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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Whole broiler/fryer prices are steady in all areas. Preliminary majority prices are unchanged overall. Offerings are light to moderate for current trade needs. Retail and food service demand is light to good, mostly moderate. In the West some are pondering the ramifications of the recent start of cooler more seasonal weather if there might be better than anticipated fill-in demand following the weekend. Floor stocks are mixed. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, movement is mostly light entering the weekend. Prices are steady for wings and tenders, steady to lower, mostly weak for breast items and dark meat cuts. Offerings are light to moderate for wings and breast items, moderate to heavy for dark meat items. Whole breast, thighs and drums are available and slow to clear. Market activity for parts is mostly slow. In production areas, live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed at 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 08-Oct-2012 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A MAJORITY	RANGE	<u>AVG</u>	WTD LOADS
Delivered to First F	Receivers			
New York Los Angeles Whole Body 2/	80.00-83.00 105.00			
Chicago	66.00-78.00	64.00-96.00	76.15	29
FOB Dock Equival	ent 3/:			
Mississippi	82.00-86.00	74.00-89.00	83.32	19

- 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

Please Note: There will not be another market report until Tuesday the 9th of October due to the Columbus Day Holiday. The Monday Final and parts will be reported at that time.

The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 95.75 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR

		EQUIVALENT
LOADS	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD. AVG
802	89 50 - 100 06	95.52

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

ITEM	WTD AVG	VOL
	(CENTS PER LB)	(000 LBS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	205.00	1,080
BREASTS - B/S	165.00	4,335
BREASTS - WHOLE	101.00	920
THIGH MEAT - B/S	130.00	886
THIGHS	73.50	1,019
DRUMSTICKS	72.00	858
LEG QUARTERS	52.50	7,041
WINGS	182.50	2,841

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

MIDWEST BROILER/FRYER The preliminary majority price into Chicago is unchanged from Monday's final majority. Whole bird prices are steady. Offerings are moderate with smaller sizes in the shortest position. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate going into the weekend. Best movement on retail features and promotional items. Floor stocks are light to heavy. Sizes are in a full range. Whole bird market activity is slow. Supplies of breast cuts and dark meat items are moderate to heavy with wings light. Parts prices trended steady to weak on breast cuts and steady on the remainder of parts. Market activity on parts is slow.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER Prices are trending steady for most sizes. Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers is light to moderate entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes are sufficient for current needs. Market activity is slow. In the parts complex, bone-in breast, tenders, drums and thighs are heavy and slow to clear. Wings are light to moderate and boneless skinless breast and other dark meat cuts are sufficient for current needs.

<u>SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYER</u> Prices are holding steady for whole broiler/fryers. Offerings are sufficient for current trade needs. Demand into retail and food service channels is moderate entering the weekend. Market activity is moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light for late week business. Prices are steady for wings and breast items. Dark meat items are weak and remaining parts are steady. Offerings of wings and tenders are light to moderate. Breast items and dark meat items are moderate to heavy. Market activity for parts is slow. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN BROILER/FRYER The Los Angles preliminary majority is 105 cents, unchanged from last week. The market on whole fryers and WOGs is steady. Offerings light to moderate. Retail demand light to good, mostly moderate with some finding improved demand for the weekend while are disappointed. Food service demand light to good, mostly light to moderate. Weights desirable. Floor stocks adequate to sometimes heavy. Whole fryer and WOG movement is light to instances good, mostly moderate. The market on boneless skinless breasts is steady, bone-in breasts and tenderloins are steady with an instances weak undertone, and wings steady. The market on dark items is steady at best. Parts demand is light to good, mostly light to moderate. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts moderate, tenderloins and bone-in breasts at least moderate and wings light to instances moderate. Offerings of dark items mixed ranging light to moderately heavy. Market activity for parts is light to good, mostly light to moderate.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Less-than-trucklot asking prices remained unchanged at 83 to 92 cents with a steady trending undertone. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds is light to moderate entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes are sufficient for present trade needs. Live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed, but noted as mostly desirable. Processing schedules are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts complex, wings are light to moderate and the balance of parts are moderate to heavy.

*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		69-100
WEIGHTED AVERA	AGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES		(A)
CUMULATIVE	10/01/12 - 10/05/12	(A)
	10/03/11 - 10/07/11	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	10/01/12 - 10/05/12	(A)
	10/03/11 - 10/07/11	(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.

POUNDS WTD POUNDS WTD POUNDS WT	
	G
ITEM (000) RANGE MAJ AVG (000) RANGE MAJ AVG (000) AV	9
BREAST - B/S TOO FEW TO REPORT TOO FEW TO REPORT 844 121.5	1
TENDERLOINS TOO FEW TO REPORT TOO FEW TO REPORT 472 154.9	7
BREAST - LINE RUN TOO FEW TO REPORT TOO FEW TO REPORT 130 83.1	9
FRONT HALVES TOO FEW TO REPORT TOO FEW TO REPORT 205 81.3	7
LEGS TOO FEW TO REPORT TOO FEW TO REPORT TFEWR	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK) 340 45.00-49.00 - 46.72 290 46.00-49.00 - 47.79 1,343 47.1	6
LEG QUARTERS (4/10) 284 47.00-51.00 - 48.52 289 48.00-51.00 - 49.03 1,525 48.8	6
WINGS (WHOLE) TOO FEW TO REPORT TOO FEW TO REPORT 115 175.9	11
WINGS (CUT) TOO FEW TO REPORT TOO FEW TO REPORT TFEWR	
DRUMSTICKS TOO FEW TO REPORT TOO FEW TO REPORT 52 51.3	5
THIGHS TOO FEW TO REPORT TOO FEW TO REPORT TFEWR	
B/S THIGHS TOO FEW TO REPORT TOO FEW TO REPORT 52 124.7	7
Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for Oct 04, 2012 Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for Oct 05, 2012	** 2

Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for Oct 04, 2012 -f.o.b. dock.

RANGE TODAY'S AVERAGE RANGE TODAY'S AVERAGE 5-DAY AVERAGE 62.50 - 65.50 63.79 63.00 - 66.00 64.73 64.28

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.

NORTHEAST BROILER PARTS Prices are trending steady to at least steady for wings and boneless skinless breast; weak to lower for bonein breast, drums and thighs. Tenders are weak and other dark meat cuts generally steady. Trucklot buying activity improved slightly under normal weekend demand but still noted as light overall. Offerings are light to moderate for wings; heavy for tenders and available for bone-in breast, drums and thighs. Movement is slow.

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

Oct 04, 2012				Oct 05, 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	140-145	132.43	814,360	140-145	130.82	626,120	132.38	3,896,320
TENDERLOINS	165-170	168.53	165,840	165-170	169.95	166,560	168.70	903,280
BREAST - WITH RIBS	93-94	110.46	49,466	92-93	107.59	49,698	110.31	254,125
BREAST - LINE RUN	93	95.68	70,105	92	93.71	64,605	96.42	330,180
LEGS	68-69	76.07	52,480	68-69	72.47	90,400	72.44	418,180
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)) 47-48	52.44	261,000	47-48	52.00	138,920	52.28	828,680
DRUMSTICKS	57-58	71.28	66,720	57-58	71.13	78,800	71.80	346,600
THIGHS	68-69	77.57	49,120	68-69	80.57	56,560	80.59	311,686
B/S THIGHS	127-128	128.45	103,920	127-128	127.00	83,840	127.78	439,080
WINGS (WHOLE)	185-186	192.85	250,520	185-186	190.85	221,600	191.53	1,141,040
BACKS AND NECKS (ST	TRIPPED) 16-18	16.00	124,193	16-18	16.00	137,368	16.00	656,800
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS	S) 50-55	53.34	10,210	50-55	53.07	4,450	52.64	49,610
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	74.95	25,520	70-75	74.63	22,960	74.21	110,040
INCLUDES NEW YORK CI	TY METROPOLITAN /	AREA, NORT	HERN NJ, MA,	CT, RI, AND PA (NOR	THEAST OF	HARRISBUR	G).	

^{*}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								
E	STIMATE	D	ACTUA	L	AVG	WT	ACTUAL	AVG
	(1,000)		(1,000))			(1,000)	WT
	10/05	10/04	10/03	10/02	10/03	10/02	09/28	09/26
Alabama	3,980	3,777	3,515	3,521	5.87	5.85	3,954	5.91
Arkansas	3,555	4,677	4,612	4,665	5.51	5.60	3,838	5.56
Delmarva	2,100	2,118	2,110	1,984	6.15	6.53	2,077	6.36
Ky-LA-TN	2,330	2,398	2,486	2,456	5.24	5.38	2,294	5.27
Mississippi	3,074	2,867	2,875	2,893	6.17	6.23	2,816	6.11
North Carolin	a 2,679	2,589	2,597	2,594	7.44	7.48	2,560	7.43
Texas	2,743	2,340	2,451	2,432	6.16	6.24	2,431	6.14
Total	20,461	20,766	20,646	20,545	6.02	6.11	19,970	6.04
Mon-Friday	103,227	(A)					103,354 (A)
Saturday	742	(include	d in total	for date	shown)		735	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 05-Oct-12 and 06-Oct-12 is estimated to be 30,612,000 head up 2.15 percent from a week ago and up 1.24 percent from a year ago. (Last week 31,248,000, last year 30,238,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 06-Oct-12 is estimated to be 154,439,000 head down 0.76 percent from a week ago, and up 0.40 percent from a year ago. (Last week 155,614,000, last year 153,823,000) Actual data incorporated when available.

CALIFORNIA PROCESSED POULTRY (cents per pound)

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

RANGE FRESH FRYERS 120-135 137-149 **ROASTERS 4# & UP DUCKS RABBITS-WHOLE**

RABBITS-CUT UP

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS IN SAN FRANCISCO

		KANGE
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	126-190
	ICE PACK	
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK	126
	ICE PACK	
DUCKS		217-295

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION						
Week ending 29-Sep-2012						
(Preliminary)			-Thousands			
	(A) 4.25 lbs.	(B) 4.26 -	(C) 6.26 -	(D) 7.76 lbs	S.	
	& down	6.25 lbs.	7.75 lbs.	& up	Total	
Head	33,842	57,583	39,031	25,158	155,614	
Avg Live Wgt	3.89	5.35	6.77	8.54	5.90	
% of total /1	22%	37%	25%	16%	100%	
Comparisons						
Last week	41,481	55,097	29,145	28,507	154,230	
Avg Live Wgt	3.69	5.47	6.72	8.35	5.76	
% of total /1	27%	36%	19%	18%	100%	
Year Ago 2/	32,499	56,771	39,233	27,934	156,437	
Avg Live Wgt	3.74	5.34	6.63	8.34	5.87	
% of total /1	21%	36%	25%	18%	100%	
To date/2012*	1,454,668	2,492,107	1,103,064	898,532	5,948,371	
To date/2011*	1,422,461	2,677,604	1,178,341	918,757	6,197,163	
% Change YTD	2%	-7%	-6%	-2%	-4%	

^{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 29-Sep -2012

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks	
		Th	ousands			
Head	155,614	1,576	1,828	3,404	394	
Avg Wt	5.90	3.36	7.72	5.70	6.90	
Last week	154,230	1,507	2,046	3,553	401	
Same wk yr ago	156,437	1,377	1,557	2,934	422	
Avg Wt	5.87	3.24	7.84	5.68	6.81	
To-date/2012*	5,948,371	59,861	63,645	123,506	16,124	
To-date/2011*	6,197,163	53,247	60,280	113,527	16,845	
% Change YTD	-4%	12%	6%	9%	-4%	
Ready-to-Cook W	eight and Dress	sing Percer	ntage			
Current week	693,183	2,859	9,667	12,526	1,971	
Last week	670,715	2,401	11,142	13,543	1,834	
Same wk yr ago	684,122	2,365	7,812	10,177	2,069	
To-date/2012*	25,652,706	100,922	332,965	433,887	77,782	
To-date/2011*	26,444,158	91,052	312,397	403,449	81,948	
% Change YTD	-3%	11%	7%	8%	-5%	
Dressing %	75.5%	54.0%	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 157.5 million head, or 4.6 million more than estimated available.

EASTERN REGION MISC. POULTRY

For delivery the week of OCTOBER 01, 2012

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 LBS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT & POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS/LB

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	221-225	226-232
MIDWEST	195-212	200-216

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS & UP, DELIVERED, CENTS/LB

SQUABS: NY AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE,

DOLLARS/DOZ, 1-10 BOXES

11 oz. 13 oz. 15 oz. 74.88-99.79 82.80-114.54 90.00-120.34

EASTERN REGION: CT,DE FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA,RI,SC,VA,VT& WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS All reported prices remain steady. The undertone is fully steady. Demand ranges moderate to good with supplies light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to at times active. 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 & POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 LBS, CENTS/LB. WEEK OF 01-OCT-2012

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

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Fed	leral Inspectio	n (in thousan	ds)		
W/E	10/06/12	09/29/12	%chg	10/08/11	%chg
Broilers	154,439	155,614 ¹	-0.76	153,823 ¹	+0.40
Cattle	620	651	-05	669 ²	-07
Hogs	2,355	2,345	0	$2,335^{2}$	+01

Actual data incorporated when available.

² Totals adjusted to reflect USDA, NASS revisions.

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION ***AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY***											
DATE OF AUCTION: 10-02-12 - PRICES PAID PER LB., EXCEPT AS NOTED											
	RANGE		RANGE	RANGE							
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.30 - 1.60 lbs.	Guinea Pigs	3.00 - 7.00 ea. T	urkeys 15.00 -	18.00 ea.						
Parrots	- 75.00 ea.	Kid Goats	30.00 - 45.00 ea. C	Call Ducks 4.50 -	7.00 ea.						
Pekin Ducks	5.50 - 6.00 ea.	Geese 9-14LBS	1.50 - 1.60 lbs. C	chicks .70 -	1.00 ea.						
Pullets 4-6LBS	 0.90 lbs. 	Pigeons	3.70 - 3.90 ea. B	sroilers .85 -	0.95 lbs.						
Red Fowl 5-6LBS	.45 - 0.55 lbs.	White Pigeons	3.70 - 4.10 ea. P	eacocks 21.00 -	25.00 ea.						
Red Fowl 4-5LBS	.30 - 0.40 lbs.	Rabbits 6-9LBS	1.40 - 1.80 lbs. C	Canaries -	26.00 ea.						
Leghorn Roosters	 2.50 ea. 	Rabbits 4-6LBS	1.75 - 2.10 lbs. P	Pheasants 8.00 -	18.00 ea.						
Crossbred Roosters 7-11LBS	.80 - 0.90 lbs.	Leghorn Hens	.60 - 1.10 ea. P	earrotlet 32.00 -	44.00 ea.						
Crossbred Roosters 4-6LBS	1.20 - 1.30 lbs.	Bunnies	4.00 - 9.00 ea. Fa	ancy Bantams 7.00 -	8.00 ea.						
Crossbred Fowl 5-9LBS	.60 - 0.80 lbs.	Doves	3.00 - 4.50 ea. Fa	ancy Pigeons -	20.00 ea.						
Banty Roosters	3.00 - 3.25 ea.	Silkies	3.75 - 4.50 ea. M	1.40 - Nuscovy Ducks - Hens	2.10 lbs.						
Banty Hens	2.00 - 2.25 ea.	Goats	- 70.00 ea.	•							
			Te	otal Coops Sold 2492							

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

⁽B) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.

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

EST. U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON Million Head Week Million Head Wt **Ending** Slaughtered Available* 159.7 153.8 104% 5.79 Aua 25 103% Sep 1 158.7 153.9 5.73 140.9 153.0 92% 8 5.74 15 156.8 152.9 103% 5.79 22 102% 156.1 153.5 5.76 103% 29 157.5 152.9 5.90 Year to date 6020.8 6006.8 100% Oct 6 152.9 151.8 13

NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS

LIVE SPENT HEAVY FOWL

Prices are trending steady to at least steady. Supplies are sufficient for the moderate demand. Processing schedules are mostly normal. Retail feature activity is moderate to good entering the weekend with bulk of the interest being in the Southeast and South Central regions. Finished product supplies are moving seasonally well. Market activity is moderate.

Final prices at Farm Buyer Loading: Price Range Wtd Avg 9.5 – 21.0 13.72

(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 steady for the mostly light to fair demand. Offerings of light type hens are at least sufficient for current needs. Processing schedules are normal. Movement of finished product was fair. Market activity is light 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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