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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending about steady to steady in the East, steady elsewhere. Offerings are light to available for current trade needs. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate with some anticipating increased interest as the week progresses for first of the month business. Floor stocks are light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate following the Easter holiday weekend. Prices are trending weak to lower for wings, steady to firm for dark meat items and breast cut, steady for the balance of parts. Offerings of breast cuts and tenders are light and clearing well; dark meat items are light to moderate and wings are available and slow to clear. Market activity for parts is seasonally slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mixed but mostly desirable weights.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK WHOLE BIRD PRICES

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 102.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT PRELIM. WTD. AVG

LOADS	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD. AVG
1,001	94.94 - 110.34	102.06
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice-packed parts:		

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER LB)	VOL (000 LBS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	187.50	1,669
BREASTS - B/S	175.00	7,222
BREASTS - WHOLE	111.50	1,382
THIGH MEAT - B/S	140.00	1,166
THIGHS	73.50	1,327
DRUMSTICKS	70.50	1,357
LEG QUARTERS	55.00	9,374
WINGS	175.00	3,783

USDA Weekly National Whole Broiler/Fryer Report (Fri)

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Monthly Composite Weighted Average	
This Week:	106.69	↑ 0.01	10,280	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Last Week:	106.68		11,116	Mar	107.27
Last Year:	86.92	↑ 19.77	13,520		45,071

Eastern Region

	THIS WEEK					LAST WEEK	
	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	95.00 - 131.00	107.00 - 111.00	108.37	↑ 1.38	5,061	106.99	5,432
WOGS:	95.00 - 127.00	107.00 - 111.00	107.21	↓ 0.27	1,187	107.48	1,344
NEW YORK							
Whole Body:	95.00 - 113.00	105.00 - 111.00	107.17	↓ 0.49	1,438	107.67	1,508

Central Region

	THIS WEEK					LAST WEEK	
	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	90.00 - 113.00	98.00 - 105.00	102.45	↓ 1.18	3,637	103.63	3,342
WOGS:	90.00 - 113.00	98.00 - 103.00	101.02	↓ 1.11	2,789	102.14	2,354
CHICAGO							
Whole Body:	90.00 - 112.25	98.00 - 105.00	102.58	↓ 0.88	2,000	103.46	1,670

Western Region

	THIS WEEK					LAST WEEK	
	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	101.00 - 130.00	107.00 - 112.00	111.09	↑ 0.78	1,582	110.31	2,342
WOGS:	101.00 - 115.00	107.00 - 111.00	108.34	↓ 0.70	1,276	109.04	1,739
LOS ANGELES							
Whole Body:	101.00 - 130.00	108.00 - 111.00	110.65	↑ 1.20	1,139	109.45	1,697

Negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot quantities of ready-to-cook whole body broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers; prices in cents per pound; volume in thousands of pounds.

Eastern Region: AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,MS,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV. **Central Region:** AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,KY,LA,MI,MN,MO,NE,NM,OK,OH,SD,TX,WI. **Western Region:** AZ,CA,ID,MT,NV,OR,UT,WA,WY.

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NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Prices are trending firm for tenders and leg items; steady to firm for boneless skinless breasts and weak to lower for wings. Trucklot buying activity is light to moderate following the Easter holiday weekend. Offering of breast cuts, tenders and leg items are light to moderate and clearing well. Wings are readily available and slow to clear. Movement is slow to moderate.

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

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS.
BREAST - B/S		170-175	150.67	552,880
TENDERLOINS		150	146.95	118,920
BREAST - WITH RIBS		107-108	121.00	31,205
BREAST - LINE RUN		107	108.70	73,003
LEGS		72-73	66.96	151,040
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)		50-51	49.70	289,937
DRUMSTICKS		59-60	63.27	32,600
THIGHS		71-72	82.91	24,440
B/S THIGHS		132-133	136.12	52,800
WINGS (WHOLE)		168-169	168.79	169,040
BACKS & NECKS (STRIPPED)		16-18	18.00	5,840
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)		55-60	57.52	6,090
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)		75-80	80.93	11,760

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (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.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER/FRYERS

	Estimate (1,000)	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wts	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wts
	04/01	03/28	03/28	03/25	03/21
Alabama	3,481	3,495	5.56	3,347	5.72
Arkansas	4,995	4,502	5.52	4,834	5.71
Delmarva	1,186	1,907	6.18	1,970	6.08
KY-LA-TN	2,427	2,344	5.09	2,339	5.04
Mississippi	2,786	2,550	5.93	2,834	6.10
North Carolina	2,882	2,834	7.47	2,768	7.45
Texas	2,412	2,409	5.79	2,400	5.77
Total	20,169	20,041	5.90	20,492	5.97
Mon	20,169	(A)		20,492	(A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 01-Apr-13 is estimated to be 30,175,000 down 1.87 percent from a week ago and up 0.3 percent from a year ago. (last week 30,750,000 last year 30,099,000)

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	MAJ	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)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
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 APR 1, 2013 -- F.O.B. DOCK

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
69.50 - 72.00	70.78	70.91

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.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER PARTS

ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, & WI WEEK OF 01-APR-13 TO 05-APR-13, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	140.00 - 175.00	148.00 - 155.00
TENDERLOINS	140.00 - 162.00	147.00 - 150.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	105.00 - 125.00	107.00 - 118.00
LEGS	65.00 - 71.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	48.00 - 66.00	50.00 - 53.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	51.00 - 64.00	52.00 - 56.00
DRUMSTICKS	51.00 - 67.00	-
THIGHS	66.00 - 83.00	-
B/S THIGHS	125.00 - 144.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	145.00 - 179.00	-
BACKS & NECKS (STRIPPED)	17.00 - 45.00	-
LIVERS	32.00 - 50.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	42.00 - 65.00	-

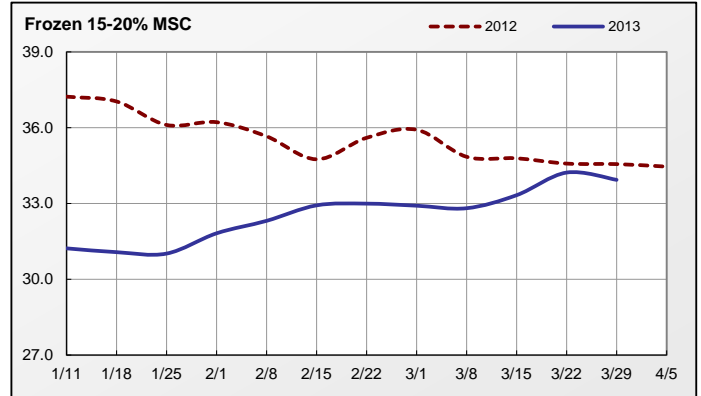
National Mechanically Separated Chicken

(FOB Shipper Dock or equiv., negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand lb. quantities, cents/lb.; delivery within 2 weeks.)

MSC prices are trending steady to firm on all fat contents with Fresh 15-20% MSC in the strongest position. Supplies are light to moderate. Schedules are normal to reduced for the Easter holiday. Demand into both domestic and export channels is mostly moderate to instances good. Industry is very focused on April and the spot marketplace going forward. Many are watching various influential factors such as: production returning to normal levels after months of industry cutbacks, the return in demand and buying from Mexico and other export markets following Lent and the Easter holiday, the typical increase in finished good production preparing for the Memorial Day kick off, and the impact and procedures of the impending new FSIS regulations for Salmonella testing of ground chicken, MSC, ground turkey, and MST. In the meantime, sellers are closely managing production and selling spot MSC out front. Market activity is moderate to active. Supplies of raw materials are light. Frames are steady to firm trading between 13-16 cents FOB, mostly 15 FOB.

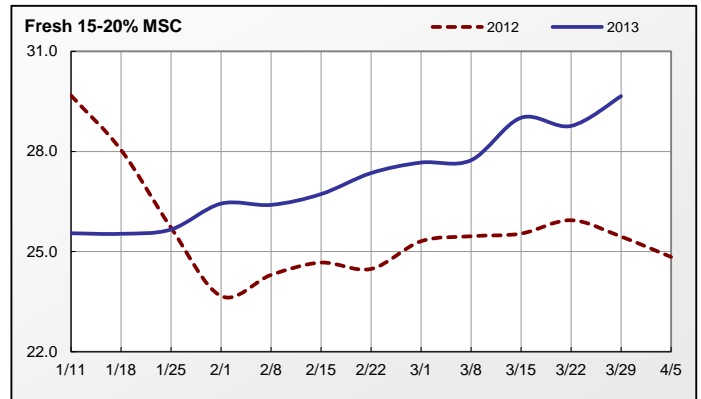
Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	29-Mar-13	Last Week	Last Year	29-Mar-13	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range		32.00	-	29.00 - 31.00	29.00 - 31.00	26.00-27.00
Wtd Avg Price		32.00	-	30.00	30.00	26.75
Volume Traded	-	40	-	82	82	163
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	33.00 - 36.00	33.00 - 36.00	31.00-38.00	27.00 - 33.00	27.00 - 33.00	20.00-30.00
Wtd Avg Price	33.94	34.22	34.56	29.66	28.77	25.45
Volume Traded	1,255	1,135	1,685	3,101	3,529	3,703
Volume Exported	975	935	1,325	326	367	592
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	22.00	22.00	22.50
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.00	22.00	22.50
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	82	82
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



Monthly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	Feb 2013	Jan 2013	Feb 2012	Feb 2013	Jan 2013	Feb 2012
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	30.00	30.00	-	26.43	25.13	27.56
Volume Traded	40	80	-	714	653	653
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	32.59	30.97	35.46	26.70	25.48	24.33
Volume Traded	5,957	4,923	7,800	17,289	17,411	15,773
Volume Exported	5,357	4,563	6,839	2,815	5,834	2,693
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.00	20.00	22.38
Volume Traded	-	-	-	245	204	163
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



Note: Volume exported refers to that portion of the total volume that is destined for export markets.