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## **NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE**

Whole broiler/fryer prices are steady to barley steady in the Midwest, steady elsewhere. Final majority prices are 2 cents lower in the Midwest, unchanged in all other areas when compared to last week prices. Offerings are light to moderate for current trade needs. Retail and 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 mostly moderate following the weekend. Prices are steady to higher on wings, steady to weak for dark meat and steady for all remaining parts. Wings are in good supply and moving well. Dark meat items are mixed, ranging moderate to heavy with thigh meat slow to clear. Breast items and tenders are light to moderate with bone-in breast in the best position. Market activity is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed but noted as desirable.

broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers and FOB at major market areas (cents per lb) week of 07-Nov-2011 Grade A Composite Majority Wtd Loads Wtd Loads Avg <u>Avg</u> Delivered to First Receivers 1/: Boston/New England **TFEWR** 73.19 12 12 Ohio Cities **TFEWR** 72.04 **TFEWR** 86.82 11 Denver 68.41 22 Detroit **TFEWR** 71 Los Angeles 98.00 95.40 24: 82.69 65.00-68.00 70.21 43 New York 66.73 22: Philadelphia 64.50-66.00 65.05 11: 67.14 22 Pittsburgh 64.00-67.00 65.50 12: 75.16 53 16 St. Louis **TFEWR** 66.47 San Francisco 98.50 94.94 8: 84.24 Delivered to First Receivers 1/: Whole Body 2/: Composite Majority Wtd Loads Wtd Loads Avg Avg 61.00-66.00 62.73 40 Chicago Composite Weighted Average 3/: Loads 11/07/11 Change Last Wk 10/31/11 11/08/10 329 73 84 80.80 -.71 74.55 WOG broiler 4/: Maiority Wtd Ava Loads Eastern 72.00-74.00 72.40 28 64.81 70 Central 53.00-68.00 Western 72.00-78.00 74.37 40 FOB Dock Equivalent 5/: 81.76 81.00-85.00 25 Mississippi

1/: Includes branded product. 2/: Whole Body category includes whole body birds with or without giblets, all grades, brands, and packaging. 3/: Includes all whole birds shipped into listed cities including Chicago. 4/: Delivered first receiver, trucklot and less than trucklot volumes. 5/: Southeast area

#### **GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES**

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 89.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound

		MONDAY FINAL WID AVG
LOADS	RANGE	FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
963	66.00-98.77	87.80

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed FINAL weighted average price on ice-packed parts:

	WTD. AVG.	VOLUME
ITEM	(CENTS PER POUND)	(000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	181.50	1,747
BREASTS - B/S	143.50	7,550
BREASTS - WHOLE	79.50	1,459
THIGH MEAT - B/S	124.50	1,212
THIGHS	71.50	1,109
DRUMSTICKS	70.50	1,149
LEG QUARTERS	53.00	10,250
WINGS	119.00	3,681

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

FINAL BROILER FRYER prices negotiated for trucklot sales of RTC NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Prices are trending steady at best for most sizes. Trucklot buying activity on ready-tocook whole broiler/fryers is light to moderate as dealers assess market conditions entering the week. Offerings of all sizes are at least sufficient for current needs. Trade activity is slow to moderate. In the parts complex, supplies of wings are light and clearing well; breast items are light to moderate and dark meat cuts are at least sufficient for current needs.

> SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYER Whole broiler/fryer prices are steady. Supplies of all sizes are moderate with trading usually limited to regular commitments. Demand is moderate following the weekend. The market activity is moderate. In the parts structure, movement is mostly moderate for early week business. Prices are trending firm for wings. Dark meat items are steady to weak, breast items and tenders are steady to firm. Supplies for breast items and tenders are light to moderate, wings are light and dark meat items are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate. Weights are mixed, but mostly desirable.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The final majority price was unchanged from last Monday. Whole fryer and WOG prices mostly steady. Offers light to moderate. Demand light to moderate, best into retail for ads. Floor stocks light to moderate. Weights in a full range. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average is 72.82 cents, up .61 cents on 28 loads. Trading: boneless skinless breasts 108-121, tenderloins 126-134, bone-in breasts 75-108, legs 68-81, leg meat 105-118, leg quarters 50-61, 4-10 leg quarters 49-58, drums 51-72, thighs 57-80, thigh meat 105-130, wings 118-132 cents delivered.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS - Final majority prices were 2 cents lower into the Chicago market; Ohio cities, Detroit and St. Louis were TFEWR. Whole broiler fryer prices were barely steady; offers light to moderate for the light interest. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate at best. Floor stocks were light to moderate; weights mixed. Whole bird market activity was light to moderate. Supplies of breast cuts were light to moderate, wings tight and dark meat items mixed. Prices were mostly steady for dark meat items, firm for wings and steady on breast cuts. Market activity was light to moderate for all parts.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Less-than-trucklot asking prices remained unchanged at 68 to 77 cents with an about steady to steady trending undertone. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds is light to moderate entering the week as dealers assess current market conditions. Offerings are moderate for trade needs. Live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed, but noted as mostly desirable. Processing schedules are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts complex, wings are light and moving well. Dark meat items ranged moderate to heavy with thigh meat and drums in the longest position. The balance of parts are light to moderate. **BRANDED** 

**U.S. GRADE A RANGE** 62-85 WEIGHTED AVERAGE (A) NO. OF BOXES (A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Northeast Broiler/Fryer Parts Prices are trending firm to higher for wings; steady to firm for tenders and bone-in breast. Thighs and drums are steady to weak, with the balance of items generally steady. Trucklot buying activity was noted as moderate entering the week. Supplies of wings are light and clearing well; bone-in breast and tenders are light to moderate. Thigh meat and drums are moderate to heavy with light movement. Other items are sufficient for current needs with breast items noted in better balance than the previous week. Movement is slow to moderate.

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

	Curren	t Wtd	Volume
Item	<b>Negotiated Trading</b>	* Avg**	/lbs.
Breast - B/S	130-13	5 116.57	718,880
Tenderloins	125-13	0 124.23	108,600
Breast - With Ribs	74-7	5 89.61	71,218
Breast - Line Run	7-	4 77.19	70,455
Legs	68-69	9 68.99	139,880
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	48-49	9 53.09	347,025
Drumsticks	56-5	7 69.67	51,400
Thighs	70-7	1 80.22	57,360
B/S Thighs	125-12	6 130.85	46,240
Wings (Whole)	119-12	0 123.15	182,099
Backs And Necks (S	Stripped) 16-18	8 18.00	5,680
Livers (5 Pound Tub	s) 50-5	5 51.92	8,020
Gizzards (Hearts)	65-7	0 70.13	18,920
New York City Metrop	oolitan Area, northern N	NJ, MA, CT, RI	, &

PA (northeast of Harrisburg).

**Estimated Slaughter of Broiler/Fryers** 

Estimated Gladgitter of Bronein Tyers						
	Estimate	Actual	Avg	Actual	Avg	
	(1,000)	(1,000)	Wts	(1,000)	Wts	
	11/07	11/03	11/03	10/31	10/27	
Alabama	3,676	3,720	5.60	3,664	5.61	
Arkansas	4,794	4,805	5.47	4,559	5.70	
Delmarva	2,075	2,114	6.16	1,959	6.19	
Ky-LA-TN	2,189	2,389	5.14	2,400	5.17	
Mississipp	i 3,036	2,957	6.02	2,962	6.20	
North Card	olina 2,290	2,578	7.08	2,626	7.30	
Texas	2,463	2,468	5.91	2,405	5.93	
Total	20,523	21,031	5.85	20,575	5.96	
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(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 07-Nov 2011 is estimated to be 30,705,000 down 0.55 percent from a week ago, and down 5.7 percent from a year ago. (last week 30,875,000 last year 32,564,000)

<u>Southern States Broiler/Fryer Parts</u> 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.

	Pounds			Wtd
Item	(000)	Range	Maj	Avg
Breast - B/S	Too	Few to Report		
Tenderloins	Too	Few to Report		
Breast - Line Run	Too	Few to Report		
Front Halves	Too	Few to Report		
Legs	Too	Few to Report		
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	564	44.00-50.00	-	46.06
Leg Quarters (4/10)	842	45.00-52.00	-	49.53
Wings (Whole)	Too	Few to Report		
Wings (Cut)	Too	Few to Report		
Drumsticks	Too	Few to Report		
Thighs	Too	Few to Report		
B/S Thighs	Too	Few to Report		
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Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for November 07, 2011 -- f.o.b. dock

Range	Today's Average	5-Day Average
52.00 - 56.50	53.53	52.97

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commoditytype product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

#### Midwest Region Broiler/Fryer Parts

Ice-Packed Pool Trucklot and Trucklot Quantities
Delivered To: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, & WI
Week of 07-Nov-2011 to 11-Nov-2011, Cents per Pound

	Price per Lb.	Mostly		
Breast - B/S	105.00 - 128.00	109.00 - 119.00		
Tenderloins	117.00 - 140.00	123.00 - 131.00		
Breast - Line Run	65.00 - 100.00	75.00 - 81.00		
Legs	67.00 - 71.00	-		
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	43.00 - 56.00	47.00 - 52.00		
Leg Quarters (4/10)	49.00 - 59.00	52.00 - 56.00		
Drumsticks	52.00 - 67.00	-		
Thighs	61.00 - 79.00	-		
B/S Thighs	115.00 - 135.00	-		
Wings (Whole)	115.00 - 133.00	118.00 - 125.00		
Backs and Necks (Stripped)	17.00 - 40.00	-		
Livers	32.00 - 49.00	-		
Gizzards (Hearts)	40.00 - 59.00	-		

## California Processed Poultry – cents per pound

Southern (L.A. Area) Delivered to Restaurants and Institutions Range		San Francisco Delivered to Restaurants and In	Range	
WOGS 2# & Up - Whole WOGS 2# & Up - Cut Up 8 & 9 Pieces	101-119 105-120	Fresh Fryers	Dry Pack Ice Pack	113-185
Frozen Ducks Frozen Squabs		Roasters 4# & Up	Dry Pack Ice Pack	124
Delivered To Retailers Fresh Fryers Roasters 4# & Up Ducks Rabbits-Whole Rabbits-Cut Up	109-122 129-139	Ducks		279-285

<sup>\*</sup> Today's negotiated sales as of 11:30 a.m.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Weighted average price of all grades and brands of product shipped, or to be shipped as of 1:30 p.m.

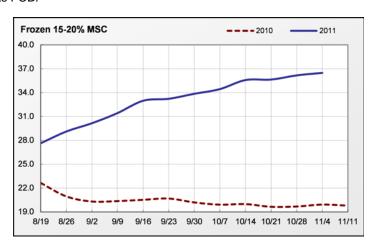
## **National Mechanically Separated Chicken**

(FOB Shipper Dock or equiv., negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand lb. quantities, cents/lb.; delivery within 2 weeks.)

Prices trended steady to instances firm on frozen 15-20% and generally steady on the balance of fat contents. Supplies of MSC were light to instances heavy with fresh 15-20% in the longest position. Schedules were normal. Domestic demand was light to moderate. Export demand was moderate to good as demand for frozen 15-20% remains strong from Asia, Central America, and the Caribbean. Contract negotiations for 2012 persist for most, though some contracts have been locked down at either higher levels or on a formula basis. Quite a bit of product remains to be finalized, however the disparity between buyers and sellers drags on regarding pricing structure and level. The direction of the marketplace remains a mystery as several factors hold too much unpredictable influence. Market activity was moderate to instances active. Supplies of raw materials were light. Frames traded between 13-16 cents FOB.

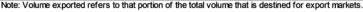
#### Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

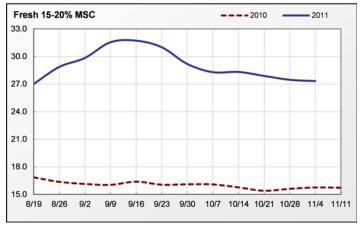
		Frozen		Fresh		
Fat Content	4-Nov-11	Last Week	Last Year	4-Nov-11	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range			-	32.00	30.00 - 31.00	18.00
Wtd Avg Price			-	32.00	30.67	18.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	61	122	61
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	34.00 - 39.00	34.00 - 40.00	15.00-22.00	22.50 - 32.00	21.00 - 32.00	13.00-18.00
Wtd Avg Price	36.47	36.16	19.92	27.33	27.47	15.76
Volume Traded	1,768	2,265	1,317	3,580	3,539	3,142
Volume Exported	1,328	2,105	1,037	857	816	857
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	-		18.00-20.00
Wtd Avg Price			-			19.33
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	-	122
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



# Monthly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

	Frozen			Fresh		
Fat Content	Oct 2011	Sep 2011	Oct 2010	Oct 2011	Sep 2011	Oct 2010
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	30.86	32.06	18.55
Volume Traded	-	-	-	592	839	775
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	35.47	32.48	19.86	28.01	30.69	15.79
Volume Traded	8,651	8,432	7,428	14,870	17,023	14,895
Volume Exported	7,811	7,872	6,668	3,182	4,406	3,305
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	-	-	18.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	-	204
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-





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### LIVE SPENT HEAVY FOWL

Prices are trending mostly steady when compared to a week earlier. Supplies are moderate for the light to moderate demand. Processing schedules are noted as normal. Retail feature activity is light to moderate. Finished product supplies are moderate and clearing satisfactorily. Market activity is moderate.

**Final prices at Farm Buyer Loading:** Price Range Prices in cents per pound. Price Range 8.5 – 19.3 13.31

(Southeast Region broiler breeder hens generally for processing, 7 lbs. and up; under 7 lbs. subject to discount.)

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