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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Prices for whole broiler/fryers are steady to fully steady in the Midwest and West, steady to weak in the East. Final majority prices are down 1 cents in the East, unchanged elsewhere when compared to last week prices. Offerings are light to heavy, mostly moderate to heavy as dealers continue to assess market conditions following the devastating storms that hit production areas in the South. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate following the weekend. Floor stocks are light to moderate. Market activity is seasonally slow to moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate. Prices are trending steady to weak for boneless skinless breast, tenders and wings, steady for all other parts. Offerings are moderate to heavy for b/s breast and tenders, light to moderate for wings, and moderate for dark meat items. The market activity is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate. Weights are mixed, but noted are mostly desirable.



**FINAL** Prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers and FOB Dock at major market areas (cents per lb) Week of 02-May-2011

	Grade A		Composite	
	Maj	Wtd Avg	Lds	Wtd Avg Lds
<b>Delivered to First Receivers 1/:</b>				
Boston/New England	TFEWR			77.57 14
Ohio Cities	TFEWR			80.99 11
Denver	TFEWR			80.46 28
Detroit	TFEWR			78.04 17
Los Angeles	96.00	95.32	22	90.35 51
New York	79.00-82.00	80.70	20	83.75 39
Philadelphia	78.50-80.00	79.27	11	81.75 22
Pittsburgh	78.00-81.00	80.11	9	85.57 49
St. Louis	TFEWR			78.97 19
San Francisco	96.50	95.33	9	94.59 39

### Delivered to First Receivers 1/:

Chicago	Whole Body 2/:		Composite	
	Maj	Wtd Avg	Lds	Wtd Avg Lds
	75.00-82.00			77.20 42

### Composite Weighted Average 3/:

Loads	05/02/11	Change Last Wk	04/25/11	05/03/10
331	83.78	.36	83.42	82.10

WOG Broilers 4/:	Majority	Wtd Avg	Lds
Eastern	87.00-89.00	87.11	28
Central	72.00-82.00	77.68	74
Western	84.00-89.00	87.65	37

### FOB Dock Equivalent 5/:

Mississippi	83.00-87.00	85.07	28
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1/: Includes branded product. 2/: Whole Body category includes whole body birds with or without giblets, all grades, brands, and packaging.

3/: Includes all whole birds shipped into listed cities including Chicago.

4/: Delivered first receiver, trucklot and less than trucklot volumes.

5/: Southeast area.

**GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is **86.50** cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/12 to 3 pound birds.

Loads	Range	Monday Final Wtd Avg Fob Dock or Equivalent
968	81.00-93.60	85.67

Georgia f.o.b. Dock confirmed *final* weighted average price on ice-packed parts:

Item	Wtd Avg (Cents per Pound)	Volume (000 Pounds)
Line Run Tendens	200.50	1,745
Breasts - B/S	157.50	7,599
Breasts - Whole	92.00	1,520
Thigh Meat - B/S	128.00	1,236
Thighs	64.50	1,109
Drumsticks	65.50	1,189
Leg Quarters	47.00	10,542
Wings	80.00	3,747

This info is supplied by the GA Dept. of Agriculture, Poultry Market News Service.

**NORTHEAST** Prices are trending steady on most sizes. Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers is light to moderate as dealers continue to assess market conditions following the devastating storms that hit production areas in the South. Offerings are sufficient for current needs. Trade activity is slow to moderate. In the parts complex, supplies of wings, boneless skinless breast and tenders are moderate to heavy; dark meat cuts are moderate.

**SOUTHERN** Prices are trending steady to weak for whole broiler/fryers. Offerings are moderate to heavy for current trade needs. Demand following the weekend is light while some processors remain down because of power outages or damages from Wednesday storms. In the parts structure, movement is mostly light to moderate. Prices are trending steady for most parts. Boneless skinless breast, tenders, and wings are steady to weak. Offerings range light to moderate with b/s breast and tenders moderate to heavy. Dark meat items are in good supply and moving satisfactorily. Market activity is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate. Weights are desirable.

**WESTERN** Final majority prices are unchanged from last Monday's. Offerings light to moderate. Retail demand is light to moderate, instances good. Food service demand is light to good, mostly light to moderate. Floor stocks moderate. Weights desirable. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average is 86.29 cents, up 2.31 cents on 24 loads. Trading: boneless skinless breasts 123-163, tenderloins 134-163, bone-in breasts 88-103, legs 67-77, leg quarters 47-58, 4-10 leg quarters 52-58, drums 56-66, thighs 74-80, thigh meat 132-146, leg meat 119-132, and wings 73-88 cents delivered.

**MIDWEST** Final majority delivered prices were unchanged into the Chicago market; Ohio cities, Detroit and St. Louis are TFEWR. Whole broiler/fryer prices are steady. Bird offers are very light demand fairly light. Production from the southeast slowly getting back up from last week's storms. Floor stocks are light; weights desirable to light. Demand is light to moderate for both retail and food service outlets, fast food is normal to good. Whole bird market activity is fair. Parts prices are steady on wings and breast items and fully steady on leg items. Supplies of all parts items are light to moderate. Demand is light to moderate for all parts.

**DELMARVA** Less-than-trucklot asking prices are unchanged at 81 to 92 cents, with a steady trending undertone. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds is light as dealers assess current market conditions and effects of the storm last week in the south. Offerings are moderate to heavy for current trade needs. Live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed, but noted as mostly desirable. Processing schedules are moderate. Market activity is slow. In the parts complex, supplies are moderate to heavy for b/s breasts, tenders, and wings. The remainder of parts are sufficient.

\*Broiler/fryer current negotiated prices for immediate delivery includes mostly multiple-drop shipments of branded and wing tagged to New York City from Delmarva

Branded U.S. Grade A	
Range	74-100
Weighted average	(a)
No. Of boxes	(a)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Prices are trending steady to instances weak for boneless skinless breast, wings and tenders; steady for the balance of items. Trucklot buying activity is light as dealers continue to assess market conditions following tornadoes that struck productions areas in the Southeast. Offerings are moderate to heavy for wings, boneless skinless breast and tenders; sufficient for the balance of items. Movement is slow. 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		145-150	133.34	550,960
Tenderloins		150-155	150.94	145,783
Breast - With Ribs		89-90	100.96	72,943
Breast - Line Run		89	91.39	68,400
Legs		65-66	71.76	61,720
Leg Quarters (Bulk)		44-45	48.09	219,280
Drumsticks		52-53	63.47	78,080
Thighs		67-68	73.80	67,680
B/S Thighs		134-135	135.77	59,880
Wings (Whole)		76-77	78.60	248,160
Backs And Necks (Stripped)		13-15	15.00	33,000
Livers (5 Pound Tubs)		45-50	47.58	6,030
Gizzards (Hearts)		60-65	65.05	12,680

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.

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS**

	Estimate (1,000)	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wts	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wts
	05/02	04/28	04/28	04/25	04/21
Alabama	1,970	1,332	5.40	3,959	5.55
Arkansas	4,708	4,799	5.45	4,645	5.35
Delmarva	2,153	2,311	6.10	1,346	6.08
KY-LA-TN	2,450	2,111	5.41	2,261	5.21
Mississippi	2,872	2,856	5.82	2,880	5.92
North Carolina	2,807	2,769	7.20	2,658	7.11
Texas	2,500	2,508	5.75	2,271	5.59
Total	19,460	18,686	5.88	20,020	5.77
Mon	19,460(A)			20,020(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 02-May 2011 is estimated to be 29,114,000 down 3.09 percent from a week ago, and down 11.5 percent from a year ago.

(last week 30,042,000; last year 32,908,000)

**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.

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)	420	42.00-46.00	-	44.67
Leg Quarters (4/10)	642	44.00-47.00	-	46.38
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 May 02, 2011 -- F.O.B. Dock

Range	Today's Average	5-Day Average
55.50 - 61.00	59.34	58.80

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 02-May-2011 to 06-May-2011, Cents per Pound

	Price per Lb.	Mostly
Breast - B/S	118.00 - 142.00	122.00 - 136.00
Tenderloins	149.00 - 165.00	154.00 - 160.00
Breast - Line Run	89.00 - 109.00	89.00 - 100.00
Legs	61.00 - 67.00	-
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	42.00 - 50.00	45.00 - 47.00
Leg Quarters (4/10)	46.00 - 54.00	46.00 - 47.00
Drumsticks	49.00 - 59.00	-
Thighs	61.00 - 73.00	-
B/S Thighs	129.00 - 139.00	-
Wings (Whole)	62.00 - 93.00	-
Backs and Necks (Stripped)	17.00 - 40.00	-
Livers	32.00 - 49.00	-
Gizzards (Hearts)	40.00 - 59.00	-

**CALIFORNIA PROCESSED POULTRY**

**Southern (L.A. Area)**

Delivered to Restaurants and Institutions

	Range
WOGS 2# & Up - Whole	99-116
WOGS 2# & Up - Cut Up 8 & 9 Pieces	102-118
Frozen Ducks	
Frozen Squabs	

**Delivered To Retailers**

Fresh Fryers	109-122
Roasters 4# & Up	129-139
Hens Under 5#	
Hens Over 5#	
Ducks	
Rabbits-Whole	
Rabbits-Cut Up	

**San Francisco**

Delivered to Restaurants and Institutions

		Range
Fresh Fryers	Dry Pack	128-188
	Ice Pack	
Roasters 4# & Up	Dry Pack	124
	Ice Pack	
Hens Over 5#	Dry Pack	135
	Ice Pack	129
Ducks		274-279

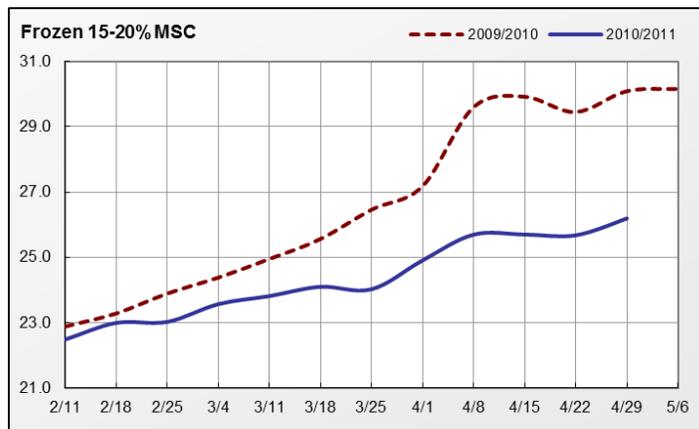
**NATIONAL MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

(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 fresh and frozen 15-20%. Supplies are light to moderate. Schedules were irregular as some operations deal with the aftermath of the tornadoes that hit areas of the Southeast. Demand into domestic and export channels was moderate to mostly good with the bulk of interest centering on frozen 15-20%. Market activity was moderate to active. Supplies of raw materials are tight. Frame values were firm with limited trading occurring between 11-13.5 cents FOB.

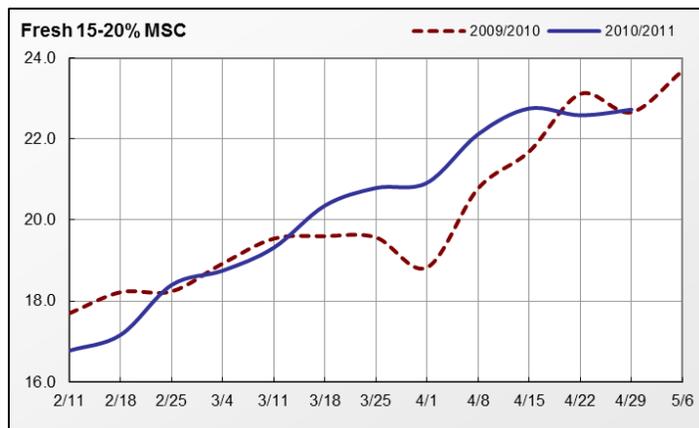
**Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)**

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	29-Apr-11	Last Week	Last Year	29-Apr-11	Last Week	Last Year
<b>15% or Less</b>						
Price Range			-	26.00	25.00	26.00
Wtd Avg Price			-	26.00	25.00	26.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	204	122	91
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	50
<b>15-20%</b>						
Price Range	24.00 - 29.00	24.00 - 28.00	27.00-33.00	20.00 - 26.00	19.00 - 27.00	18.00-30.00
Wtd Avg Price	26.19	25.68	30.09	22.73	22.58	22.66
Volume Traded	1,898	1,659	1,758	3,345	3,487	5,467
Volume Exported	1,578	1,359	1,558	-	-	367
<b>20% or More</b>						
Price Range	-	-	-	20.00	18.00 - 20.00	22.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	20.00	19.00	22.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	122	82	41
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	Mar 2011	Feb 2011	Mar 2010	Mar 2011	Feb 2011	Mar 2010
<b>15% or Less</b>						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	25.00	20.83	19.29	23.30
Volume Traded	-	-	40	245	694	408
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>15-20%</b>						
Wtd Avg Price	23.86	22.69	25.48	19.80	17.34	19.37
Volume Traded	6,170	6,087	5,689	13,826	15,732	14,453
Volume Exported	5,930	5,367	4,937	1,183	1,224	1,958
<b>20% or More</b>						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	18.91	19.00	18.50
Volume Traded	-	-	-	449	571	245
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



Note: Volume exported refers to that portion of the total volume that is destined for export markets.  
Source: USDA AMS Poultry Market News & Analysis

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**LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS (7 pounds and up)\***

Final Price, Generally for Slaughter the Week of 02-May-2011

**SOUTH CENTRAL** Trading was light and TFEWR. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slowing and fair at best. Trade sentiment was about steady.

**Range Maj Wtd Avg**

At Farm Buyer Loading Too Few to Report

**SOUTHEAST** Prices continue to trend steady. Offerings are sufficient for the mostly moderate demand. Processing schedules are noted as normal. Finished product supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is moderate.

**Range Maj Wtd Avg**

At Farm Buyer Loading 8-17.75 cents/lb. 12.95  
At Farm Producer Loading Too Few to Report  
FOB Plant Too Few to Report

\*Weights under 7 lbs. Subject to discount.

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