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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending fully steady in the Midwest, steady in the East and West. Offerings are light to moderate for current trade needs. Retail demand is light to moderate, instances good. Food service demand is light to moderate for mid-week business. Floor stocks are balance to short. Market activity is slow to active, mostly moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate. Prices are trending firm for breast items and drums; weak to lower for tenders and wings. Offerings of breast cuts and drums are light to moderate and clearing well; wings are readily available and competitively priced. Tenders are heavy and slow to clear. Market activity is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed, but mostly desirable.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK The quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .25 cents to 100.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 91.50 cents last year on February 22, 2012.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	185.50
BREASTS - B/S	163.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	108.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	136.00
THIGHS	72.50
DRUMSTICKS	64.50
LEG QUARTERS	54.00
WINGS	183.50

Information supplied by the GA Dept. of Ag's Poultry Market News Service.

NATIONAL FOWL MARKET

Ready-to-Cook

Midwest Region Negotiated Prices to First Receivers

(cents/lb. delivered to first receivers; U.S. Grade A and Plant Grade)

		Price Range
Hens	Ice Packed (12 per Box)	80.0 - 86.0
	Vacuum Packed (6-9 per Box)	85.0 - 90.0

Midwest region = IL, IN, MI, MO, OH, and WI

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF U.S. BROILER/FRYERS AND FOWL

Under Federal Inspection for Week Ending 23-Feb-13

Class	CW: 02/23/13(1)	PW: 02/16/13
	---------- Thousand head ---------	
Broiler/fryer	156,508(2)	151,186
Light hens	1,675	1,327
Heavy hens	1,235	1,455
Total	159,418	153,968

(1)Estimated

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 23-Feb-13 is 155.4 million head compared to 151.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 156.8 million head or 1.4 million more than estimated available. For the week of 02-Mar-13 the estimated available is 151.8 million head.

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS – MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending February 08, 2013

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	109.94	179.05	107.43	35.81	10.74	121.76
High	112.80	196.96	121.76	50.13	14.32	121.76
Mostly	111.01	189.80	118.18	46.55	10.74	121.76
SAN JUAN						
Low	108.86	179.05	107.43	35.81	10.74	121.76
High	111.01	193.38	118.18	50.13	14.32	121.76
Mostly	111.01	186.22	114.59	46.55	10.74	121.76
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	111.01	179.05	107.43	39.39	14.32	121.76
High	113.88	200.54	125.34	53.72	17.91	121.76
Mostly	111.01	196.96	121.76	50.13	16.11	121.76
BECERRA						
Low	111.73	179.05	107.43	42.97	14.32	121.76
High	114.59	200.54	128.92	57.30	17.91	121.76
Mostly	111.73	196.96	121.76	53.72	16.11	121.76

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers

(INC. GOV'T STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	Processed Turkeys LBS	Processed other Poultry LBS
AM 02/18/13	133,657	58,967
AM 02/01/13	121,849	75,600
CHG	11808	-16633
PCT CHG	10%	-22%

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT – (in thousands)

	Processed Turkeys			Processed other Poultry		
	02/18/13	02/11/13	02/20/12	02/18/13	02/11/13	02/20/12
PACIFIC COAST	298	301	193	1,347	1,887	1,290
LOS ANGELES	87	81	116	521	1,038	619

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 30-Mar-13 is estimated at 149.9 million head. This compares to 149.4 million head the previous week and to 151.9 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 152.4 million head and the national weighted average price was 91.82 cents per pound.

BROILER HATCHERY

Week Ending 02/16/13

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET UP 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 199 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 16, 2013. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

19 Selected States Total (1,000 eggs)

	2013	2012	% PY
Eggs Set	198,735	194,540	+02

BROILER-TYPE CHICKS PLACED UP 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 164 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 16, 2013. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2012 through February 16, 2013 for the 19 State total were 1.14 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

19 Selected States Total (1,000 chicks)

	2013	2012	% PY
Chicks Placed	163,501	161,307	+01

Selected States: AL, AR, CA, DE, FL, GA, KY, LA, MD, MO, MS, NC, OK, PA, SC, TX, VA, TN, & WV

Source: USDA, NASS

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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	MAJORITY	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)	265	46.00-49.00		47.23
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	242	48.00-51.00	-	49.14
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 F.O.B. Dock

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
67.00 – 70.00	68.37	68.44

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/FRYER PARTS - Prices are trending steady to firm for breast items and drums; weak to lower for wings and tenders. Other items are mostly steady. Trucklot buying activity is light to moderate for mid-week trading. Offering of breast cuts and drums are light to moderate and clearing satisfactorily; wings are readily available and competitively priced. Tenders are heavy and slow to clear. The balance of items are sufficient for current needs. Movement is slow to moderate.

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

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	160	142.49	729,680
TENDERLOINS	140-145	144.37	161,680
BREAST - WITH RIBS	104-105	119.85	41,340
BREAST - LINE RUN	104	105.18	113,759
LEGS	68-69	68.89	101,920
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	47-48	53.29	94,480
DRUMSTICKS	58-59	60.08	119,173
THIGHS	71-72	74.37	64,800
B/S THIGHS	128-129	130.95	67,360
WINGS (WHOLE)	174-175	183.95	228,240
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	5,280
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	57.33	7,350
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	75-80	79.19	20,560

Includes 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.

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES FOR 02/19/13

AI Papers Required To Sell All Out of State Poultry

	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	1.00	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	4.75	5.50	5.13
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	1 0.25	14.00	12.13
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.75	.95	.82
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	1.50	5.25	4.00
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	3.50	6.00	4.75
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	.70	2.00	1.33	RABBITS ea.	-	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	-	6.00	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	14.50	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	3.75	4.50	4.18	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	1.50	2.25	1.84	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-	PEACOCKS ea.	-	-	-
PARTRIDGES ea.	-	-	-	COCKATIELS ea.	-	-	-
DOVES ea.	-	-	-	PHEASANTS ea.	-	-	-
QUAIL ea.	-	-	-	FERRETS ea.	-	-	-
CHINCHILAS ea.	-	-	-	MICE ea.	-	-	-
PEAFOWL ea.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL EGGS(doz)		-	-
QUAIL EGGS ea.	-	-	-	QUAIL EGGS ea.	-	-	-
EMU ea.	-	-	-	HAMPSTERS ea.	-	-	-

TOTAL PIECES SOLD 101

DAILY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS

	ESTIMATED (1,000) 02/20	ESTIMATED 02/19	ACTUAL (1,000) 02/18	ACTUAL 02/15	AVG WTS 02/18	AVG WTS 02/15	ACTUAL (1,000) 02/13	AVG WTS 02/11
Alabama	3,448	3,762	3,436	3,935	5.67	5.60	3,611	5.80
Arkansas	4,847	4,967	4,589	3,320	5.76	5.51	4,863	5.62
Delmarva	1,916	2,062	1,779	1,960	6.09	6.00	1,846	6.21
KY-LA-TN	2,470	2,438	2,400	2,331	5.31	5.17	2,106	5.40
Mississippi	2,744	2,808	2,742	2,768	6.25	6.07	2,824	6.17
North Carolina	2,828	2,814	2,817	3,032	7.57	7.52	2,780	7.55
Texas	2,341	2,381	2,069	2,353	5.68	5.66	2,345	5.59
Total	20,594	21,232	19,832	19,699	6.04	5.94	20,375	6.02
Mon-Wed	62,524 (A)						61,224 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 20-Feb-13 is estimated to be 30,811,000 head up 0.77 percent from a week ago and up 2.93 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 30,575,000, last year 29,935,000)