenderloins** Too Few To Report Too Few To Report 148.90 1.001 Breast - Line Run Too Few To Report Too Few To Report 455 85.60 Front Halves Too Few To Report Too Few To Report 245 72.98 Legs Too Few To Report Too Few To Report **TFEWR** Leg Quarters (Bulk) 586 42.00-45.00 44.08 386 43.00-47.00 44.40 2,244 44.35 Leg Quarters (4/10) 842 45.00-47.00 46.48 1,142 45.00-47.00 46.55 4,790 46.51 Wings (Whole) Too Few To Report Too Few To Report 589 82.56 Wings (Cut) Too Few To Report Too Few To Report 225 92.36 **Drumsticks** Too Few To Report Too Few To Report 110 53.77 **Thighs** Too Few To Report Too Few To Report **TFEWR** B/S Thighs Too Few To Report Too Few To Report 338 105.47 Whole Body Index Based On Southern States Parts Trading For Apr 29, 2011

Whole Body Index Based On Southern States Parts Trading For Apr 28, 2011 -- F.O.B. Dock.

Today's Average Range Range Today's Average 5-Day Average 56.00 - 60.00 58.61 56.50 - 61.50 58.68 58.70

-- F.O.B. Dock.

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 PARTS Prices are trending steady to weak for boneless skinless breast, wings and tenders; steady for the balance of items. Trucklot buying activity is light as dealers continue to assess market conditions following the massive tornadoes that struck in productions areas in the Southeast. Offerings are moderate to heavy for wings; sufficient for dark meat cuts. Boneless skinless breasts and tenders are available. Movement is slow.

Ice packed broiler/fryer parts, delivered to first receivers in pool trucklot and trucklot quantities, cents per pound.

April 28, 2011		186. 1		April 29, 2011	146.1			
ltom	Current Neg	Wtd	Vol //bo	Current Neg	Wtd	Vol	Weekly	Weekly
Item	Trading*	Avg**	/lbs.	Trading*	Avg**	/lbs.	Wtd Avg	Vol/lbs.
Breast - B/S	145-150	133.37	573,760	145-150	133.50	561,400	134.04	2,853,400
Tenderloins	150-155	154.64	178,706	150-155	156.47	143,463	157.06	702,809
Breast - With Ribs	89-90	99.01	61,343	89-90	99.42	47,639	98.54	288,877
Breast - Line Run	89	91.50	78,525	89	90.98	68,440	90.85	403,688
Legs	65-66	66.92	92,080	65-66	64.51	178,400	65.36	663,320
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	44-45	47.62	231,320	44-45	48.02	163,173	47.68	889,733
Drumsticks	52-53	64.06	50,360	52-53	62.70	59,680	63.62	245,760
Thighs	67-68	69.88	65,400	67-68	70.76	48,320	70.27	263,720
B/S Thighs	134-135	132.73	102,760	134-135	132.54	53,080	132.67	374,360
Wings (Whole)	76-77	81.72	222,000	76-77	81.28	181,760	79.73	976,800
Backs and Necks (Stripped)	13-15	15.81	28,640	13-15	15.37	27,800	15.48	116,320
Livers (5 Pound Tubs)	45-50	48.00	10,290	45-50	47.00	8,250	47.36	54,240
Gizzards (Hearts)	60-65	64.00	18,480	60-65	65.05	10,360	63.93	81,040

Includes: New York City metropolitan area, northern NJ, MA, CT, RI, and PA (northeast of Harrisburg).

^{**} 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								
E	stimate	ed	Actu	al	Avg	y Wts	Actual	Avg
	(1,000)		(1,000))			(1,000)	Wts
	04/29	04/28	04/27	04/26	04/27	04/26	04/22	04/20
Alabama	2,217	3,912	2,874	4,076	5.22	5.61	3,413	5.56
Arkansas	4,497	4,721	4,790	4,623	5.35	5.40	3,620	5.59
Delmarva	2,276	2,263	2,091	2,113	6.44	6.22	1,743	6.22
KY-LA-TN	2,820	2,452	2,391	2,498	5.30	5.34	2,283	5.11
Mississippi	3,409	2,885	2,749	2,855	5.83	5.93	2,656	5.79
North Carolina	2,972	2,820	2,734	2,792	7.32	7.29	2,310	7.11
Texas	2,680	2,500	2,497	2,540	5.66	5.90	2,114	5.60
Total	20,871	21,553	20,126	21,497	5.81	5.89	18,139	5.83
Mon-Fri 1	06,405	(A)					103,323 (4)
Saturday	2,441	(include	d in total	for date	shown)		497	
(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.								
Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 29-Apr-11 and 30-Apr-11 is estimated to be								
	31,225,000 head up 14.72 percent from a week ago and down 6.94 percent from a year ago.							
(Last week 27,21	9,000, la	ast year 3	3,553,000	0)				

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 30-Apr-11 is estimated to be 156,069,000 head up 0.91 percent from a week ago, and down 4.58 percent

from a year ago. (Last week 154,657,000, last year 163,557,000)

Actual data incorporated when available.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)	
Processed poultry, delivered to retailers	
	Range
Fresh Fryers	109-122
Roasters 4# & Up	129-139
Hens Under 5#	
Hens Over 5#	
Ducks	
Rabbits-Whole	
Rabbits-Cut Up	
SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY,	
Delivered to restaurants and institutions	

Delivered to restaurants and institutions					
	Range				
Dry Pack	128-188				
Ice Pack					
Dry Pack	124				
Ice Pack					
Dry Pack	135				
Ice Pack	129				
	274-279				
	Dry Pack Ice Pack Dry Pack Ice Pack Dry Pack				

^{*}Today's negotiated sales as of 11:30 a.m.

YOUNG CHIC	KENS SLAUG	HIERED	Under Federa	ii inspection	
Week Ending	23-Apr-2011	(Preliminary	y) (in thousand	ds)	
	(A) 4.25 lbs.	(B) 4.26 -	(C) 6.26 -	(D) 7.76 lb	s.
	& down	6.25 lbs.	7.75 lbs.	& up	Total
Head	36,818	63,792	30,153	23,894	154,657
Avg Live Wgt	3.92	5.45	6.79	8.60	5.83
% of total /1	24%	41%	20%	15%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	29,615	77,918	29,150	23,652	160,335
Avg Live Wgt	3.83	5.38	6.76	8.29	5.77
% of total /1	18%	49%	18%	15%	100%
Year Ago 2/	38,353	80,343	22,143	22,148	162,987
Avg Live Wgt	3.71	5.48	6.65	8.54	5.64
% of total /1	23%	49%	14%	14%	100%
To date/2011*	605,208	1,142,198	426,928	375,716	2,550,050
To date/2010*	642,540	1,249,876	329,440	322,731	2,544,587
/1 May not total	I to 100% due to	o rounding. /	2 Comparable	week.	

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*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods. Weight Class Description: (A) This size product is normally marketed bone-in into fast food and food service sectors and may include Cornish hens. (B) This size product is normally marketed into the retail grocery sector in tray pack or bagged forms. (C) This size product is normally marketed either into the retail grocery sector in tray pack and IQF form or is further processed and marketed into various sectors. (D) This size product is normally marketed deboned or as roasters or roasting chicken.

LIVE POULTRY	SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(Preliminary)	Young	Light	Heavy	Total	
W/E 23-Apr-2011	Chickens	Hens	Hens	Hens	Ducks
			Thousar	nds	
Head	154,657	1,519	1,387	2,906	431
Avg Wt	5.83	3.26	8.18	5.61	6.75
Last week	160,335	1,321	1,337	2,658	421
Same wk yr ago	162,987	1,532	1,458	2,990	427
Avg Wt	5.64	3.31	7.82	5.51	6.86
To-date/2011*	2,550,050	22,983	23,487	46,470	7,160
To-date/2010*	2,544,587	23,555	21,181	44,736	6,540
% Change YTD	0%	-2%	11%	4%	9%
Ready-to-Cook We	eight and Dress	ing Percer	ntage		
Current week	671,729	2,674	7,375	10,049	2,095
Last week	689,224	2,247	7,031	9,278	1,928
Same wk yr ago	684,839	2,713	7,582	10,295	2,109
To-date/2011*	10,824,333	39,037	123,496	162,533	35,215
To-date/2010*	10,535,820	40,518	109,548	150,066	32,080
% Change YTD	3%	-4%	13%	8%	10%
Dressing %	74.5%	54.0%	65.0%		72.0%
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(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 159.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 156.5 million head, or 2.5 million less than estimated available.(B) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update. *Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

EST U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

	Week	Million Head	Million Head		Avg
E	Ending	Slaughtered	Available*	Pct	Wt
Mar	19	162.0	158.3	102%	5.65
	26	160.0	158.1	101%	5.64
Apr	2	164.5	157.8	104%	5.77
	9	161.7	158.2	102%	5.69
	16	162.3	158.3	103%	5.77
	23	156.5	159.0	98%	5.83
Year	to date	2581.1	2530.6	102%	
Apr	30		160.4		
May	7		162.1		
*Base	ed on chic	k placements 6 to 1	7 weeks earlier.		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY EST SLAUGHTER

Under red	erai inspection	(III triousand	15)			
W/E	05/07/11	04/30/11	%chg	05/08/10	%chg	
Broilers	156,069	154,657 ¹	+0.91	163,557 ¹	-4.58	
Cattle	615	649	-05	662 ²	-07	
Hogs	1,950	2,056	-05	2,022 ²	-04	
Actual data incorporated when available.						
² Totals adjusted to reflect LISDA NASS revisions						

EASTERN REGION MISC POULTRY Delivery Week of 25-Apr-11 **Ducklings:** Prices Negotiated by First Receivers, US Grade A, 4-5 lbs.

Delivered in Trucklot and Pool Trucklot Quantities, Cents/lb.

Origin	Frozen	Fresh
Long Island	206-210	211-217
Midwest	187-202	192-206

Roasters: Prices Negotiated by First Receivers, US Grade A & Plant Grade, 5 Lbs & Up, Delivered, Cents/lb.

	Range	Mostly		
Ice Packed (12 per box)	76.00-83.00	76.00-80.00		
Vacuum Packed (6-9 per box)	76.00-83.00	76.00-80.00		
Squabs: New York Area Wholesale Prices, Frozen, Plant Grade,				
Dollars/Dozen, 1 to 10 Boxes				
11 oz.	72.00-90.72			

13 oz. 80.64-104.64 15 oz. 87.84-109.63

Eastern Region: CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT & WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices are steady. The undertone is steady to firm. Demand is moderate to instances good. Supplies are mostly moderate for present trade needs. Market activity continues moderate. Schedules are full-time. Prices paid, first receivers for 10-18 oz. boneless breast at \$7.70-8.70, bone in legs at \$2.75-3.10, gizzards at \$1.20-1.50, wings at \$.75-.90, livers at \$1.25-2.05, and feet at \$.75-1.45 cents per lb.

Prices Negotiated by First Receivers for US Grade A Delivered in Trucklot & Pool Trucklot Quantities, 4-5 lbs., cents/lb. Week of 25-Apr-11

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Origin	Frozen	Fresh
Midwest and Others	187-210	189-210

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION Date of Auction: 04/26/11 ***Al Papers Required to Sell All Out of State Poultry** Prices Paid per lb., Except as Noted Range Muscovy Ducks - Drakes 1.50 1.70 lbs. Finch 4.50 ea. 3.00 Pekin Ducks 7.00 ea. Pullets 4-6LBS 1.10 lbs. Red Fowl 5-6LBS 80 1.05 lbs. Red Fowl 4-5LBS .90 lbs. .75 Leghorn Roosters 2.50 ea. .80 lbs. Crossbred Roosters 7-11LBS .40 Crossbred Roosters 4-6LBS 1.30 lbs. 1.10 Crossbred Fowl 5-9LBS .80 .90 lbs. Banty Roosters 4.00 5.00 ea. **Banty Hens** 3.25 ea. 3.00 Guinea Pigs .75 4.00 ea. Guinea Fowl 5.00 7.00 lbs. 30.00 Kid Goats 41.00 ea.

Geese 9-14LBS 1.00 1.20 ea. **Pigeons** 3.00 3.20 ea. White Pigeons 4.75 5.00 ea. Chukars 4.00 4.50 ea. Rabbits 6-9LBS 2.10 lbs. 1.70 2.40 Rabbits 4-6LBS 2.50 lbs. Leghorn Hens .25 2.50 ea. Bunnies 1.25 3.00 ea. Doves 3.50 8.00 ea. Silkies 3.00 ea. 55.00 60.00 ea. Goats 11.00 27.00 ea. Turkeys Chicks .60 1.50 ea. Quail 1.20 1.40 ea. Love Birds 16.00 22.00 ea. **Parakeets** 7.00 9.00 ea. Peacocks 50.00 ea.

Ducklings 1.60 2.00 ea. Muscovy Ducks - Hens 1.60 1.70 lbs. Goslings 2.75 6.00 ea. Keets 2.75 3.75 ea. Goose Eggs .85 1.00 ea. Fancy Pigeons 7.00 13.00 ea.

Chick Families 18.00 25.00 ea. **Turkey Poults** 4.00 5.00 ea. Total Coops Sold 4992

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET

Sales are too few to report prices. Offerings are more than sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Trading was limited due to the bulk of supplies being used internally. Processing schedules are normal. Market activity is slow to moderate.

Cents Per Pound, Current Negotiations, With Out Freight Cost

Light Canner Hens (Line Run Without Necks) Too Few Sales To Report Heavy Canner Hens (Without Necks) Too Few Sales To Report

Cents Per Pound, Current Negotiations, Freight Cost Included

Light Canner Hens (Line Run Without Necks) Too Few Sales To Report Heavy Canner Hens (Without Necks) Too Few Sales To Report

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)

Preliminary Price, Cents Per Lb., Generally For Slaughter The Week Of 02-May-2011

SOUTH CENTRAL Trading was TFEWR. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings from first users. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales are slowing and generally light. Trade sentiment was about steady.

Range Majority
At Farm Buyer Loading Too Few To Report

SOUTHEAST Prices are trending steady. Offerings are sufficient for the mostly moderate demand. Processing schedules for next week are noted as normal. Finished product supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is moderate.

Range Majority

At Farm Buyer Loading Too Few To Report
At Farm Producer Loading Too Few To Report
Fob Plant Too Few To Report

*Weights Under 7 Lbs. Subject To Discount.

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

Prices continue to trend steady. Demand is mostly moderate for the at least sufficient offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules are normal. Market activity is moderate.

Removal Cost	Range	Majority
	2-11	3-7

SOUTH CENTRAL

Trading was light and TFEWR. Demand was slow for fully adequate and increasing leghorn hens. Schedules were as desired. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was steady at best.

Removal Cost Too Few To Report Majority

NORTH CENTRAL

Prices are unchanged. Offerings are moderate to heavy for the moderate to good demand. Schedules are full time plus due to continued heavy post Easter disposal. Market activity is moderate.

Removal Cost Range Majority
0-10.5 0-5

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