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National Broiler Market-at-a-Glance

Whole broiler/fryer prices are steady to lower in the East, barely steady to firm in the West, and barely steady to weak in the Midwest. Offerings cover the full range, mostly moderate for current trade needs. Retail demand is light to good, mostly light to moderate. Food service demand is light to moderate. Floor stocks are light to moderate. The market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, movement is moderate for mid-week business. Prices are trending firm to higher for wings and some breast items. Dark meat items are trending steady to firm with thigh meat in the best position. Supplies of wings and breast items are light and moving well. Dark meat cuts are light to moderate and clearing satisfactorily. Market activity for parts is moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate. Weights are mixed, ranging desirable to light.

Georgia F.O.B. Dock The quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .25 cents to 88.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 88.00 cents last year on Aug 25, 2010.

Item	Dock Price (Cents per Pound)
Line Run Tenders	186.00
Breasts - B/S	155.50
Breasts - Whole	85.00
Thigh Meat - B/S	131.00
Thighs	70.50
Drumsticks	65.00
Leg Quarters	52.50
Wings	88.50

Information supplied by the GA Dept. of Ag's Poultry Market News Service.

Northeast Region Prices are trending weak to lower on most sizes. Trucklot buying activity for ready-to-cook whole broiler fryers is light for midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes are readily available and slow to clear. Trade activity is slow. In the parts complex, supplies of thighs, thigh meat and breast items are light and clearing well; other items are sufficient for current needs.

Midwest Region Whole bird prices are barely steady to weak. Additional offers were mostly moderate for the light to moderate buyer interest. Demand into retail and food service channels was light to moderate, instances good. Floor stocks were light to moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy. Whole bird market activity was light. Supplies of breast cuts and wings were light and dark meat items were fairly tight. Prices were trending fully steady to higher on all parts items. Market activity on parts was moderate to good.

Western Region The Wednesday Los Angeles delivered quote is 98 cents, 1 cent higher than last week. The market on whole fryers is steady to firm with some mixed undertones being reported. The market on WOGs is steady to weak with lower trending offering prices reported. Offerings very light to moderate. Retail demand light to good, mostly light to moderate. Foodservice demand light to moderate. Floor stocks adequate. Weights mostly desirable. The market on white and dark items is steady with a steady to firm undertone. Demand light to good, mostly light to moderate. Offerings very light to light and held with confidence. Movement light to good, mostly light to moderate with activity best on featured items into retail channels.

Southern Region Whole broiler/fryer prices are weak. Supplies are moderate to heavy for current trade need. Demand is light to moderate for mid-week business. The market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, movement is moderate. Prices are trending firm to higher for wings. Dark meat items are trending steady to firm and breast items are steady. Supplies of wings are light with good movement. Breast items and dark meat items are light to moderate with thigh meat in the best position. The market activity is moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed, but noted as mostly desirable.

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set Down 7 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 194 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 20, 2011. This was down 7 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 85 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed Down 6 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 162 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 20, 2011. Placements were down 6 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2011 through August 20, 2011 were 5.59 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set and Broiler Chicks Placed
19 Selected State Total

Week Ending 08/20/11	2011	2010	Percent Change Previous Year
	(thousand)		
Eggs Set	193,728	207,381	-07
Chicks Placed	161,827	171,749	-06

Selected States: AL, AR, DE, FL, GA, KY, LA, MD, MS, NC, OK, PA, SC, TX, VA, CA, MO, TN, & WV
Source: USDA, NASS

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Weekly Fryers Available for Marketing Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 01-Oct-11 is estimated at 149.5 million head. This compares to 150.7 million head the previous week and to 162.2 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 168.6 million head and the composite weighted average price was 83.14 cents per pound.

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.

AUG 23 ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	AUG 24 ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S		TOO FEW TO REPORT			BREAST - B/S	355	123.00-175.00	-	128.86
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT			BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT			FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	461	47.50-50.00	-	48.37	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	231	49.00-50.00	-	49.87
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	584	50.00-52.00	-	51.73	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	562	50.00-52.00	-	51.15
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for F.O.B. Dock

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAYAVERAGE
54.75 – 57.00	55.57	55.50 – 57.50	56.69	55.90

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 - Prices are trending firm to higher for wings and thigh meat; steady to firm for thighs and drums and steady for the balance of items. Trucklot buying activity is moderate during midweek trading. Supplies of wings, thighs and thigh meat are light to moderate and clearing well; other items are sufficient for current needs. Movement is moderate.

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

AUG 23 ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS	AUG 24 ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	150	133.21	773,600	BREAST - B/S	150	136.19	603,560
TENDERLOINS	135	130.74	59,400	TENDERLOINS	135	133.11	137,120
BREAST - WITH RIBS	81-82	91.94	58,905	BREAST - WITH RIBS	81-82	92.84	42,915
BREAST - LINE RUN	81	83.54	72,806	BREAST - LINE RUN	81	83.79	75,360
LEGS	68-69	72.25	76,600	LEGS	68-69	70.54	257,200
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	48-49	52.85	319,920	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	48-49	53.50	138,840
DRUMSTICKS	59-60	70.81	82,760	DRUMSTICKS	59-60	72.43	60,680
THIGHS	71-72	76.22	75,920	THIGHS	71-72	77.71	59,320
B/S THIGHS	133-134	130.84	105,240	B/S THIGHS	134-135	129.77	81,800
WINGS (WHOLE)	91-92	98.11	231,680	WINGS (WHOLE)	92-93	99.83	172,560
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	13-15	15.00	17,992	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	13-15	15.00	17,720
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	48.06	12,870	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	47.21	10,560
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	65.16	25,100	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	63.37	18,440

Includes New York City Metropolitan Area, Northern NJ, MA, CT, RI, & 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

	ESTIMATED (1,000) 08/24	08/23	ACTUAL (1,000) 08/22	08/19	AVG WTS 08/22	08/19	ACTUAL (1,000) 08/17	AVG WTS 08/15
Alabama	3,870	3,828	3,691	3,860	5.81	5.28	3,821	5.53
Arkansas	4,916	4,897	4,876	4,156	5.54	5.07	4,824	5.58
Delmarva	2,057	2,063	1,786	2,003	6.52	6.34	2,085	6.47
KY-LA-TN	2,447	2,467	2,436	2,360	5.24	5.02	2,461	5.27
Mississippi	2,946	2,953	2,939	2,843	5.92	5.85	2,946	5.87
North Carolina	2,636	2,714	2,490	2,914	7.16	7.21	2,557	7.07
Texas	2,650	2,631	2,732	2,277	5.67	5.54	2,640	5.63
Total	21,522	21,553	20,950	20,413	5.90	5.69	21,334	5.84
Mon-Wed	64,194	(A)					63,780	(A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 24-Aug-11 is estimated to be 32,199,000 head up 0.58 percent from a week ago and down -0.39 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,014,000, last year 32,325,000)

PROCESSED POULTRY

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

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

Delivered to Restaurants and Institutions

		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	128-188
	ICE PACK	
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK	124
	ICE PACK	
DUCKS		235-279

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection for Week Ending 27-Aug-11

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	08/27/11 (1)	08/20/11
Class	---------- Thousand head ---------	
Broiler/fryer	159,436 (2)	159,310
Light hens	1,356	1,273
Heavy hens	1,868	1,510
Total	162,660	162,093

(1) ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 27-Aug-11 is 156.0 million head compared to 167.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 159.8 million head or 3.8 million more than estimated available. For the week of 03-Sep-11 the estimated available is 154.6 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers

(Including government stocks) (In thousands)

		PROCESSED TURKEYS LBS	PROCESSED POULTRY LBS
AM	08/22/11	171,479	50,649
AM	08/01/11	173,497	51,134
CHG		-2,018	-515
PCT CHG		-1%	-1%

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (In Thousands)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	08/22/11	08/15/11	08/23/10	08/22/11	08/15/11	08/23/10
PACIFIC COAST	1,060	1,079	1,585	2,369	2,495	3,760
LOS ANGELES	134	152	262	673	691	969

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES FOR 08/23/11

AI Papers Required To Sell All Out of State Poultry

	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.75	1.85	1.49	HEAVY FOWL ea.	2.00	6.50	3.45
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	5.00	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	2.00	5.00	3.11
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	2.00	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	1.50	4.25	2.38
ROOSTERS lb.	1.70	2.35	1.99	ROOSTERS ea.	6.00	9.00	6.77
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	15.00	-
DUCKS lb.	-	1.50	-	DUCKS ea.	2.00	7.50	3.31
RABBITS lb.	1.50	2.55	2.25	RABBITS ea.	-	3.00	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	3.00	5.50	4.09
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	5.00	12.00	9.61
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	6.50	8.50	8.00	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	2.50	3.50	3.03	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-	PEACOCKS ea.	-	-	-
PARTRIDGES ea.	-	-	-	COCKATEALS ea.	-	-	-
DOVES ea.	3.50	4.00	3.82	PHEASANTS ea.	-	-	-
QUAIL ea.	-	-	-	FERRETS ea.	-	-	-
CHINCHILAS ea.	-	-	-	MICE ea.	-	-	-
PEAFOWL ea.	-	-	-				

TOTAL COOPS 80

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending Aug 19, 2011

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	83.17	148.51	103.96	29.70	7.43	81.68
High	84.65	167.08	115.10	37.13	11.14	81.68
Mostly	83.91	163.37	111.39	33.42	7.43	81.68
SAN JUAN						
Low	81.68	148.51	100.25	25.99	7.43	81.68
High	83.91	163.37	111.39	33.42	11.14	81.68
Mostly	83.91	159.65	107.67	29.70	7.43	81.68
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	83.17	152.23	107.67	33.42	11.14	85.40
High	85.40	167.08	118.81	40.84	14.85	85.40
Mostly	83.91	163.37	115.10	37.13	11.14	85.40
BECERRA						
Low	83.91	155.94	111.39	37.13	11.14	85.40
High	86.51	170.79	122.52	44.55	14.85	85.40
Mostly	83.91	167.08	118.81	40.84	11.14	85.40

NATIONAL FOWL MARKET

Ready-to-Cook

Midwest Region Negotiated Prices to first Receivers

(cents/lb. delivered to first receivers; US Grade A and plant Grade)

	Price Range
Ice Packed (12/box):	80.0 - 86.0
Vacuum Packed (6-9/box):	85.0 - 90.0

Midwest region = IL, IN, MI, MO, OH, and WI

DELMARVA Less-than-trucklot asking prices are 1 cent lower at 77 to 86 cents, with a weak to lower trending undertone. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds is light for midweek trading. Offerings are moderate to heavy for current trade needs. Live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed, but reported as mostly desirable. Processing schedules are moderate. Market activity is slow. In the parts complex, supplies ranged light to moderate. Drums, wings, and thighs were noted in the best position.

*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	71-97
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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