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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Whole bird prices are steady overall. Preliminary majority prices are unchanged in all areas when compared to early week prices. Offering all of sizes are light to instances moderately heavy, mostly light to moderate for current trade needs. Retail and food service demand is light to good, mostly light to moderate entering the weekend with quit a few receiving surprisingly better than expected interest. Floor stocks are mixed. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate for late week business. Prices are trending firm to higher for drums, thighs, tenders and thigh meat. Bone-in breast prices are trending steady to firm. Wings are weak to lower and slow to clear. All remaining parts are generally steady. Offerings are light for drums and thighs with good movement. Bone-in breast and tenders are in good supply and moving well. Wings and boneless skinless breast are moderate to heavy and slow to clear. Market activity for parts is moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate. Weights are desirable to heavy.

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 23-Apr-2012 (cents per lb)

<u>AREAS</u>	US GRADE A MAJORITY	RANGE	<u>AVG</u>	WTD LOADS
Delivered to First R	eceivers			
New York Los Angeles Whole Body 2/ Chicago	82.00-85.00 102.00 73.00-79.00	68.00-91.00	75.38	34
FOB Dock Equivale		00.00 000	. 0.00	0.
Mississippi	80.00-84.00	70.00-88.00	80.50	20

^{1/:} Includes branded product.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES

The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 93.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

		PRELIMINA	RY FOB DOCK OR
		EQI	JIVALENT
LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PR	ELIM. WTD. AVG
720	86.96-96.74	-	92.63
Georgia f.o.b.	dock confirmed p	reliminary weighted avera	ge price on ice-
packed parts:			
ITEM		WTD AVG	VOL
		(CENTS PER LB)	(000 LBS)

	WIDAVG	VOL
	(CENTS PER LB)	(000 LBS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	208.50	984
BREASTS - B/S	160.00	4,367
BREASTS - WHOLE	100.50	920
THIGH MEAT - B/S	131.50	808
THIGHS	73.00	735
DRUMSTICKS	72.00	727
LEG QUARTERS	54.00	5,245
WINGS	187.50	2,188

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

MIDWEST BROILER/FRYER Preliminary majority prices into Chicago were unchanged to lower for next week. Whole bird prices are steady with offers light. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate at best. Fast food demand is normal to good with best movement on eight piece cut-ups going into the weekend. Floor stocks are mixed. Weights are desirable to heavy. Whole bird market activity is light. Parts supplies are light to moderate with bone-in breasts, tenders, drums, thighs, and thigh meat in the tightest position. Prices trended firm to higher on bone-in breasts, tenders, drums, thighs, and thigh meat; wings steady to lower; and the balance of parts steady. Parts market activity is light.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER Prices are trending no better than steady for most sizes. Trucklot buying activity for ready-to-cook whole broiler fryers is light to moderate entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes are fully sufficient for current needs. Trade activity is slow to moderate. In the parts complex, offerings of drums, thighs and thigh meat are light and moving well; other dark meat cuts are light to moderate, boneless skinless breast are moderate to heavy and wings are available and slow to clear.

SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYER Prices for whole broiler/fryers are steady at best. Offerings are moderate to instances heavy for current trade needs. Demand into all channels is light to moderate entering the weekend. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, movement is moderate for late week business. Prices are trending firm to higher for tenders, thigh meat, drums and thighs. Wings and boneless skinless breast are weak and slow to clear. Whole breast prices are trending steady to firm and the balance of parts are steady. Offerings of drums and thigh meat are light, bone-in breast and tenders are light to moderate with good movement. All remaining parts are moderate to heavy. Market activity is moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN BROILER/FRYER The Los Angeles preliminary majority is 102 cents, unchanged from last Monday's final. The market on whole broilers is steady. The WOG market is steady on under 3 lb. sizes and steady to weak on over 3 lb. weights with prices unchanged to lower for next week. Offerings of under 3 lb. sizes light to moderate and over 3 lb. sizes moderate to heavy. Retail demand light to good, mostly moderate. Foodservice demand moderate to good, mostly moderate. Some areas are finding better than anticipated demand for the weekend into both retail and foodservice channels. Floor stocks light to moderate. Weights desirable. The market on boneless skinless breasts is steady to weak with prices unchanged to lower, bone-in breasts and tenderloins steady to firm with prices unchanged to higher, wings steady with a steady to weak undertone for next week's shipments. The market on legs and leg meat is mostly steady with the balance of dark items steady to firm with prices unchanged to higher for next week's deliveries. Demand light to good, mostly moderate. Offerings moderate to heavy on jumbo boneless skinless breast and medium sized product light to moderate, jumbo legs and leg meat moderate, balance light to moderate. Movement light to good, mostly moderate.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Less-than-trucklot asking prices are unchanged at 85 to 90 cents with a steady trending undertone. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds is light to moderate entering the week. Offerings of all sizes are mostly moderate for current trade needs. Live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed, but reported as desirable. Processor schedules are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts complex, wings are moderate to heavy. The balance of supplies ranged 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

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RANGE		68-100
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		(A)
NO. OF BOXES		(A)
CUMULATIVE	04/16/12-04/20/12	(A)
	04/18/11-04/22/11	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	04/16/12-04/20/12	(A)
	04/18/11-04/22/11	(A)
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(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

^{2/:} Whole Body category includes whole body birds with or without giblets, all grades, brands, and packaging.

^{3/:} Southeast area

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.

WEEKLY **WEEKLY** April 19, 2012 April 20, 2012 **POUNDS WTD POUNDS** WTD **POUNDS** WTD (000)ITEM **RANGE** MAJ **AVG** (000)RANGE MAJ **AVG** (000)**AVG** BREAST - B/S TOO FEW TO REPORT TOO FEW TO REPORT 126.31 1,529 TOO FEW TO REPORT TOO FEW TO REPORT 515 167.45 **TENDERLOINS BREAST - LINE RUN** TOO FEW TO REPORT TOO FEW TO REPORT 162 84.44 TOO FEW TO REPORT TOO FEW TO REPORT FRONT HALVES 270 78.17 **LEGS** TOO FEW TO REPORT TOO FEW TO REPORT **TFEWR** LEG QUARTERS (BULK) 265 48.00-51.00 49.66 355 48.00-51.00 49.24 1,665 49.29 LEG QUARTERS (4/10) 387 50.00-53.00 51.32 387 50.00-53.00 51.00 2,155 51.25 WINGS (WHOLE) TOO FEW TO REPORT TOO FEW TO REPORT 100 151.72 TOO FEW TO REPORT TOO FEW TO REPORT WINGS (CUT) 95 173.74 **DRUMSTICKS** TOO FEW TO REPORT TOO FEW TO REPORT 111 57.35 TOO FEW TO REPORT **THIGHS** TOO FEW TO REPORT **TFEWR** TOO FEW TO REPORT TOO FEW TO REPORT **B/S THIGHS** 119.67 105 Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for April 20, 2012 -

Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for April 19, 2012 -f.o.b. dock.

RANGE TODAY'S AVERAGE RANGE TODAY'S AVERAGE 5-DAY AVERAGE 63.50 - 65.50 64.67 64.00 - 66.50 64.90 63.67 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.

- f.o.b. dock.

NORTHEAST BROILER PARTS Prices are trending firm to higher for drums, thighs and thigh meat; steady to firm for bone-in breast and

tenders. Wings are weak to lower and other items are generally steady. Trucklot buying activity is moderate entering the weekend. Offerings of drums and thighs are light and clearing well; bone-in breast and tenders are light to moderate and wings are moderate to mostly heavy and slow to clear. Movement is moderate. ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

April 19, 2012 April 20, 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 150-155 135.30 819,600 150-155 137.01 670,560 136.35 3,655,600 **TENDERLOINS** 175-180 175.49 195,200 175-180 174.28 151,880 174.07 893,880 98-99 **BREAST - WITH RIBS** 109.41 47,388 98-99 111.10 41,145 108.99 282,206 98.67 98.53 111,638 98.37 469,372 **BREAST - LINE RUN** 98 111,129 98 73-74 79.17 73-74 73.48 134,520 38,587 73.96 592,427 LEGS 195,640 LEG QUARTERS (BULK) 49-50 53.30 53.09 53.22 1,095,760 268,160 49-50 67.94 107.160 67.38 158,720 68.09 DRUMSTICKS 62-63 63-64 503,200 **THIGHS** 76-77 77.45 45.560 76-77 83.96 60.520 81.43 318.080 **B/S THIGHS** 137-138 136.29 96,480 138-139 134.84 100,520 135.60 431,120 WINGS (WHOLE) 185-186 178.16 292,440 183-184 181.61 171,480 178.68 1,153,720 BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED) 16-18 18.00 30,613 7,890 16-18 18.00 5,796 18.00 LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS) 50-55 54.15 7,140 50-55 50.31 10,240 52.28 41,850 GIZZARDS (HEARTS) 70-75 75.00 18.160 70-75 74.58 19,360 74.19 99,840 INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, RI, AND PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

ESTIMATED SI ALIGHTER OF BROIL FR-FRYERS

^{**} WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED	SLAUGI	TIER U	F BRUIL	EK-FKI	<u>ero</u>			
E	STIMATE	D	ACTUA	L	AVG	WTS	ACTUAL	AVG
	(1,000)		(1,000)			(1,000)	WTS
	04/20	04/19	04/18	04/17	04/18	04/17	04/13	04/11
Alabama	3,990	3,924	3,562	3,772	5.75	5.66	4,375	5.59
Arkansas	3,268	4,593	4,723	4,724	5.52	5.51	3,555	5.38
Delmarva	2,020	2,047	2,054	2,064	6.15	6.21	1,996	6.36
Ky-LA-TN	2,400	2,225	2,419	2,483	5.31	5.27	2,498	5.26
Mississippi	2,784	2,822	2,855	2,827	6.10	6.18	2,867	6.14
North Carolin	a 2,481	2,692	2,515	2,688	7.27	7.24	2,756	7.36
Texas	2,329	2,351	2,306	2,214	6.00	6.04	2,546	5.94
Total	19,272	20,654	20,434	20,772	5.95	5.95	20,593	5.91
Mon-Friday	103,103	(A)					101,195 (١)
Saturday	461	(include	d in total	for date	shown)		1,283	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 20-Apr-12 and 21-Apr-12 is estimated to be 28,833,000 head down 6.70 percent from a week ago and down 10.36 percent from a year ago. (Last week 31,258,000, last year 32,167,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 21-Apr-12 is estimated to be 154,254,000 head up 0.78 percent from a week ago, and down 3.79 percent from a year ago. (Last week 153,060,000, last year 160,335,000) Actual data incorporated when available.

CALIFORNIA PROCESSED POULTRY (cents per pound)

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

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

RABBITS-WHOLE RABBITS-CUT UP

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS IN SAN FRANCISCO

		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	118-175
	ICE PACK	
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK	124
	ICE PACK	
DUCKS		217-285

^{*}TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(Preliminary)		W/E 14-Apr			
(1.10	(A) 4.25 lbs. & down	(B) 4.26 - 6.25 lbs.	(C) 6.26 - 7.75 lbs.	(D) 7.76 lb & up	os. Total
Head	35,181	65,332	32,611	19,936	153,060
Avg Live Wgt	3.85	5.47	6.85	8.55	5.79
% of total /1	23%	43%	21%	13%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	38,891	64,257	23,984	20,628	147,760
Avg Live Wgt	3.83	5.40	6.83	8.50	5.65
% of total /1	26%	44%	16%	14%	100%
Year Ago 2/	29,615	77,918	29,150	23,652	160,335
Avg Live Wgt	3.83	5.38	6.76	8.29	5.77
% of total /1	18%	49%	18%	15%	100%
To date/2012*	536,867	967,573	405,547	336,434	2,246,421
To date/2011*	568,390	1,078,406	396,775	351,822	2,395,393

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 14-Apr-2012

	Young	Light	Heavy	Total		
	Chickens	Hens	Hens	Hens	Ducks	
		Tho	usands			
Head	153,060	1,828	1,402	3,230	404	
Avg Wt	5.79	3.19	7.91	5.24	6.93	
Last week	147,760	1,722	1,271	2,993	443	
Same wk yr ago	160,335	1,321	1,337	2,658	421	
Avg Wt	5.77	3.15	8.09	5.63	6.36	
To-date/2012*	2,246,421	24,012	21,977	45,989	6,349	
To-date/2011*	2,395,393	21,464	22,100	43,564	6,729	
% Change YTD	-6%	12%	-1%	6%	-6%	
Ready-to-Cook We	eight and Dress	ing Percen	ıtage			
Current week	669,094	3,061	7,597	10,658	2,030	
Last week	630,307	3,038	7,070	10,108	2,171	
Same wk yr ago	689,224	2,247	7,031	9,278	1,928	
To-date/2012*	9,662,508	40,263	115,467	155,730	30,765	
To-date/2011*	10,152,604	36,328	116,279	152,607	33,120	
% Change YTD	-5%	11%	-1%	2%	-7%	
Dressing %	75.5%	52.5%	68.5%		72.5%	

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 152.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 154.9 million head, or 2.0 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
Mar	10	152.1	151.4	100%	5.79
	17	154.9	151.2	102%	5.74
	24	152.4	151.9	100%	5.73
	31	151.6	152.2	100%	5.80
Apr	7	149.6	151.9	98%	5.65
-	14	154.9	152.9	101%	5.79
Year t	o date		2273.8	2278.7	100%
Apr	21		153.4		
	28		153.3		

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

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Fede	eral Inspection	(in thousands)			
W/E	04/21/12	04/14/12	%chg	04/23/11	%chg
Broilers	154,254	153,060 ¹	+0.78	160,335 ¹	-3.79
Cattle	598	582	+03	645 ²	-07
Hogs	2,084	2,044	+02	2,028 ²	+03
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² Totals adju	sted to reflect U	SDA, NASS revis	ions.		

Poultry Market News & Analysis

For delivery the week of APRIL 16, 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

RANGE MOSTI Y ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX) 74.00-85.25 80.00-84.00 VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX) 78.00-91.00 82.00-87.00 SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT

GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES 11 oz. 74.88-99.79 13 oz. 82.80-114.54

15 07. 90.00-120.34 EASTERN REGION: CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC,

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS

VA, VT, WV

Prices remain steady. Demand ranges light to moderate. Supplies are moderate for current trade requirements. Market activity is seasonal and continues 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 16-APR-2012

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

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY* DATE OF AUCTION: APRIL 17, 2012

PRICES PAID PER LB., EXCEPT AS NOTED

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Banty Hens		-	4.00 ea.
White Pigeons	6.00	-	7.00 ea.
Broilers	1.15	-	1.30 ea.
Bunnies	5.00	-	10.00 ea.
Chicks	.30	-	1.10 ea.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9LBS	.90	-	1.05 lbs.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11LBS	.80	-	.90 lbs.
Crossbred Roosters 4-6LBS	1.15	-	1.30 lbs.
Doves	6.00	-	8.00 ea.
Ducklings	1.70	-	2.00 ea.
Goats		-	90.00 ea.
Guinea Fowl	2.20	-	2.50 lbs.
Guinea Pigs	.25	-	1.00 ea.
Kid Goats	40.00	-	60.00 ea.
Love Birds		-	40.00 ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	2.60	-	3.00 lbs.
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	2.00	-	2.20 lbs.
Parakeets	7.00	-	10.00 ea.
Pekin Ducks	8.00	-	10.00 ea.
Pheasants	10.00	-	30.00 ea.
Pigeons	5.20	-	8.00 ea.
Pullets 4-6LBS		-	1.15 lbs.
Rabbits 6-9LBS	2.30	-	2.60 lbs.
Rabbits 4-6LBS	2.80	-	3.10 lbs.
Red Fowl 5-6LBS	.80	-	.90 lbs.
Red Fowl 4-5LBS	.65	-	.70 lbs.
Silkies	5.50	-	8.00 ea.
Turkeys	25.00	-	26.00 ea.
Banty Roosters	5.50	-	6.00 ea.
Goslings	8.00	-	15.00 ea.
Parrots		-	560.00 ea.
Peacock	47.00	-	55.00 ea.
Laying Pullets	7.00	-	9.00 ea.
Goose Eggs	2.00	-	2.60 ea.
Total Coops Sold 5016			

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

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EASTERN REGION MISC. POULTRY

NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS

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LIVE SPENT HEAVY FOWL

Prices are trending steady to instances firm. Supplies are sufficient for the mostly moderate demand. Processing schedules are noted as normal. Retail feature activity is moderate with the bulk of interest being in the Southeast Regions. Finished product supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is moderate.

Final prices at Farm Buyer Loading: Price Range Wtd Avg 8.5 – 19.5 13.43

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

LIVE SPENT LIGHT FOWL

Prices continue to trend no better than steady for the light to moderate demand. Offerings of light type hens are sufficient for current needs. Processing schedules are normal. Market activity is slow to moderate. The majority price for removal costs continues 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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