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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending firm to higher in the East, fully steady to firm in the Midwe



Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending firm to higher in the East, fully steady to firm in the Midwest, and firm in the West. Preliminary majority prices are up 1 cent in the West, 2 cents in the Midwest, and 3 cents in the East when compared to early week prices. Offerings are light and moving well. Retail and food service demand cover the full range, light to good, mostly moderate to good for current trade needs. Floor stocks are balanced to tight. Market activity is moderate to mostly active. In the parts structure, movement is moderate to good entering the weekend. Prices are trending firm to higher for whole breast, wings and tenders. All other parts are steady to firm with good movement. Offerings of bone-in breast, wings, and tenders are tight and moving satisfactorily. Dark meat items are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to active. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

Preliminary Repor

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 12-Mar-2012 (cents per lb)

<u>AREAS</u>	US GRADE A MAJORITY	RANGE	<u>AVG</u>	WTD LOADS
Delivered to First F	Receivers			
New York Los Angeles Whole Body 2/	94.00-97.00 102.00			
Chicago	92.00-96.00	82.00-99.25	92.62	30
FOB Dock Equivale	ent 3/:			
Mississippi	85.00-89.00	84.00-92.00	87.36	22

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

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS RANGE FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG

724 86.89-99.58 91.86

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on icepacked parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER LB)	VOL (000 LBS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	196.00	984
BREASTS - B/S	157.50	4,367
BREASTS - WHOLE	96.50	920
THIGH MEAT - B/S	130.50	810
THIGHS	72.00	735
DRUMSTICKS	70.50	729
LEG QUARTERS	54.50	5,313
WINGS	183.50	2,190

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

MIDWEST BROILER/FRYER Preliminary majority was 2 cents higher into Chicago and TFEWR elsewhere. Whole bird prices are fully steady to firm with offers light to moderate. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate, fast food interest is normal. Floor stocks are balanced to tight. Sizes are desirable to heavy. Whole bird market activity is light to moderate at best. Supplies of small wings are tight, jumbo wings balanced while boneless breast are light to moderate and dark meat items mixed. Prices trended firm on wings, fully steady on boneless breasts and bone in breast and steady to instances firm on leg items. Parts market activity is light to moderate.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER Prices are trending firm for most sizes. Trucklot buying activity for ready-to-cook whole broiler fryers is moderate to good entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes are light and clearing well with premiums noted. Trade activity is moderate to active. In the parts complex, offerings of wings and bone-in breast are in good balance to tight. Dark meat cuts are light to moderate and boneless skinless breast are sufficient for current needs.

<u>SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYER</u> Prices for whole broiler/fryer are trending firm to higher. Offerings of all sizes are light. Demand into all channels is moderate to good entering the weekend. Market activity is active. In the parts structure, movement is moderate to good for late week business. Prices continue to trend higher for whole breast, wings and tenders, steady to firm for all other parts. Offerings are light for most breast items, wings and tenders with good movement. Dark meat items are light to moderate and clearing well. Market activity is moderate to active. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mostly desirable weights.

<u>WESTERN BROILER/FRYER</u> The Los Angeles preliminary majority is 102 cents, 1 cent higher than last Monday's final. The market on whole fryers and WOGs is firm with prices for next week's shipments higher. Offerings very light to light and held with confidence with some buyers being shorted product. Retail demand light to moderate with some areas finding interest disappointing. Foodservice demand moderate to good, mostly moderate. Some are finding increased demand for conventions. Floor stocks mixed ranging from light to longer than desired, mostly moderate. Weights desirable. The market on white and dark items is steady to firm. Demand light to good, mostly moderate. Offerings of white and dark items very light to moderate. Movement light to good, mostly moderate.

<u>DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS</u> Less-than-trucklot asking prices are unchanged at 97 to 102 with a fully steady undertone. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds is moderate. Offerings of all sizes are sufficient to satisfy current trade needs. Live supplies are moderate; weights are mostly desirable. Processing schedules are moderate. Market activity is moderate. In the parts complex, supplies of wings and most breast items are tight and often trading at premium levels. Dark meat items are in good balance. Market activity is active.

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

	BRAN	IDED U.S.GRADE A
RANGE		83-112
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		(A)
NO. OF BOXES		(A)
CUMULATIVE	03/05/12 - 03/09/12	(A)
	03/07/11 - 03/11/11	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	03/05/12 - 03/09/12	(A)
	03/07/11 - 03/11/11	(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.

March 08, 2012					March 09, 2012				WEEKLY	WEEKLY
	POUNDS			WTD	POUNDS			WTD	POUNDS	WTD
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJ	AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJ	AVG	(000)	AVG
BREAST - B/S	TOO	FEW TO REPOR	RT		TOO F	EW TO REPORT			2,026	131.99
TENDERLOINS	TOO	FEW TO REPOR	RT		T00 F	EW TO REPORT			857	153.53
BREAST - LINE RU	N TOO	FEW TO REPOR	RT		T00 F	EW TO REPORT			265	90.00
FRONT HALVES	TOO	FEW TO REPO!	RT		T00 F	EW TO REPORT			220	73.32
LEGS	TOO	FEW TO REPOR	RT		T00 F	EW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
LEG QUARTERS (E	BULK) 591	47.00-51.00	-	48.84	640	47.00-51.00	-	48.76	3,063	48.76
LEG QUARTERS (4	1/10) 704	50.00-53.00	-	51.47	624	50.00-53.00	-	51.53	3,001	51.47
WINGS (WHOLE)	TOO	FEW TO REPOR	RT		T00 F	EW TO REPORT			126	153.41
WINGS (CUT)	TOO	FEW TO REPOR	RT		T00 F	EW TO REPORT			282	178.37
DRUMSTICKS	TOO	FEW TO REPO!	RT		T00 F	EW TO REPORT			81	52.00
THIGHS	TOO	FEW TO REPOI	RT		T00 F	EW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
B/S THIGHS	TOO	FEW TO REPO!	RT		T00 F	EW TO REPORT			105	118.71
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Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for March 08, 2012 -- f.o.b. dock.

 RANGE
 TODAY'S AVERAGE
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 5-DAY AVERAGE

 60.75 - 63.00
 61.80
 61.00 - 63.50
 62.05
 61.14

-- 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.

<u>NORTHEAST BROILER PARTS</u> Prices are trending firm to higher for bone-in breasts, tenders and wings; steady to firm for most dark meat cuts and steady for boneless skinless breasts. Trucklot buying activity is moderate to good entering the weekend. Offerings of tenders, wings and bone-in breasts are tight and moving well; dark meat cuts are light to moderate and clearing satisfactorily. Movement is moderate to active.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

March 08, 2012				March 09, 2012				
	CURRENT NEG	WTD	VOL	CURRENT NEG	WTD	VOL	WEEKLY	WEEKLY
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	/LBS.	TRADING*	AVG**	/LBS.	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS.
BREAST - B/S	155	132.09	812,440	155	134.01	620,206	131.78	3,342,736
TENDERLOINS	160-165	156.77	198,280	160-165	156.27	127,360	153.91	834,535
BREAST - WITH RIBS	95-96	119.77	20,400	96-97	121.01	26,240	111.74	180,674
BREAST - LINE RUN	95	97.83	46,180	96	96.66	58,703	96.18	332,231
LEGS	73-74	76.68	110,440	73-74	74.52	79,720	73.82	589,040
LEG QUARTERS (BULK	49-50	54.52	259,320	49-50	53.13	144,960	53.18	1,095,390
DRUMSTICKS	55-56	83.77	83,380	55-56	84.49	118,133	81.55	467,483
THIGHS	73-74	81.03	39,280	73-74	81.33	58,680	79.54	311,700
B/S THIGHS	133-134	133.38	101,600	133-134	131.82	98,200	131.65	442,002
WINGS (WHOLE)	182-183	180.20	263,600	184-185	184.76	169,080	176.28	1,045,088
BACKS AND NECKS (ST	TRIPPED) 16-18	15.00	10,000	16-18	14.00	10,000	14.86	47,790
LIVERS (5 POUND TUB	S) 50-55	52.86	14,270	50-55	53.95	1,540	52.64	47,700
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	73.77	23,960	70-75	74.21	23,120	74.13	110,000

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	SI AUGH	ITFR O	F BROII	FR-FRY	FRS			
	STIMATE		ACTUA			WTS	ACTUAL	AVG
	(1,000)		(1,000)			(1,000)	WTS
	03/09	03/08	03/07	03/06	03/07	03/06	03/02	02/29
Alabama	3,525	3,923	3,314	3,559	5.84	5.66	3,521	5.71
Arkansas	3,258	4,170	4,601	4,625	5.48	5.53	3,834	5.67
Delmarva	2,007	2,092	1,879	2,017	6.15	6.15	2,004	6.26
Ky-LA-TN	2,460	2,192	2,460	2,471	5.21	5.17	2,403	5.07
Mississippi	2,742	2,904	2,859	2,922	6.06	6.04	2,953	6.12
North Carolin	a 2,673	2,632	2,253	2,657	7.30	7.10	2,646	7.19
Texas	2,090	2,424	2,370	2,376	5.85	5.88	2,528	5.91
Total	18,755	20,337	19,736	20,627	5.91	5.88 1	9,889	5.96
Mon-Friday	100,059	(A)					100,553 (A	A)
Saturday	122	(include	d in total	for date	shown)	48	37
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(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 09-Mar-12 and 10-Mar-12 is estimated to be 28,060,000 head down 5.98 percent from a week ago and down 9.41 percent from a year ago. (Last week 31,229,000, last year 30,975,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 10-Mar-12 is estimated to be 149,699,000 head down 1.31 percent from a week ago, and down 5.15 percent from a year ago. (Last week 151,684,000, last year 157,830,000) Actual data incorporated when available. Actual data incorporated when available.

CALIFORNIA PROCESSED POULTRY (cents per pound)

SOUTHERN (LOS ANGELES AREA)

Range
FRESH FRYERS 108-123
ROASTERS 4# & UP 128-140
DUCKS

RABBITS-WHOLE

delivered to retailers

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	

217-285

DUCKS

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

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(Preliminary)		W/E 03-Ma	r-2012 -Thousands		
(i reminiary)	(A) 4.25 lbs. & down	(B) 4.26 - 6.25 lbs.	(C) 6.26 - 7.75 lbs.	(D) 7.76 lbs	s. Total
Head	35,282	64,654	27,921	23,827	151,684
Avg Live Wgt	3.81	5.44	6.74	8.50	5.78
% of total /1	23%	43%	18%	16%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	40,156	63,539	22,720	23,515	149,930
Avg Live Wgt	3.78	5.40	6.74	8.41	5.64
% of total /1	27%	42%	15%	16%	100%
Year Ago 2/	43,551	71,090	24,704	20,174	159,519
Avg Live Wgt	3.78	5.49	6.77	8.34	5.58
% of total /1	27%	45%	15%	13%	100%
To date/2012*	315,046	578,973	246,183	201,762	1,341,964
To date/2011*	338,860	650,823	234,492	212,733	1,436,908

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

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.

WEEKLY POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(Preliminary) Week ending 03-Mar-2012

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
		Thοι	ısands		
Head	151,684	1,346	1,451	2,797	474
Avg Wt	5.78	3.19	7.78	5.57	6.86
Last week	149,930	1,302	1,457	2,759	454
Same wk yr ago	159,519	1,567	1,510	3,077	465
Avg Wt	5.58	3.27	8.05	5.62	6.84
To-date/2012*	1,341,964	13,538	13,822	27,360	3,845
To-date/2011*	1,436,908	13,079	13,597	26,676	4,056
% Change YTD	-7%	4%	2%	3%	-5%
Ready-to-Cook Weig	ht and Dress	sing Percen	tage		
Current week	657,550	2,233	7,620	9,853	2,341
Last week	634,204	2,187	7,701	9,888	2,242
Same wk yr ago	663,136	2,716	8,083	10,799	2,290
To-date/2012*	5,753,207	22,498	71,451	93,949	18,494
To-date/2011*	6,088,006	22,092	71,069	93,161	20,066
% Change YTD	-5%	2%	1%	1%	-8%
Dressing %	75.0%	52.0%	67.5%		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 152.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 153.5 million head, or 1.0 million more than estimated available. (B) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.

EST. U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

	Week	Million Head	Million Head		Avg
E	nding	Slaughtered	Available*	Pct	Wt
Jan	28	154.1	153.3	101%	5.84
Feb	4	153.4	153.3	100%	5.79
	11	151.6	153.0	99%	5.81
	18	152.3	152.4	100%	5.70
	25	151.8	152.9	99%	5.64
Mar	3	153.5	152.5	101%	5.78
Year t	o date	1358.3	1367.2	99%	
Mar	10		151.4		
	17		151.2		

^{*}Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

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Under Fede	eral Inspection	(in thousands)			
W/E	03/10/12	03/03/12	%chg	03/12/11	%chg
Broilers	149,699	151,684 ¹	-1.31	157,830 ¹	-5.15
Cattle	631	621	+02	638 ²	-01
Hogs	2,132	2,150	-01	2,148 ²	-01
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¹ Actual data incorporated when available.

EASTERN REGION MISC. POULTRY

For delivery the week of MARCH 05, 2012

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	221-225	226-232
MIDWEST	195-210	200-214

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND

GRADE, DOLLARS PER 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 remain steady. Demand is light to moderate. Supplies are moderate for current requirements. Market activity is slow to moderate. Processing schedules are full-time. Prices paid, first receivers for 10-18 oz boneless breast at \$7.70-8.80, bone in legs at \$3.05-3.55, gizzards at \$1.20-1.75, 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 AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 05-MAR-2012

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	192-218	194-223

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY
DATE OF AUCTION: MARCH 05, 2012

PRICES PAID PER LB., EXCEPT AS NOTED			
	RANGE		
Banty Hens	3.00	-	3.25 ea.
White Pigeons	4.00	-	5.00 ea.
Broilers	1.15	-	1.20 ea.
Bunnies	4.00	-	11.00 ea.
Chicks	.30	-	1.30 ea.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9LBS	.70	-	.90 lbs.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11LBS	.80	-	.90 lbs.
Crossbred Roosters 4-6LBS	1.60	-	2.05 lbs.
Ducklings	1.00	-	1.50 ea.
Geese 9-14LBS	1.80	-	2.10 lbs.
Goats	60.00	-	80.00 ea.
Guinea Fowl		-	2.40 lbs.
Guinea Pigs	.75	-	3.50 ea.
Leghorn Hens		-	1.50 ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.40	-	1.70 lbs.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.60	-	1.75 lbs.
Pekin Ducks	9.00	-	12.75 ea.
Pheasants		-	26.00 ea.
Pigeons	3.00	-	3.40 ea.
Pullets 4-6LBS		-	1.15 lbs.
Quail	1.60	-	1.80 ea.
Rabbits 6-9LBS	2.30	-	2.40 lbs.
Rabbits 4-6LBS	2.90	-	3.05 lbs.
Red Fowl 5-6LBS	.80	-	1.00 lbs.
Red Fowl 4-5LBS	.70	-	.95 lbs.
Silkies	3.00	-	4.00 ea.
Turkeys	22.00	-	25.00 ea.
Banty Roosters	4.50	-	5.25 ea.
Fancy Pigeons	10.00	-	20.00 ea.
Goose Eggs	2.50	-	3.50 ea.
Peacocks	65.00	-	75.00 ea.
Hamsters	.90	-	1.10 ea.
Total Coops Sold 5017			

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website: http://www.ams.usda.gov/pymarketnews.htm email: PYMNDSM@ams.usda.gov

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

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² Totals adjusted to reflect USDA, NASS revisions.

NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS

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LIVE SPENT HEAVY FOWL

Prices continue to trend steady to firm when compared to the previous week. Supplies are sufficient for the light to mostly moderate demand. Processing schedules are normal. Retail features are light to moderate with the bulk of the activity in the Southeast Regions. Finished product supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate.

Final prices at Farm Buyer Loading: Price Range Wtd Avg 8.5 – 18.0 13.29

(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 mostly steady for the light to moderate demand. Offerings of light type hens are moderate. Processing schedules are normal. 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.

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