



## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Whole broiler fryer prices are steady to higher in the East, steady to fully steady in the Midwest, and steady to firm in the West. Offerings of all sizes are light to moderate and clearing well. Retail and food service demand is light to good, mostly moderate to good. Floor stocks are adequate. Market activity is moderate to active. In the parts structure, movement is moderate to good for mid-week business. Prices are trending firm to higher for breast items, steady to firm for dark meat cuts and steady to at times weak for wings. Offerings are light for breast items, light to moderate for dark meat items, and moderate to at times heavy for wings. Market activity is moderate to active. In production areas, live supplies are moderate for mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

### GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES

The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .25 cents to 85.75 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 83.25 cents last year on March 03, 2010.

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

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	176.00
BREASTS - B/S	146.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	81.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	108.50
THIGHS	53.50
DRUMSTICKS	54.50
LEG QUARTERS	42.00
WINGS	94.50

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

**NORTHEAST REGION** Prices are trending firm to higher for most sizes. Trucklot buying activity for ready-to-cook whole broiler fryers is moderate to good during midweek trading. Offerings are light to moderate and clearing well. Trade activity is moderate to active. In the parts complex, supplies of breast items and tenders are light; dark meat cuts are light to moderate and clearing satisfactorily. Wings are fully sufficient for current needs.

**MIDWEST REGION** Whole bird prices are steady to fully steady. Whole bird offerings are light to moderate. Demand into retail outlets is light to moderate while fast food demand is normal to at times good. Weights are desirable to light. Market activity is light to moderate. Parts prices are mixed with breast items fully steady to firm, leg items firm and barely steady on wings. Supplies of all parts are balanced except for wings which were moderate, but in better shape than earlier weeks. Demand is light to moderate for all parts items. Market activity is moderate.

**SOUTHERN REGION** Prices are holding firm to higher for whole broiler/fryers. Offerings of all sizes are light. Demand is moderate to good for early week business. Market activity is moderate to active. In the parts structure, movement is moderate to good. Prices for breast items are trending firm to higher, steady to firm for dark meat and steady to weak for wings. Offerings for part range light to heavy with breast items in the best position and moving well. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN REGION** The Los Angeles delivered quote is 95 cents, unchanged from last week. The market on whole broiler fryers and WOGs is steady to firm with WOGs strongest. Offerings light with some spot availability of 2.50-2.75 sizes noted. Retail demand light to good, mostly moderate for mid-week buying interest. Foodservice demand light to moderate. Floor stocks moderate. Weights desirable. The market on wings is steady to weak; boneless skinless breasts, bone-in breasts and tenderloins is steady to firm with higher offering prices reported. The market on dark items is at least steady. Domestic demand light to good, mostly moderate. Offerings of wings are moderate to heavy for both fresh and frozen; boneless skinless breasts, tenderloins and bone-in breasts light to moderate. Offerings of dark items are very light to moderate with some finding drums more available at steady price levels. Some processors are starting to defrost boneless dark meat to satisfy needs in response to current dark meat markets. Movement light to heavy, mostly moderate.

### BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET UP SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 207 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 26, 2011. 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 DOWN SLIGHTLY

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 26, 2011. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2011 through February 26, 2011 were 1.34 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

### BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED 19 SELECTED STATE TOTAL

Week Ending 02/26/11	2011	2010	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
	(Thousand)		
EGGS SET	207,399	207,365	0
CHICKS PLACED	168,221	168,299	0
Selected States: AL, AR, DE, FL, GA, KY, LA, MD, MS, NC, OK, PA, SC, TX, VA, CA, MO, TN, & WV			
Source: NASS, USDA			

**WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING** Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 09-Apr-11 is estimated at 154.5 million head. This compares to 154.3 million head the previous week and to 158.1 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 158.1 million head and the composite weighted average price was 85.28 cents per pound.

MAR 01

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

MAR 02

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			WTD	ITEM	POUNDS			WTD
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG		(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG
BREAST - B/S	335	112.00-171.00	-	117.75	BREAST - B/S	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
TENDERLOINS	185	121.00-195.00	-	127.81	TENDERLOINS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT			BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT			FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	206	36.00-38.00	-	37.34	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	366	36.00-39.00	-	37.78
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	702	38.00-41.00	-	39.95	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	682	38.00-41.00	-	39.61
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S 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	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
55.00 - 57.50	56.71	52.75 - 57.50	55.02	55.73

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 to higher for breast items, tenders, thighs and thigh meat; steady to firm for other dark meat cuts, steady to weak for wings. Trucklot buying activity is moderate to good for midweek trading. Offerings are light for breast items and tenders; light to moderate for most dark meat cuts. Wings are moderate to heavy. Trade activity is moderate to active.

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

MAR 01	CURRENT NEG	WTD	VOL/LBS	MAR 02	CURRENT NEG	WTD	VOL/LBS
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG		ITEM	TRADING*	AVG	
BREAST - B/S	135-140	120.01	854,720	BREAST - B/S	140	121.79	646,080
TENDERLOINS	125-130	122.85	124,282	TENDERLOINS	130	121.10	122,364
BREAST - WITH RIBS	77-78	81.31	99,006	BREAST - WITH RIBS	78-79	87.08	70,860
BREAST - LINE RUN	77	78.93	72,519	BREAST - LINE RUN	78	80.00	76,373
LEGS	61-62	57.17	176,240	LEGS	61-62	55.60	240,980
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	38-39	38.45	284,280	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	38-39	39.45	320,269
DRUMSTICKS	47-48	55.04	56,080	DRUMSTICKS	47-48	51.45	105,413
THIGHS	53-54	53.17	79,373	THIGHS	53-54	52.90	70,958
B/S THIGHS	111-112	109.68	82,120	B/S THIGHS	112-113	110.73	99,880
WINGS (WHOLE)	84-85	76.06	265,440	WINGS (WHOLE)	84-85	77.68	175,080
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	13-15	15.14	37,710	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	13-15	15.00	24,160
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	47.17	10,500	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	46.86	18,900
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	62.11	28,880	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	65.00	19,960

INCLUDES NY CITY METRO. AREA, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, RI, & PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). \* TODAY'S NEG. 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

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL		AVG
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	WTS
	03/02	03/01	02/28	02/25	02/28	02/25	02/23	02/21	
Alabama	4,085	4,082	4,074	3,716	5.60	5.34	3,655	5.60	
Arkansas	4,950	4,483	4,614	3,698	5.33	5.09	4,583	5.49	
Delmarva	2,230	2,252	1,841	2,234	6.24	5.80	2,254	6.16	
KY-LA-TN	2,319	2,313	2,383	2,206	5.28	5.13	2,156	5.24	
Mississippi	2,899	2,952	2,958	2,731	5.89	5.65	2,537	5.95	
North Carolina	2,611	2,855	2,558	2,331	7.25	7.02	2,621	7.28	
Texas	2,671	2,671	2,704	2,717	5.85	5.59	2,529	5.81	
Total	21,765	21,608	21,132	19,633	5.83	5.60	20,335	5.86	
Mon-Wed	64,705	(A)					63,741	(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 02-Mar-11 is estimated to be 32,563,000 head up 6.71 percent from a week ago and up 4.40 percent from a year ago. (Last week 30,515,000, last year 31,192,000)

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

#### PROCESSED POULTRY, DLVRD TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	109-122
ROASTERS 4# & UP	129-139
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

#### SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DLVRD TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK 124-180
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK
DUCKS	DRY PACK 124
	ICE PACK 129
	DRY PACK 135
	274-279

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 05-Mar-11

Class	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	03/05/11 (1)	02/26/11	Thousand head	
Broiler/fryer	159,233 (2)	161,353		
Light hens	1,712	1,625		
Heavy hens	1,424	1,677		
Total	162,369	164,655		

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 05-Mar-11 is 158.0 million head compared to 160.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 159.6 million head or 1.6 million more than estimated available. For the week of 12-Mar-11 the estimated available is 158.1 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS**

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

		PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
		LBS	LBS
AM	02/21/11	105,880	62,086
AM	02/01/11	91,134	67,614
CHG		14,746	-5,528
PCT CHG		16%	-8%

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)**

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	02/28/11	02/21/11	03/01/10	02/28/11	02/21/11	03/01/10
<b>PACIFIC COAST</b>	363	370	3,105	7,781	4,501	7,102
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>	103	109	325	1,695	1,333	911

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY				FOR 03/01/11			
	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG	
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.60	.80	.71	HEAVY FOWL ea.	3.25	4.00	3.79
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	5.25	5.75	5.50
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	1.35	-	ROOSTERS ea.	3.00	10.50	6.09
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	14.00	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	2.10	3.00	2.69	RABBITS ea.	-	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.75	3.25	2.51
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-	PEACOCKS ea.	-	-	-
PARTRIDGES ea.	-	-	-	COCKATEALS ea.	-	-	-
DOVES ea.	-	-	-	PHEASANTS ea.	-	-	-
QUAIL ea.	-	-	-	FERRETS ea.	-	-	-
CHINCHILAS ea.	-	-	-	MICE ea.	-	-	-
TOTAL COOPS	26						

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY**

Cents per pound for the week ending February 25, 2011

	Whole		Legs	Necks,Backs	Livers	Hens
	Chickens	Breasts	W/Thighs	& Wings	Gizzards	
<b>RAYON</b>						
Low	86.88	153.53	86.13	22.47	11.23	104.85
High	88.75	168.51	101.11	29.96	14.98	104.85
Mostly	86.88	164.77	97.36	26.21	11.23	104.85
<b>SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	86.13	149.79	82.38	18.72	7.49	104.85
High	88.00	164.77	97.36	26.21	11.23	104.85
Mostly	86.88	161.02	93.62	22.47	9.36	104.85
<b>NEW SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	88.00	157.28	89.87	26.21	11.23	108.60
High	89.87	172.25	104.85	33.70	14.98	108.60
Mostly	88.00	168.51	101.11	29.96	13.11	108.60
<b>BECERRA</b>						
Low	89.12	161.02	93.62	29.96	11.23	108.60
High	90.62	176.00	108.60	37.45	14.98	108.60
Mostly	89.12	172.25	104.85	33.70	14.98	108.60

**CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS**

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S.GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE,5 LBS AND UP, FOR WEEK OF FEB 28, 2011.

HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	RANGE
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	80-86
		85-90

**DELMARVA** Less-than-trucklot asking prices is unchanged to one cent higher at 78 to 89 cents, with a steady to higher trending undertone. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was moderate to good for midweek trading. Offerings are light to moderate and clearing well. Live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed, but noted as mostly desirable. Processor schedules are moderately heavy. Market activity is moderate to active. In the parts complex, wings are available. Dark meat cuts, tenders, and breast items are light to moderate.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

RANGE		BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		65-95	
NO. OF BOXES		(A)	
		(A)	

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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