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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending steady to no better than steady in the East, steady to firm in the Midwest and West. Offerings are light to moderate for current trade needs. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate, fast food is moderate. Floor stocks are balanced to short as buyers limit orders to immediate needs. Market activity for whole birds is slow to active, mostly moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate for mid-week business. Prices are trending steady to firm for breast cuts, tenders and dark meat items; steady for the balance of items. Offerings of breast cuts and thigh meat are in good balance and clearing well; wings are light to heavy, mostly light to moderate. The balance of parts are generally sufficient. Market activity for parts is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mixed but mostly desirable weights.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK The quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .25 cents to **101.50** cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 93.00 cents last year on March 14, 2012.

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

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ITEM	(CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	182.00
BREASTS - B/S	164.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	110.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	137.50
THIGHS	72.50
DRUMSTICKS	64.50
LEG QUARTERS	54.50
WINGS	179.50

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 16-Mar-13

	CW: 03/16/13(1)	PW: 03/9/13
Class	Thousand h	nead
Broiler/fryer	154,574(2)	156,219
Light hens	1,603	1,548
Heavy hens	1,320	1,333
Total	157,497	159,100
(1)Estimated		

(1)25th activated (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 16-Mar-13 is 155.4 million head compared to 154.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 154.9 million head or -0.5 million less than estimated available. For the week of 23-Mar-13 the estimated available is 152.9 million head.

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending March 08, 2013

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/Thighs	Necks, Backs	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON				& Wings		
Low	113.09	179.51	107.70	35.90	10.77	122.07
High	116.68	190.28	118.48	46.67	14.36	122.07
Mostly	114.88	186.69	114.88	43.08	10.77	122.07
SAN JUA	N.					
Low	111.29	179.51	104.11	35.90	10.77	122.07
High	114.88	186.69	118.48	43.08	14.36	122.07
Mostly	114.88	179.51	111.29	35.90	10.77	122.07
NEW SAI	N JUAN					
Low	114.17	179.51	111.29	35.90	14.36	125.66
High	117.76	193.87	122.07	50.26	17.95	125.66
Mostly	115.96	190.28	118.48	46.67	16.16	125.66
BECERR	Α					
Low	114.88	179.51	114.88	39.49	14.36	125.66
High	118.48	197.46	125.66	50.26	17.95	125.66
Mostly	114.88	193.87	122.07	46.67	16.16	125.66

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers

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

	Processed Turkeys	Processed other Poultry
	LBS	LBS
AM 03/11/13	144,224	57,958
AM 03/01/13	136,369	5 7,996
CHG	7855	-38
PCT CHG	6%	0%

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT – (in thousands)

	Pro	cessed T	urkeys	Proce	ssed othe	r Poultry
	03/11/13	03/04/13	03/12/12	03/11/13	03/04/13	03/12/12
Pacific Coa	st 295	303	216	1,911	1,588	1,173
Los Angeles	s 82	81	124	1,195	841	527

<u>WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING</u> - Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 20-Apr-13 is estimated at 150.9 million head. This compares to 149.9 million head the previous week and to 152.9 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 154.9 million head and the national weighted average price was 85.41 cents per pound.

BROILER HATCHERY

Week Ending 03/09/13

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET UP SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 199 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 9, 2013. This was up slightly 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.

BROILER-TYPE CHICKS PLACED UP 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 165 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 9, 2013. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2012 through March 9, 2013 for the 19 State total were 1.63 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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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MAR 12 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

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POUNDS WT			WTD		POUNDS			WTD	
<u>ITEM</u>	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	<u>AVG</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG
BREAST - B/S	TOO	FEW TO REPO	ORT		BREAST - B/S	T00	FEW TO REPO	ORT	
TENDERLOINS	TOO	FEW TO REPO	ORT		TENDERLOINS	TOO	FEW TO REPO	ORT	
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO	FEW TO REPO	ORT		BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO	FEW TO REPO	ORT	
FRONT HALVES	TOO	FEW TO REPO	ORT		FRONT HALVES	TOO	FEW TO REPO	ORT	
LEGS	TOO	FEW TO REPO	ORT		LEGS	TOO	FEW TO REPO	ORT	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	190	48.00-50.00	-	48.76	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	265	47.00-50.00	-	48.26
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	262	49.00-52.00	-	50.19	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	164	49.00-52.00	-	50.58
WINGS (WHOLE)	TOO	FEW TO REPO	ORT		WINGS (WHOLE)	TOO	FEW TO REPO	ORT	
WINGS (CUT)	TOO	FEW TO REPO	ORT		WINGS (CUT)	TOO	FEW TO REPO	ORT	
DRUMSTICKS	TOO	FEW TO REPO	ORT		DRUMSTICKS	TOO	FEW TO REPO	ORT	
THIGHS	TOO	FEW TO REPO	ORT		THIGHS	TOO	FEW TO REPO	ORT	
B/S THIGHS	TOO	FEW TO REPO	ORT		B/S THIGHS	TOO	FEW TO REPO	ORT	
		Whole Body In	dex Based on S	Southern	States Parts Trading for F O F	3 Dock			

5-DAY AVERAGE RANGE TODAY'S AVERAGE RANGE TODAY'S AVERAGE 68.00 - 70.5069.13 67.50 - 70.5068.70 69.05

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 firm for thighs and thigh meat; steady to firm for breast cuts and tenders and steady for the balance of items. Trucklot buying activity is light to moderate for mid-week trading. Offering of breast cuts and thigh meat are in good balance and clearing well; wings and leg items are light to moderate and the balance of items are generally 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.

MAR 12	CURRENT NEG	WTD		MAR 13	CURRENT NEG	WTD	
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	160-165	145.22	1,105,440	BREAST - B/S	160-165	147.36	632,920
TENDERLOINS	140	144.05	252,840	TENDERLOINS	140	138.99	178,680
BREAST - WITH RIBS	105-106	121.00	67,535	BREAST - WITH RIBS	105-106	121.76	41,661
BREAST - LINE RUN	105	105.40	116,997	BREAST - LINE RUN	105	106.95	117,297
LEGS	68-69	66.32	178,400	LEGS	68-69	68.72	108,200
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	49-50	51.30	408,352	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	49-50	53.02	111,440
DRUMSTICKS	59-60	62.80	243,213	DRUMSTICKS	59-60	65.18	61,680
THIGHS	71-72	83.06	41,120	THIGHS	71-72	82.98	44,280
B/S THIGHS	128-129	131.51	100,000	B/S THIGHS	129-130	131.14	72,120
WINGS (WHOLE)	175-176	171.19	331,320	WINGS (WHOLE)	175-176	173.64	230,160
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPP	ED) 16-18	18.00	8,280	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPE	ED) 16-18	18.00	7,660
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	55.31	19,380	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	58.51	4,740
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	75-80	80.00	21,560	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	75-80	79.30	24,560

Includes New York City Metropolitan Area, Northern NJ, MA, CT, RI, & PA (Northeast of Harrisburg).

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

DAILY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS

			<u>AV</u> W1		CTUAL	AVG WTS		
	(1,000)		(1,000	0)		<u></u>	(1,000)	
	03/13	03/12	03/11	03/08	03/11	03/08	03/06	03/04
Alabama	3,495	3,715	3,607	3,758	5.70	5.62	3,367	5.77
Arkansas	4,691	3,502	4,859	3,482	5.66	5.37	4,659	5.64
Delmarva	2,083	2,099	1,931	1,972	6.34	6.14	2,051	6.45
KY-LA-TN	2,399	2,442	2,401	2,696	5.27	5.10	2,450	5.21
Mississippi	2,682	2,668	2,817	2,858	6.20	5.85	2,755	6.20
North Carolina	2,867	2,855	2,833	2,566	7.57	7.59	2,885	7.53
Texas	1,917	2,419	2,419	2,131	5.90	5.34	2,295	5.81
Total	20,134	19,700	20,867	19,463	6.05	5.82	20,462	6.05
Mon-Wed	60,985 (A)					62,039	(A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 13-Mar-13 is estimated to be 30,123,000 head down 1.90 percent from a week ago and down 0.30 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 30,705,000, last year 30,214,000)

LOW HIGH AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVC
			AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb 1.30 - HEAVY FOWL ea.	3.25	8.25	5.00
LIGHT FOWL lb LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb BANTAMS ea.	2.25	5.50	3.50
BROILERS lb BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb CHICKS ea.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb BUNNIES ea.	-	-	-
		8.50	
GEESE lb GEESE ea.	13.00	29.00	18.46
TURKEYS lb TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb. 1.40 2.80 1.87 RABBITS ea.	-	-	-
PIGEONS lb PIGEONS ea.	-	5.00	-
GUINEA FOWL lb GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	10.00	-
DUCKLINGS lb DUCKLINGS ea. GUINEA KEETS ea CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
	-	-	-
SILKIES ea GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea TURKEY POULTS e	a	-	-
CHUKARS ea PEACOCKS ea.	-	-	-
PARTRIDGES ea COCKATIELS ea.	-	-	-
DOVES ea PHEASANTS ea.	-	12.00	-
QUAIL ea FERRETS ea.	-	-	-
CHINCHILAS ea MICE ea.	-	-	-
PEAFOWL ea GUINEA FOWL EGO	3S(doz	<u> </u>	-
QUAIL EGGS ea QUAIL EGGS ea.	-	-	-
EMU ea HAMPSTERS ea.	-	-	-

TOTAL PIECES SOLD 120

FOR 03/12/13

^{*}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.