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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Whole broiler/fryer prices are steady overall. Final majority prices are unchanged in all areas when compared to last week prices. Offerings cover the full range, mostly moderate. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate following the weekend. Floor stocks are balanced to instance long. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate as dealers assess market conditions entering the week. Prices for wings continue to trend firm to higher and steady to at least steady for the balance of items. Offerings are light for wings and commanding premiums. Breast items and most dark meat items are moderate. Market activity is seasonally slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

**FINAL BROILER FRYER** prices negotiated for trucklot sales of RTC broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers and FOB at major market areas (cents per lb) week of 12-Dec-2011

Grade A		Composite	
Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads	Wtd Avg
<b>Delivered to First Receivers 1/:</b>			
Boston/New England	TFEWR	:	78.83 13
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	:	78.34 14
Denver	TFEWR	:	91.00 10
Detroit	TFEWR	:	75.50 23
Los Angeles	99.00	95.52	25 : 86.36 66
New York	75.00-78.00	76.90	21 : 77.88 40
Philadelphia	74.50-76.00	75.23	13 : 75.69 24
Pittsburgh	74.00-77.00	76.09	11 : 81.22 53
St. Louis	TFEWR	:	73.09 19
San Francisco	99.50	96.00	8 : 90.95 22

Whole Body 2/:		Composite	
Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads	Wtd Avg
Chicago	70.00-74.00	:	73.35 37

Composite Weighted Average 3/:			
Loads	12/12/11	Change Last Wk	12/05/11
321	80.45	.86	79.59
			78.22

WOG broiler 4/:		Composite	
Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads	Wtd Avg
Eastern	79.00-81.00	80.26	29
Central	70.00-77.00	74.21	73
Western	81.00-87.00	81.29	45

FOB Dock Equivalent 5/:		Composite	
Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads	Wtd Avg
Mississippi	82.00-86.00	83.14	22

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 89.75 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
960	73.00-99.01	88.89

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

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	187.00	1,739
BREASTS - B/S	147.50	7,373
BREASTS - WHOLE	83.50	1,495
THIGH MEAT - B/S	120.00	1,212
THIGHS	71.50	1,109
DRUMSTICKS	72.00	1,149
LEG QUARTERS	53.00	9,830
WINGS	141.00	3,585

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

**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Prices are trending steady for most sizes. Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers is light to moderate as dealers assess market conditions entering the week. Offerings of all sizes are moderate for current needs. Trade activity is seasonally slow to moderate. In the parts complex, supplies of wings are light with good movement; breast items and dark meat cuts are sufficient for current needs with tenderloins noted in the better balance.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYER** Whole broiler/fryer prices are steady. Offerings of all sizes are moderate to satisfy trade needs. Demand following the weekend is seasonally light to moderate with trading usually limited to regular commitments. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate for early week trading. Prices for wings are firm to higher and moving well. Breast items and dark meat cuts are moderate. Supplies of wings are light and moving well. All other parts are mostly moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate. Weights are mixed, but mostly desirable.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Final majorities were unchanged from last Monday. Offerings light. Retail and food service demand light to moderate. Floor stocks light to moderate. Sizes adequate. Parts supplies light to moderate. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average is 79.48 cents, down 1.93 cents on 33 loads. Trading: boneless skinless breasts 120-133, tenders 137-152, bone-in breasts 83-108, legs 69-82, leg meat 110-117, leg quarters bulk 52-61, 4-10 leg quarters 54-65, drums 58-70, thighs 63-85, thigh meat 110-129, wings 137-151 cents delivered.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** - Final majority prices were unchanged into the Chicago market; Ohio cities, Detroit and St. Louis were TFEWR. Whole broiler fryer prices trended steady with offerings light to moderate. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate with fast food normal to good. Floor stocks were balanced to instances long. Sizes were in a full range. Whole bird market activity was light. Supplies of wings were tight with breast cuts and dark meat items light to moderate. Prices were firm on wings and steady on the balance of parts. Market activity for parts was light to moderate with most interest on wings.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Less-than-trucklot asking prices are unchanged at 78 to 84 cents with a steady trending undertone. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds is light to moderate as dealers assess current market conditions entering the week. Offerings ranged moderate to at times heavy. 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 of wings are light and noted in the best position. The balance of items are moderate.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	60-94
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 and steady to at least steady for the balance of items. Trucklot buying activity was noted as light to moderate as dealers assess market conditions entering the week. Offerings of wings are light and commanding premiums; breast items and most dark meat cuts are moderate for the light and unaggressive buyer interest. Movement is seasonally slow to moderate.

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

Item	Current Negotiated	Wtd Avg**	Volume /lbs.
Breast - B/S	140-145	124.91	640,680
Tenderloins	140-145	139.85	111,040
Breast - With Ribs	79-80	91.41	50,110
Breast - Line Run	79	81.98	65,971
Legs	68-69	67.61	120,480
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	48-49	51.01	189,760
Drumsticks	56-57	72.20	35,040
Thighs	70-71	79.75	52,760
B/S Thighs	124-125	128.05	34,640
Wings (Whole)	141-142	147.20	152,800
Backs And Necks (Stripped)	16-18	18.00	10,760
Livers (5 Pound Tubs)	50-55	51.11	11,010
Gizzards (Hearts)	70-75	75.08	15,000

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**

	Estimate (1,000)	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wts	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wts
	12/12	12/08	12/08	12/05	12/01
Alabama	3,794	3,802	5.62	3,591	5.40
Arkansas	4,575	4,564	5.51	4,590	5.79
Delmarva	2,080	2,074	6.05	2,058	6.26
KY-LA-TN	2,349	2,395	5.21	2,417	5.21
Mississippi	2,922	2,743	5.91	2,888	5.97
North Carolina	2,402	2,515	7.06	2,495	7.38
Texas	2,395	2,386	5.78	2,434	5.92
Total	20,517	20,479	5.83	20,473	5.92
Mon	20,517(A)			20,473(A)	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 12-Dec 2011 is estimated to be 30,696,000 down 0.08 percent from a week ago, and down 2.8 percent from a year ago. (last week 30,722,000 last year 31,578,000)

**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.

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)	1,140	44.00-50.00	-	45.99
Leg Quarters (4/10)	836	49.00-52.00	-	51.00
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 12, 2011 -- f.o.b. dock

Range	Today's Average	5-Day Average
52.00 - 56.00	53.66	53.77

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.

**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 12-Dec-2011 to 16-Dec-2011, Cents per Pound

	Price per Lb.	Mostly
Breast - B/S	114.00 - 132.00	117.00 - 127.00
Tenderloins	130.00 - 152.00	135.00 - 145.00
Breast - Line Run	74.00 - 100.00	79.00 - 85.00
Legs	65.00 - 71.00	-
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	43.00 - 56.00	49.00 - 52.00
Leg Quarters (4/10)	51.00 - 59.00	52.00 - 56.00
Drumsticks	54.00 - 69.00	-
Thighs	61.00 - 78.00	-
B/S Thighs	113.00 - 131.00	-
Wings (Whole)	134.00 - 146.00	139.00 - 144.00
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
WOGS 2# & Up - Whole	102-120
WOGS 2# & Up - Cut Up 8 & 9 Pieces	105-121
Frozen Ducks	
Frozen Squabs	

Delivered To Retailers

Fresh Fryers	109-122
Roasters 4# & Up	129-139
Ducks	
Rabbits-Whole	
Rabbits-Cut Up	

**San Francisco**

Delivered to Restaurants and Institutions

	Range
Fresh Fryers	113-185
Roasters 4# & Up	124
Ducks	217-285

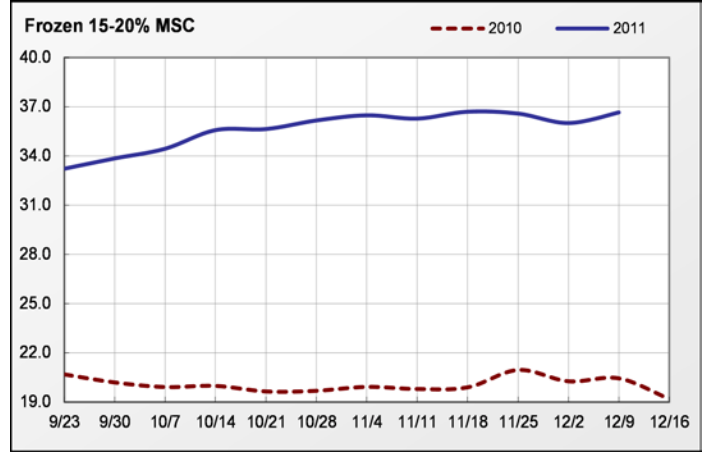
**National Mechanically Separated Chicken**

(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 of MSC trended steady to fully steady on all fat contents. MSC supplies were light to moderate. Schedules were normal. Domestic demand was light to instances good. Export demand was moderate to good with frozen 15-20% receiving best call. The spot marketplace was a bit stronger this week as buyers work to build inventories for the upcoming holidays and take advantage of cheaper contract pricing before the start of 2012. A few contract negotiations continue to wrap up, but most pricing for 2012 has been finalized on either a formula basis or at higher levels than those seen in 2011 and most preceding years. Market activity was light to active. Supplies of raw materials were light. Frames traded between 14-19 cents FOB.

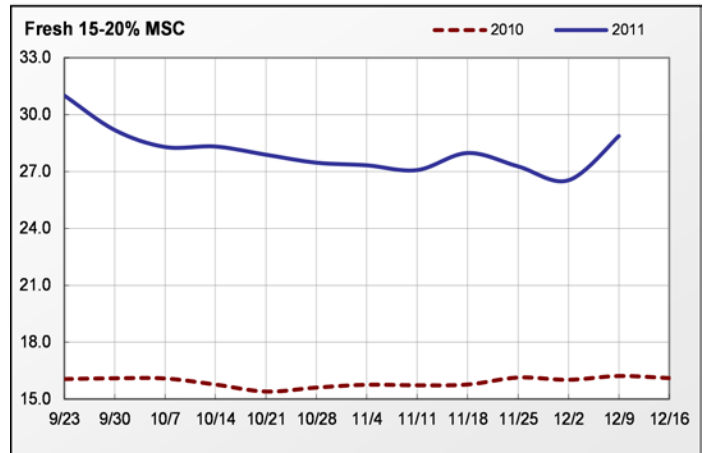
**Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)**

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	9-Dec-11	Last Week	Last Year	9-Dec-11	Last Week	Last Year
<b>15% or Less</b>						
Price Range			-	31.00 - 32.00	31.00 - 32.00	18.00-19.00
Wtd Avg Price			-	31.80	31.78	18.50
Volume Traded	-	-	-	204	184	163
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>15-20%</b>						
Price Range	33.00 - 41.00	34.00 - 40.00	15.00-26.00	25.00 - 33.00	22.00 - 32.00	13.00-20.50
Wtd Avg Price	36.65	36.00	20.44	28.87	26.54	16.22
Volume Traded	1,474	1,174	1,728	3,683	3,274	3,468
Volume Exported	1,314	934	1,448	1,225	571	530
<b>20% or More</b>						
Price Range	-	-	-	22.50	22.50 - 23.00	18.00-20.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.50	22.75	19.33
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	163	122
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	Nov 2011	Oct 2011	Nov 2010	Nov 2011	Oct 2011	Nov 2010
<b>15% or Less</b>						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	31.74	30.86	18.50
Volume Traded	-	-	-	469	592	530
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>15-20%</b>						
Wtd Avg Price	36.48	35.47	20.04	27.39	28.01	15.85
Volume Traded	6,588	8,651	5,595	13,433	14,870	12,556
Volume Exported	5,465	7,811	4,755	2,285	3,182	2,856
<b>20% or More</b>						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.55	-	19.38
Volume Traded	-	-	-	408	-	530
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



Note: Volume exported refers to that portion of the total volume that is destined for export markets.

**NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS**

**LIVE SPENT HEAVY FOWL**

Prices are trending steady at best when compared to the previous week. Supplies are moderate to heavy for the seasonally light to moderate demand. Processing schedules are normal to instances heavy. Retail feature activity is moderate to good. Finished product supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate.

**Final prices at Farm Buyer Loading:**      **Price Range**                      **Wtd Avg**  
 Prices in cents per pound.                      8.0 – 16.3                                      13.18

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

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