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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending firm to higher in the East, firm in the Midwest and West. Offerings are very light to light and held with confidence. Retail demand is light to good, mostly good with some dealers continuing to have trouble securing trucks for transport. Food service demand is moderate to good. Floor stocks are mixed. In the parts structure, movement is moderate to good entering the weekend. Prices are trending steady to higher for all white meat and dark meat items. Offerings of tenders, wings and breast cuts are in close balance with premiums noted; other items are light to moderate and clearing well. Market activity for parts is moderate to active. In production areas live supplies are light to moderate. Weights are mixed but mostly desirable.

## GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES

The quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is **105.00** 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.
873	99.80-110.59	105.05

NATIONAL WHOLE BROILER/FRYER - COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE				
	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	
<b>This Week:</b>	106.67	↑ 6.04	12,440	
<b>Last Week:</b>	100.62		11,963	
<b>Last Year:</b>	107.78	↓ 1.11	12,117	
Monthly Composite Weighted Average				
<b>Feb</b>	92.45		46,764	

Confirmed PRELIMINARY weighted average price on ice-packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
Line Run Tendere	198.00	1,438
Breasts - B/S	200.00	6,150
Breasts - Whole	108.50	1,138
Thigh Meat - B/S	149.00	1,045
Thighs	73.00	1,219
Drumsticks	73.00	1,079
Leg Quarters	52.50	7,909
Wings	130.00	3,211

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

## NATIONAL WHOLE BROILER/FRYER

EASTERN REGION		THIS WEEK				LAST WEEK	
	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	90.00 - 126.00	104.00 - 112.00	107.89	↑ 6.44	5,752	101.45	5,334
WOGS:	99.00 - 125.00	108.00 - 112.00	111.52	↑ 9.26	1,761	102.26	1,340
NEW YORK		THIS WEEK				LAST WEEK	
Whole Body:	99.00 - 125.00	106.00 - 112.00	109.79	↑ 8.08	1,931	101.71	1,470
CENTRAL REGION		THIS WEEK				LAST WEEK	
Whole Body:	94.00 - 120.00	102.00 - 111.00	104.55	↑ 6.00	4,506	98.55	4,286
WOGS:	94.00 - 120.00	100.00 - 109.00	104.00	↑ 6.35	3,611	97.66	3,391
CHICAGO		THIS WEEK				LAST WEEK	
Whole Body:	94.00 - 120.00	102.00 - 111.00	105.28	↑ 5.99	2,630	99.28	2,230
WESTERN REGION		THIS WEEK				LAST WEEK	
Whole Body:	99.00 - 120.00	105.00 - 113.00	107.82	↑ 5.29	2,182	102.53	2,343
WOGS:	99.00 - 115.00	104.00 - 109.00	107.13	↑ 5.44	1,931	101.69	2,090
LOS ANGELES		THIS WEEK				LAST WEEK	
Whole Body:	99.00 - 120.00	104.00 - 109.00	108.48	↑ 6.49	1,512	101.98	1,673

### EXPLANATORY NOTES

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.

**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.

Mar 13, 2014

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	237	125.00-155.00	-	137.08
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
BREAST - LINE RUN	108	86.00-92.00	87-90	87.65
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	242	38.00-44.00	40-41	40.69
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	253	43.00-48.00	43-44	43.74
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
DRUMSTICKS	130	39.00-46.00	40-43	40.67
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

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Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for Mar 13, 2014 -- f.o.b. dock.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
61.50 - 68.00	64.53

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.

POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	WEEKLY POUNDS (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG
189	125.00-160.00	-	138.91	1,056	134.34
	TOO FEW TO REPORT			478	162.06
123	86.00-93.00	88-90	88.38	632	86.82
	TOO FEW TO REPORT			470	87.90
	TOO FEW TO REPORT			312	55.21
282	38.00-44.00	41-42	41.05	1,194	40.72
233	43.00-48.00	44-45	44.06	1,266	43.76
	TOO FEW TO REPORT			246	109.33
	TOO FEW TO REPORT			439	123.42
135	39.00-46.00	40-43	40.61	631	40.71
	TOO FEW TO REPORT			175	56.34
	TOO FEW TO REPORT			197	121.76

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Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading Mar 14, 2014 -- f.o.b. dock.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
62.00 - 68.00	65.03	64.33

**NORTHEAST BROILER PARTS** Prices are trending firm to higher for tenders, wings and breast cuts; steady to firm for dark meat items. Trucklot buying activity is moderate to good entering the weekend as some dealers continue to have trouble securing trucks for shipments. Offerings of breast cuts, tenders and wings are well cleared under normal premiums; other items are light to moderate with thighs and thigh meat in the better balance. Movement is moderate to active.

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

Mar 13, 2014

ITEM	TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS.
BREAST - B/S	170	142.77	915,600
TENDERLOINS	170	165.47	178,960
BREAST - WITH RIBS	89-90	100.46	49,863
BREAST - LINE RUN	89	84.43	119,367
LEGS	64-65	63.88	92,920
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	41-42	43.27	353,447
DRUMSTICKS	46-47	55.52	84,880
THIGHS	65-66	78.31	36,040
B/S THIGHS	120-121	124.14	103,680
WINGS (WHOLE)	131-132	132.53	289,400
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	5,360
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	57.31	13,410
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	75-80	78.95	24,800

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, RI, AND PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\*TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M. \*\* WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES & BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS.	WEEKLY WTD AVG	WEEKLY VOL/LBS.
170-175	143.98	969,440	140.51	5,225,120
170-175	165.98	227,000	164.04	1,105,840
90-91	102.64	51,077	102.16	230,962
90	89.03	94,201	85.59	532,960
64-65	62.63	79,360	61.17	685,320
41-42	44.41	251,958	43.40	1,351,385
46-47	50.64	100,680	51.47	571,106
65-66	79.28	53,400	77.00	234,840
121-122	123.27	79,160	122.64	529,840
132-133	137.37	254,040	130.86	1,382,140
16-18	18.00	4,600	18.00	29,840
55-60	55.00	10,320	56.68	50,045
75-80	80.05	18,280	79.82	132,970

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS**

	ESTIMATED (1,000)		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WT		ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WT
	03/14	03/13	03/12	03/11	03/12	03/11	03/07	03/05
Alabama	3,519	3,714	3,455	3,632	5.86	5.79	4,054	6.01
Arkansas	3,555	4,707	4,742	4,737	5.66	5.72	7,389	5.89
Delmarva	2,161	2,152	1,990	2,023	6.13	6.18	3,263	6.36
Ky-LA-TN	2,506	2,473	2,425	2,494	4.91	5.07	2,756	5.09
Mississippi	2,612	2,742	2,748	2,722	6.26	6.30	2,261	6.21
North Carolina	3,229	2,894	2,930	2,852	7.77	7.81	3,632	7.71
Texas	2,073	2,389	2,326	2,317	6.12	6.20	2,728	6.16
Total	19,655	21,071	20,616	20,777	6.08	6.11	26,083	6.20
Mon-Friday	104,232 (A)						99,722 (A)	
Saturday	358 (included in total for date shown)						6,238	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 14-Mar-14 and 15-Mar-14 is estimated to be 29,406,000 head down 24.87 percent from a week ago and down 0.45 percent from a year ago. (Last week 39,140,000, last year 29,539,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 15-Mar-14 is estimated to be 154,381,000 head up 3.05 percent from a week ago, and up 2.06 percent from a year ago. (Last week 149,809,000, last year 151,262,000)

Actual data incorporated when available.

**NATIONAL FOWL MARKET**

**LIVE SPENT HEAVY FOWL**

Prices are trending at least steady. Supplies are sufficient for the moderate demand. Processing schedules are normal. Finished product supplies are at least sufficient. Market activity is moderate. Retail feature activity is light to moderate the majority of activity being in the Southeast region.

**Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading: Price Range Wtd Avg**

Prices in cents per pound. 11.0-23.0 14.07  
(Southeast Region broiler breeder hens generally for processing, 7 lbs. and up; under 7 lbs. subject to discount.)  
Southeast Region = AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, AND VA.

**LIVE SPENT LIGHT FOWL**

Prices are trending steady for the light to mostly moderate demand. Offerings of light type hens are sufficient. Processing schedules are normal. Movement of finished product sales is moderate. Market activity is moderate. The majority price for removal costs continues 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.

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

Week ending 8-Mar-14

(Preliminary)	Thousands				Total
	(A) 4.25 lbs. & down	(B) 4.26 - 6.25 lbs.	(C) 6.26 - 7.75 lbs.	(D) 7.76 lbs. & up	
Head	42,683	53,773	28,289	25,064	149,809
Avg Live Wgt	3.55	5.25	6.84	8.73	5.65
% of total /1	28%	36%	19%	17%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	34,597	57,407	33,217	28,300	153,521
Avg Live Wgt	3.78	5.32	6.82	8.78	5.94
% of total /1	23%	37%	22%	18%	100%
Year Ago 2/	36,987	59,660	30,932	25,813	153,392
Avg Live Wgt	3.85	5.37	6.80	8.59	5.83
% of total /1	24%	39%	20%	17%	100%
To date/2014*	396,219	521,645	282,250	296,677	1,496,791
To date/2013*	376,150	561,730	304,476	269,671	1,512,027
% Change YTD	5%	-7%	-7%	10%	-1%

1/ May not total to 100% due to rounding. 2/ Comparable week.

\*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

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 8-Mar-14

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	Thousands				
Head	149,809	1,268	1,344	2,612	377
Avg Wt	5.65	3.31	8.01	5.73	6.96
Last week	153,521	1,511	1,494	3,005	460
Same wk yr ago	153,392	1,434	1,309	2,743	361
Avg Wt	5.83	3.28	8.01	5.54	6.93
To-date/2014*	1,496,790	15,019	14,348	29,367	4,442
To-date/2013*	1,512,027	15,097	13,628	28,725	3,851
% Change YTD	-1%	-1%	5%	2%	15%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	643,280	2,287	7,428	9,715	1,876
Last week	693,055	2,643	8,453	11,096	2,256
Same wk yr ago	679,649	2,493	7,025	9,518	1,776
To-date/2014*	6,657,867	25,832	79,608	105,440	21,114
To-date/2013*	6,697,440	25,936	70,920	96,856	18,598
% Change YTD	-1%	0%	12%	9%	14%

Dressing % 76.0% 54.5% 69.0% 71.5%  
 (A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 154.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 151.6 million head, or 2.9 million less than estimated available. (B) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update. \*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

**EST. U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

Week Ending	Million Head Slaughtered	Million Head Available*	Pct	Avg Wt
2/1	140.9	155.5	91%	5.80
2/8	162.0	154.4	105%	5.87
2/15	145.4	156.2	93%	6.03
2/22	161.9	154.2	105%	5.81
3/1	155.4	154.9	100%	5.94
3/8	151.6	154.5	98%	5.65
Year to date	1515.0	1520.2	100%	
3/15		154.8		
3/22		153.4		

\*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

**BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**

Under Federal Inspection (in thousands)

W/E	03/15/14	03/08/14	% chg	03/16/13	% chg
Broilers	154,381	149,809 <sup>1</sup>	+ 3.05	151,262 <sup>1</sup>	+ 2.06
Cattle	564	548	+03	608 <sup>2</sup>	-07
Hogs	2,024	2,067	+03	2,194 <sup>2</sup>	-08

<sup>1</sup> Actual data incorporated when available.

<sup>2</sup> Totals adjusted to reflect USDA, NASS revisions.

**EASTERN REGION MISC. POULTRY**

For delivery the week of March 10, 2014

**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	226-230	231-237
MIDWEST	197-212	202-218

**ROASTERS:**

Prices Negotiated By First Receivers, US Grade A & Plant Grade, 5 Lbs. & Up, Delivered, Cents/Lb.

RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12/BOX)	79.00-103.25 81.00-92.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9/BOX)	82.00-104.00 84.00-94.00

**SQUABS:**

NY Area Wholesale Prices, Frozen, Plant Grade, Dollars/Dozen, 1-10 Boxes

11 oz.	83.52-104.16
13 oz.	91.44-124.26
15 oz.	99.36-132.46

Eastern Region: CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA,RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

**CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS**

This week, prices are steady. Demand is mostly moderate for the moderate supplies. Processing schedules are full-time. Market activity is moderate. Prices paid, first receivers for 10-18 oz. boneless breast at \$5.52-8.80, bone-in legs at \$3.45-4.00, gizzards at \$1.20-1.80, wings at \$.80-.95, livers at \$1.25-2.05, and feet \$.95-1.45 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 March 10, 2014

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST & OTHERS	184-219	189-224

**GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION**

\*\*\*All Papers Required To Sell All Out Of State Poultry\*\*\*

Date of Auction: March 11, 2014 Prices Paid Per Lb., Except As Noted

	RANGE	
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	3.00 -	3.35 lbs.
Rats	-	.25 ea.
Pekin Ducks	-	9.00 ea.
Pullets 4-6LBS	-	.90 lbs.
Red Fowl 5-6LBS	.90 -	1.00 lbs.
Red Fowl 4-5LBS	.65 -	.85 lbs.
Leghorn Roosters	-	5.00 ea.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11LBS	1.40 -	1.50 lbs.
Crossbred Roosters 4-6LBS	1.70 -	2.00 lbs.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9LBS	.85 -	1.20 lbs.
Banty Roosters	4.50 -	5.25 ea.
Banty Hens	3.00 -	3.75 ea.
Guinea Pigs	4.00 -	8.00 ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.50 -	2.00 lbs.
Kid Goats	40.00 -	50.00 ea.
Geese 9-14LBS	1.20 -	1.40 lbs.
Pigeons	4.50 -	4.75 ea.
White Pigeons	7.00 -	10.00 ea.
Chukars	5.00 -	6.00 ea.
Rabbits 6-9LBS	1.90 -	2.00 lbs.
Rabbits 4-6LBS	1.90 -	2.50 lbs.
Leghorn Hens	-	3.00 ea.
Bunnies	8.00 -	22.00 ea.
Doves	-	2.75 ea.
Silkies	4.00 -	7.00 ea.
Goats	90.00 -	150.00 ea.
Turkeys	12.00 -	15.00 ea.
Call Ducks	7.00 -	11.00 ea.
Chicks	.40 -	1.40 ea.
Quail	1.50 -	3.00 ea.
Broilers	.85 -	.90 lbs.
Peacocks	35.00 -	52.00 ea.
Finch	9.00 -	27.00 ea.
Pheasants	9.00 -	20.00 ea.
Mandarin Ducks	70.00 -	102.00 ea.
Goose Eggs	1.50 -	3.00 ea.
Fancy Bantams	6.00 -	9.00 ea.
Fancy Pigeons	6.00 -	8.00 ea.
Diamond Doves	8.00 -	10.00 ea.
Parrots	115.00 -	180.00 ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	3.00 -	3.25 lbs.

Total Coops Sold 3928