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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Whole broiler/fryer prices are one cent higher in the East and Midwest, but unchanged in the West when compared to early week's prices. Offerings of all sizes are light to moderate for trade needs. Demand is seasonally light to moderate, at times good into fast food channels. Floor stocks are in a full range. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate. Prices for wings are steady to firm and all other items are mostly holding steady. Supplies are available with wings in the tightest position. Market activity is light to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

Preliminary Report

Prices negotiated for truck lot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers FOB Dock and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 05-Dec-2011 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A MAJORITY	RANGE	AVG	WTD LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
New York	75.00-78.00			
Los Angeles	99.00			
Whole Body 2/ Chicago	70.00-74.00	65.00-82.00	72.99	31
FOB Dock Equivalent 3/:				
Mississippi	82.00-86.00	73.00-89.75	83.65	21

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 F.O.B. DOCK PRICES

The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 89.75 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG

LOADS	RANGE	WTD AVG (CENTS PER LB)	VOL (000 LBS)
704	85.46 - 99.00	89.28	

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

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER LB)	VOL (000 LBS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	188.00	999
BREASTS - B/S	146.50	4,577
BREASTS - WHOLE	83.00	947
THIGH MEAT - B/S	119.00	808
THIGHS	72.00	762
DRUMSTICKS	70.00	762
LEG QUARTERS	53.00	5,548
WINGS	137.00	2,257

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

MIDWEST BROILER/FRYER Preliminary majority prices were 1 cent higher into Chicago compared to last Monday's numbers. Whole bird prices were steady to fully steady. Additional offers were light to moderate with light to fair buyer interest. Demand into retail and food service outlets was light to moderate with fast food demand normal to good. Floor stocks were balanced to long. Weights were mixed. Whole bird market activity was light to moderate. Parts supplies were light to moderate with wings in the tightest position. Prices trended firm on wings while dark meat items and breast cuts were steady to fully steady. Parts market activity was light to moderate and wings continued to be in strong demand.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER Prices are trending steady for most sizes. Trucklot buying activity for ready-to-cook whole broiler fryers improved slightly but still noted as light to moderate overall. Offerings of all sizes are sufficient for current needs. Trade activity is seasonally slow to moderate. In the parts complex, offerings of wings are light to moderate and noted as marginally more available than the previous week. Other items are moderate for current needs.

SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYER Whole broiler/fryer prices are steady. Offerings of all sizes are available to satisfy trade needs. Demand entering the weekend is seasonally light. Market activity is light to moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate. Prices for wings are steady to firm with the remaining items steady. Supplies of wings are light to moderate, breast cuts and dark meat items are mostly moderate. Market activity is moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate. Weights are mixed, but mostly desirable.

WESTERN BROILER/FRYER The Los Angeles preliminary majority is 99 cents, unchanged from last week. The market on whole fryers is steady to firm, mostly steady with spot trading noted at higher trending prices. The market on WOGs is steady to mostly firm with prices trending higher for next week, however some unsettledness was reported on over 3 lb. WOGs in parts of the area based on new offers made today. Offerings light to instances moderate with over 3 lb. sized WOGs the most available. Retail demand mixed ranging light to good, mostly light to moderate. Foodservice demand light to moderate. Some parts of California are still reporting scattered power outages in response to this week's wind storm. Floor stocks moderate to longer than desired. Weights desirable. The market on wings is firm, breast items steady to instances firm with most prices unchanged for next week's shipments. The market on dark items is steady with some finding a strengthening undertone on legs, leg quarters and drums. Demand light to good, mostly light to moderate with a few finding export interest on white items. Offerings of wing very light to light with the balance of items light to moderate. Movement light to good, mostly light to moderate.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Less-than-trucklot asking prices remained unchanged at 78 to 84 cents with a steady trending undertone. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds is light to moderate entering the weekend. Offerings are sufficient for current trade needs. Live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed, but reported as mostly desirable. Processing schedules are moderate. Market activity is seasonally slow to moderate. In the parts complex, supplies are light to moderate.

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	70-93
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	11/28/11 - 12/02/11 (A)
	11/29/10 - 12/03/10 (A)
NO. OF BOXES	11/28/11 - 12/02/11 (A)
	11/29/10 - 12/03/10 (A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual 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.

December 01, 2011

Item	Pounds (000)	Range	Maj	Wtd 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)	611	43.00-50.00	-	46.03
Leg Quarters (4/10)	842	50.00-52.00	-	50.98
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		

 Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for December 01, 2011 -- f.o.b. dock.

Range	Today's Average
52.50 - 57.50	54.67

December 02, 2011

Item	Pounds (000)	Range	Maj	Wtd Avg	Pounds (000)	Range	Maj	Wtd Avg	Weekly Pounds (000)	Weekly Wtd Avg
Breast - B/S		Too Few to Report				Too Few to Report			1,416	124.05
Tenderloins		Too Few to Report				Too Few to Report			838	133.92
Breast - Line Run		Too Few to Report				Too Few to Report			145	71.66
Front Halves		Too Few to Report				Too Few to Report			251	62.72
Legs		Too Few to Report				Too Few to Report			TFEWR	
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	1,311	44.00-50.00	-	45.84	4,131	44.00-50.00	-	45.84	4,131	46.14
Leg Quarters (4/10)	817	49.00-52.00	-	51.06	3,433	49.00-52.00	-	51.06	3,433	51.07
Wings (Whole)		Too Few to Report				Too Few to Report			275	134.84
Wings (Cut)		Too Few to Report				Too Few to Report			179	141.30
Drumsticks		Too Few to Report				Too Few to Report			112	51.50
Thighs		Too Few to Report				Too Few to Report			TFEWR	
B/S Thighs		Too Few to Report				Too Few to Report			146	113.79

 Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for December 02, 2011 -- f.o.b. dock.

Range	Today's Average	5-Day Average
52.50 - 56.50	53.92	54.43

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 firm for wings and steady for the balance of items. Trucklot buying activity is light to moderate approaching the weekend. Offerings of wings are light and clearing satisfactorily; breast items and dark meat cuts are moderate for the lackluster demand. Movement is seasonally slow to moderate.

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

December 01, 2011

Item	Current Neg Trading*	Wtd Avg**	Vol /lbs.
Breast - B/S	140-145	125.69	661,560
Tenderloins	140-145	142.71	156,160
Breast - With Ribs	79-80	89.44	46,945
Breast - Line Run	79	81.77	68,623
Legs	68-69	66.49	118,160
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	48-49	51.24	224,040
Drumsticks	56-57	69.33	60,600
Thighs	70-71	77.36	39,400
B/S Thighs	124-125	128.23	80,720
Wings (Whole)	136-137	138.83	205,040
Backs and Necks (Stripped)	16-18	18.00	11,780
Livers (5 Pound Tubs)	50-55	55.00	8,400
Gizzards (Hearts)	70-75	74.91	23,640

Includes: New York City metropolitan area, northern NJ, MA, CT, RI, and 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.

December 02, 2011

Item	Current Neg Trading*	Wtd Avg**	Vol /lbs.	Weekly Wtd Avg	Weekly Vol/lbs.
Breast - B/S	140-145	125.84	663,240	125.42	3,350,480
Tenderloins	140-145	140.55	110,960	141.30	801,640
Breast - With Ribs	79-80	82.51	88,942	86.44	356,824
Breast - Line Run	79	79.39	82,120	80.56	404,483
Legs	68-69	68.07	118,760	66.40	683,120
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	48-49	52.88	190,960	51.94	1,005,040
Drumsticks	56-57	73.06	81,040	70.08	347,080
Thighs	70-71	80.28	69,840	78.14	223,640
B/S Thighs	124-125	123.93	110,000	126.34	415,320
Wings (Whole)	136-137	143.16	146,040	137.64	990,340
Backs and Necks (Stripped)	16-18	18.00	19,880	18.00	65,345
Livers (5 Pound Tubs)	50-55	51.05	12,510	52.80	59,330
Gizzards (Hearts)	70-75	72.92	14,840	74.36	97,570

Estimated Slaughter of Broiler-Fryers

	Estimated		Actual		Avg Wts		Actual		Avg Wts	
	(1,000)	12/01	(1,000)	11/29	11/30	11/29	(1,000)	11/25	11/23	11/23
Alabama	3,509	3,422	3,635	3,836	5.72	5.72	3,568	5.46		
Arkansas	3,807	4,523	4,570	4,600	5.66	5.73	2,054	5.55		
Delmarva	2,027	2,084	1,843	1,891	6.35	6.37	1,617	6.43		
KY-LA-TN	2,412	2,369	2,249	2,451	5.28	5.35	2,305	5.23		
Mississippi	2,479	2,893	2,847	2,637	6.09	6.25	2,149	5.67		
North Carolina	2,416	2,659	1,821	2,314	7.51	7.33	1,938	7.36		
Texas	2,105	2,416	2,266	2,383	6.06	5.91	2,250	5.88		
Total	18,755	20,366	19,231	20,112	5.98	6.02	15,881	5.85		
Mon-Fri	100,670	(A)					74,926	(A)		
Saturday	1,129	(included in total for date shown)					1,301			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 02-Dec-11 and 03-Dec-11 is estimated to be 28,060,000 head up 17.75 percent from a week ago and down 14.14 percent from a year ago. (Last week 23,831,000, last year 32,682,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 03-Dec-11 is estimated to be 148,148,000 head up 31.97 percent from a week ago, and down 9.82 percent from a year ago. (Last week 112,263,000, last year 164,288,000)

Actual data incorporated when available.

California Processed Poultry - cents per pound

Southern (Los Angeles area) - delivered to retailers		Range
Fresh Fryers		109-122
Roasters 4# & Up		129-139
Ducks		
Rabbits-Whole		
Rabbits-Cut Up		
San Francisco - delivered to restaurants & institutions		Range
Fresh Fryers	Dry Pack	113-185
	Ice Pack	
Roasters 4# & Up	Dry Pack	124
	Ice Pack	
Ducks		279-285

Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

W/E 26-Nov-2011 (Preliminary) (in thousands)

	(A) 4.25 lbs. & down	(B) 4.26 - 6.25 lbs.	(C) 6.26 - 7.75 lbs.	(D) 7.76 lbs. & up	Total
Head	28,261	46,840	19,283	18,295	112,679
Avg Live Wgt	3.70	5.54	6.79	8.43	5.76
% of total /1	25%	42%	17%	16%	100%
<i>Comparisons</i>					
Last week	37,012	61,512	25,731	23,008	147,263
Avg Live Wgt	3.74	5.38	6.76	8.35	5.67
% of total /1	25%	42%	17%	16%	100%
Year Ago 2/	28,609	54,737	26,921	18,963	129,230
Avg Live Wgt	3.86	5.39	6.65	8.42	5.76
% of total /1	22%	42%	21%	15%	100%
To date/2011*	1,689,313	3,158,781	1,418,982	1,106,853	7,373,929
To date/2010*	1,827,766	3,616,775	1,219,197	910,133	7,573,871

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

*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 Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

(Preliminary)

W/E 26-Nov-2011	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
-----Thousands-----					
Head	112,679	649	820	1,469	312
Avg Wt	5.76	3.39	7.75	5.82	6.90
Last week	147,263	1,339	1,507	2,846	442
Same wk yr ago	129,230	817	844	1,661	394
Avg Wt	5.76	3.21	8.04	5.66	6.38
To-date/2011*	7,373,929	62,867	72,024	134,891	20,177
To-date/2010*	7,573,871	64,150	66,299	130,449	19,849
% Change YTD	-3%	-2%	9%	3%	2%
<i>Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage</i>					
Current week	486,773	1,166	4,194	5,360	1,550
Last week	626,236	2,314	7,649	9,963	2,056
Same wk yr ago	554,552	1,390	4,513	5,903	1,810
To-date/2011*	31,526,888	107,738	372,392	480,130	98,377
To-date/2010*	31,607,130	110,167	350,849	461,016	97,882
% Change YTD	0%	-2%	6%	4%	1%

Dressing % 75.0% 53.0% 66.0% 72.0%

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 143.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 114.0 million head, or 29.2 million less than estimated available. (B) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.

*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

Estimated U.S. Fryer Slaughter/Fryer Availability Comparison

Week Ending	Million Head Slaughtered	Million Head Available*	Pct	Avg Wt
Oct 22	157.1	151.9	103%	5.81
29	154.5	151.9	102%	5.74
Nov 5	155.7	150.7	103%	5.68
12	153.1	147.3	104%	5.75
19	149.1	143.4	104%	5.67
26	114.0	143.2	80%	5.76
Year to date	7463.4	7403.3	101%	
Dec 3		143.6		
10		142.9		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

Broiler/Cattle/Hog Weekly Estimated Slaughter

Under Federal Inspection (in thousands)

W/E	12/03/11	11/26/11	%chg	12/04/10	%chg
Broilers	148,148	112,263 ¹	+31.97	164,288 ¹	-9.82
Cattle	666	565	+18	681 ²	-02
Hogs	2,361	2,067	+14	2,325 ²	+02

¹ Actual data incorporated when available.² Totals adjusted to reflect USDA, NASS revisions.**Eastern Region Misc. Poultry** Delivery Week of 28-Nov-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	216-220	221-227
Midwest	193-208	198-212

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

	Range	Mostly
Ice Packed (12 per box)	69.00-75.00	73.00-75.00
Vacuum Packed (6-9 per box)	72.00-77.00	74.00-75.00

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. Demand ranges moderate to mostly good. Supplies are moderate for current trade requirements. Market activity is moderate to active as seasonal movement increases. Processing schedules are full-time to over-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 28-Nov-11

Origin	Frozen	Fresh
Midwest and Others	192-210	194-210

Graystone Small Animal Auction Date of Auction: 11/29/11

All Papers Required to Sell All Out of State Poultry

Prices Paid per lb., Except as Noted

	Range
Banty Hens	1.00 - 1.25 ea.
White Pigeons	3.60 - 3.90 ea.
Broilers 5-6LBS	.90 - 1.05 lbs.
Bunnies	3.00 - 8.50 ea.
Canaries	- 26.00 ea.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9LBS	.45 - .50 lbs.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11LBS	.85 - .95 lbs.
Crossbred Roosters 4-6LBS	.90 - 1.10 lbs.
Geese 9-14LBS	1.50 - 1.60 lbs.
Goats	- 60.00 ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.15 - 1.20 lbs.
Guinea Pigs	.03 - 5.00 ea.
Kid Goats	40.00 - 45.00 ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.00 - 1.05 lbs.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.10 - 1.20 lbs.
Parakeets	5.00 - 10.00 ea.
Pekin Ducks	5.00 - 5.50 ea.
Pheasants	4.00 - 5.50 ea.
Pigeons	4.00 - 4.80 ea.
Pullets 4-6LBS	- 1.00 lbs.
Rabbits 6-9LBS	1.80 - 2.10 lbs.
Rabbits 4-6LBS	2.20 - 2.80 lbs.
Red Fowl 5-6LBS	.50 - .60 lbs.
Red Fowl 4-5LBS	.45 - .65 lbs.
Turkeys	- 35.00 ea.
Banty Roosters	3.00 - 4.00 ea.
Rats	2.00 - 5.00 ea.
Laying Pullets	2.75 - 3.25 ea.
Total Coops Sold	2052

NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS**LIVE HEAVY TYPE HENS**

Prices are trending no better than steady when compared to the previous week. Supplies are moderate to heavy for the seasonally light to moderate demand. Processing schedules returned to normal following the Thanksgiving Day holiday. Retail feature activity is moderate. Finished product supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate.

Final prices at Farm Buyer Loading:

Price Range	Wtd Avg
8.0 - 16.5	13.20

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

LIVE SPENT LIGHT FOWL

Prices are trending generally steady. Demand is seasonally light to moderate for the moderate to heavy offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules are normal following the Thanksgiving holiday. Market activity is slow to moderate. The majority price for removal costs remains unchanged at 0-7 cents per head.

(live hens are predominately egg-layers averaging about 3.5 lbs. live weight per bird.) Eastern region = AL, CT, DE, GA, KY, MA, MD, ME, MS, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, TN, VA, VT, AND WV; North Central = IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI; South Central = AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX.

WEEKLY NEW YORK CITY SEASONAL POULTRY

FOR DELIVERY THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 28, 2011.

CAPONS:

Prices are trending steady. Supplies of frozen USDA Grade A capons are in good balance with anticipated holiday needs. Processors are operating normal schedules. Bookings and buyer inquiries for December shipments are good. Trade activity was moderate to active.

DOLLARS PER POUND DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS:

6-9 LBS. 2.30-2.55 MOSTLY 2.35-2.45

GEESE:

Prices are trending steady. Supplies of frozen USDA Grade A geese are moderate for current needs and clearing satisfactorily. Processors are operating normal schedules. Bookings for the upcoming December period are noted as good. Trade activity is moderate to active.

DOLLARS PER POUND DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS:

8-16 LBS. 3.80-4.00 MOSTLY 3.90-4.00

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