



Movement is moderate to good. Demand is moderate. In the parts complex, offerings of tenders and breast cuts are light and clearing well; dark meat items are light to moderate. Wings are moderate to heavy for current needs. Weights were mixed but noted as mostly desirable.

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

**Classified by Weight - Week Ending Apr 28, 2012**

|                  | <b>4.25 lbs. &amp; down</b> | <b>4.26 - 6.25 lbs</b> | <b>6.26 - 7.75 lbs</b> | <b>7.76 lbs &amp; up</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| Head (1,000's)   | 34,958                      | 63,246                 | 26,435                 | 28,153                   | 152,792      |
| Avg. Live Weight | 3.85                        | 5.39                   | 6.77                   | 8.50                     | 5.85         |
| % of Total       | 23%                         | 41%                    | 17%                    | 19%                      | 100%         |

**FAST FOOD AND FOOD SERVICE SIZES**

| <b>live weight</b> | <b>RTC wog weight</b> | <b>head (000)</b> | <b>% of Total Slaughter</b> |
|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| 3.60 lbs & lighter | Under 2.5 lbs.        | 5,084             | 3.33%                       |
| 3.61 - 3.80 lbs.   | 2.5 - 2.63 lbs.       | 6,371             | 4.17%                       |
| 3.81 - 4.00 lbs.   | 2.63 - 2.75 lbs.      | 11,154            | 7.30%                       |
| 4.01 - 4.25 lbs.   | 2.75 - 2.9 lbs.       | 12,349            | 8.08%                       |
|                    |                       | 34,958            | 22.88%                      |

**Broiler Egg Set Chicks Placed In 19 States Compared With U.S. Broiler Slaughter**

| Slaughter Week | Egg Sets (000) | Chicks Placed |                | Eggs Set 10 Weeks Previous |                | Chicks Placed 7 Weeks Previous |                | Preliminary Federal Inspection |                |     |
|----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|----------------|-----|
|                |                | (000)         | % <sup>1</sup> | (000)                      | % <sup>1</sup> | (000)                          | % <sup>1</sup> | (000)                          | % <sup>2</sup> |     |
| Mar 17         | <b>196,927</b> | <b>94</b>     | <b>162,802</b> | 95                         | 193,220        | 94                             | 160,698        | 95                             | 153,056        | 102 |
| Mar 24         | <b>196,955</b> | <b>94</b>     | <b>164,509</b> | 95                         | 193,079        | 94                             | 160,767        | 96                             | 150,600        | 98  |
| Mar 31         | <b>197,817</b> | <b>95</b>     | <b>164,845</b> | 95                         | 193,909        | 95                             | 161,948        | 96                             | 149,755        | 99  |
| Apr 07         | <b>199,183</b> | <b>96</b>     | <b>165,329</b> | 96                         | 193,924        | 95                             | 161,282        | 96                             | 147,760        | 99  |
| Apr 14         | <b>199,073</b> | <b>95</b>     | <b>164,225</b> | 95                         | 193,162        | 94                             | 160,547        | 95                             | 153,060        | 104 |
| Apr 21         | <b>200,084</b> | <b>96</b>     | <b>166,522</b> | 97                         | 195,981        | 96                             | 163,347        | 97                             | 154,825        | 101 |
| Apr 28         | <b>196,906</b> | <b>95</b>     | <b>1,670</b>   | 97                         | 194,663        | 94                             | 162,714        | 96                             | 152,792        | 99  |

NOTE: Data in bold subject to revision; 1/ Percent of previous year; 2/ Percent change from previous week

**Whole Broiler/Fryers (cents/lb) Week of May 07, 2012**

|  | <b>Majority</b> | <b>Current Week</b> | <b>Previous Week</b> | <b>Previous Year</b> |
|--|-----------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Grade A, ice-packed:</b>                        |                 |                     |                      |                      |
| New York:  | 82-85           | 83.77               | 82.60                | 80.86                |
| Los Angeles:                                       | 103             | 102.32              | 101.78               | 94.96                |
| <b>Whole Body: /3</b>                              |                 |                     |                      |                      |
| Chicago:   | 76-81           | 80.45               | 75.69                | 76.17                |
| <b>Weekly Composite:</b>                           |                 | 86.87               | 85.11                | 84.58                |
| <b>Southern States Index:</b>                      |                 | 64.87               | 64.67                | 58.54                |
| <b>Georgia Dock (FOB, wtd avg)(Wed Dock 93.50)</b> |                 | 92.45               | 92.22                | 85.82                |

Note: 3/ Chicago contains whole body, with or without giblets, all grades, brands, and packaging.

**Broiler/Fryer Parts (cents/lb.)**

| Weekly Weighted Average Price | <b>Northeast (delivered) 5/4/2012</b> | <b>Sthrn States (FOB) 5/4/2012</b> | <b>Georgia (FOB) 5/7/2012</b> |            |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| Bnls/Sknls Breast             | 136.58                                | 132.78                             | 164.50                        |            |
| Tenderloins                   | 179.43                                | 172.79                             | 212.00                        | (line-run) |
| Breast - Line Run             | 99.21                                 | TFEWR                              | 103.00                        | (whole)    |
| Leg Quarters                  | 53.14                                 | 49.47                              | 54.50                         |            |
| Wings                         | 172.21                                | 177.62                             | 180.50                        |            |