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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending steady to lower in the East, steady to barely steady in the Midwest, steady in the West. Offerings are light to heavy, mostly moderate for current trade needs. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate. Floor stocks are light to moderate. Market activity is mostly slow to moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate and generally unaggressive for midweek business. Prices are trending steady to firm for dark meat items, weak to lower for breast items, and steady for all other parts. Offerings are light to moderate for most dark meat cuts with legs and leg quarters in the best position. Tenders and b/s breast are moderate to mostly heavy. Remaining of parts are moderate. The market activity is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate. Weights are mixed, but noted are mostly desirable.

**GEORGIA FOB DOCK** The quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading was unchanged at 86.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 86.50 cents last year on May 12, 2010.

Quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

Item	Dock Price (Cents per Pound)
Line Run Tenders	200.00
Breasts - B/S	153.00
Breasts - Whole	92.00
Thigh Meat - B/S	132.50
Thighs	65.50
Drumsticks	60.50
Leg Quarters	49.00
Wings	77.00

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

**NORTHEAST REGION** Prices are trending weak to lower for most sizes. Trucklot buying activity for ready-to-cook whole broiler fryers is light and unaggressive for midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes are available and slow to clear. Trade activity is slow. In the parts complex, supplies of most dark meat cuts are light to moderate and clearing. Breast items and tenders are readily available and slow to clear.

**MIDWEST REGION** Whole bird prices are steady to weak. Offerings are light to moderate, buyer's interest light to moderate. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate, fast food volumes moderate to good. Floor stocks are light to moderate. Weights are desirable to heavy. Whole bird market activity is moderate. Parts prices are steady to firm for wings, firm on dark meat items and weak for boneless breast and tenders. Supplies are heavy for boneless skinless breasts and tenders while all other parts items are balanced with needs. Market activity on all parts items is light to moderate.

**WESTERN REGION** The Los Angeles delivered quote is 96 cents, unchanged from last week. The market on whole fryers is steady and WOGs steady to barely steady. Offerings light to moderate with over 3 lb. sized WOGs the most available. Retail demand light to good, mostly moderate with best activity on featured items. Foodservice demand light to good, mostly light to moderate. Floor stocks light to mostly moderate. Weights desirable. The market on boneless skinless breasts and tenderloins is barely steady to weak with lower trending offering prices reported, wings steady to fully steady. The market on dark items is steady to fully steady. Demand light to good, mostly light to moderate. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts and tenderloins moderate to heavy, and light to moderate. Offerings of dark items very light to instances moderate, mostly very light to light with some drums not as short as previous weeks. Movement light to good, mostly light to moderate. Some continued improved activity is being reported into retail channels on bone-in dark items.

**SOUTHERN REGION** Prices for whole broiler/fryers are trending steady to weak. Offerings are moderate to at times heavy with some discounting noted to help clear. Demand is light with trading usually limited to regular commitments. Market activity is slow. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate for mid-week trading. Prices are trending steady for wings and whole breast, steady to firm for dark meat and weak to lower for tenders and boneless skinless breast. Offerings are heavy for tenders and b/s breast, light to moderate for dark meat item with legs in the best position and moving satisfactorily. All other parts are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate. Weights are mixed, but noted as mostly desirable.

## BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET DOWN 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 208 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 7, 2011. This was down 1 percent 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 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 7, 2011. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2011 through May 7, 2011 were 3.07 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 05/07/11	2011	2010	Percent Change Previous Year
	(thousand)		
Eggs Set	207,857	209,188	-01
Chicks Placed	173,268	171,075	+01
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 18-Jun-11 is estimated at 159.5 million head. This compares to 159.2 million head the previous week and to 160.8 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 163.9 million head and the composite weighted average price was 86.07 cents per pound.

MAY 10

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

MAY 11

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	400	118.00-172.00	-	125.30	BREAST - B/S	420	112.00-174.00	-	124.30
TENDERLOINS	240	133.00-205.00	-	145.54	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)	410	46.00-48.00	-	47.12	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	266	45.00-48.00	-	47.02
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	988	45.00-49.00	-	48.63	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	962	47.00-50.00	-	49.17
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
58.50 - 59.50	59.06	58.00 - 61.50	60.12	59.28

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 weak to lower for tenders and boneless skinless breast; steady to firm most leg cuts and steady for the balance of items. Trucklot buying activity is light and generally unaggressive for midweek trading. Offerings are readily available for tenders and boneless skinless breast; light to moderate for dark meat cuts and sufficient for the balance of items. Movement is slow to moderate.

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

MAY 10	CURRENT NEG	WTD	VOL/LBS	MAY 11	CURRENT NEG	WTD	VOL/LBS
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG		ITEM	TRADING*	AVG	
BREAST - B/S	145-150	132.89	748,520	BREAST - B/S	140-145	134.44	411,280
TENDERLOINS	150	150.66	209,300	TENDERLOINS	145-150	147.57	140,525
BREAST - WITH RIBS	89-90	100.28	69,309	BREAST - WITH RIBS	89-90	100.73	58,756
BREAST - LINE RUN	89	91.59	72,775	BREAST - LINE RUN	89	91.59	61,445
LEGS	67-68	66.29	179,080	LEGS	67-68	66.63	196,600
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	47-48	49.75	414,800	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	47-48	50.42	219,240
DRUMSTICKS	53-54	69.04	131,960	DRUMSTICKS	54-55	65.66	119,880
THIGHS	67-68	72.95	111,080	THIGHS	67-68	74.63	86,840
B/S THIGHS	134-135	135.30	97,320	B/S THIGHS	134-135	135.32	111,760
WINGS (WHOLE)	76-77	78.00	267,440	WINGS (WHOLE)	76-77	80.36	212,880
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	13-15	15.00	23,160	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	13-15	15.00	15,200
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	48.04	14,340	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	46.54	15,330
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	62.36	26,240	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	63.51	31,560

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)	05/10	(1,000)	05/06	05/09	05/06	(1,000)	05/04	WTS
Alabama	3,861	3,819	4,112	5,789	5.72	5.57	3,691	5.72	
Arkansas	4,685	4,977	4,659	4,561	5.50	5.24	4,401	5.58	
Delmarva	2,244	2,311	2,293	2,651	6.26	6.18	2,290	6.55	
KY-LA-TN	2,378	2,453	1,965	2,568	4.86	5.16	2,376	5.57	
Mississippi	2,919	2,881	2,984	3,751	6.00	5.76	2,926	5.93	
North Carolina	2,726	2,825	2,761	2,701	7.37	7.09	2,682	7.29	
Texas	2,715	2,746	2,713	2,434	5.96	5.66	2,768	6.00	
Total	21,528	22,012	21,487	24,455	5.93	5.74	21,134	6.04	
Mon-Wed	64,952 (A)						62,704 (A)		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 11-May-11 is estimated to be 32,208,000 head up 1.56 percent from a week ago and up 1.44 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,714,000, last year 31,750,000).

**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	ICE PACK
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK
DUCKS	ICE PACK
	DRY PACK
	128-188
	124
	129
	135
	274-279

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

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 14-May-11

Class	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	05/14/11 (1)	05/07/11	05/14/11 (1)	05/07/11
	----- Thousand head -----			
Broiler/fryer	163,199 (2)		154,626	
Light hens	1,725		1,604	
Heavy hens	1,409		1,543	
Total	166,333		157,773	

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 14-May-11 is 163.1 million head compared to 163.5 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 163.5 million head or 0.4 million more than estimated available. For the week of 21-May-11 the estimated available is 162.6 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS**  
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

		PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
		LBS	LBS
AM	05/09/11	135,419	56,175
AM	05/01/11	127,285	54,517
CHG		8,134	1,658
PCT CHG		6%	3%

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)**

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	05/09/11	05/02/11	05/10/10	05/09/11	05/02/11	05/10/10
<b>PACIFIC COAST LOS ANGELES</b>	344	337	2753	6,316	6,646	5,147
<b>ANGELES</b>	103	88	139	895	951	850

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW HIGH AVG			FOR 05/10/11			
	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG	
HEAVY FOWL lb.	2.50	3.20	2.80	HEAVY FOWL ea.	4.00	18.00	8.92
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	6.00	10.50	8.06
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	1.25	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	2.00	7.00	3.63
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	7.50	13.50	11.58
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	7.00	14.00	8.16
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	1.90	2.05	1.96	DUCKS ea.	-	7.00	-
RABBITS lb.	1.70	2.20	2.01	RABBITS ea.	7.00	7.50	7.25
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	3.00	5.00	4.04
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	5.00	10.50	7.89
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							46

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY**

Cents per pound for the week ending May 06, 2011

	Whole		Legs	Necks,Backs	Livers	Hens
	Chickens	Breasts	W/Thighs	& Wings	Gizzards	
<b>RAYON</b>						
Low	81.58	156.88	78.44	23.53	3.92	66.67
High	84.32	172.56	94.13	27.45	7.84	66.67
Mostly	82.36	168.64	90.20	25.49	5.88	66.67
<b>SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	80.40	149.03	74.52	23.53	3.92	66.67
High	83.54	164.72	90.20	27.45	7.84	66.67
Mostly	81.18	160.8	86.28	23.53	3.92	66.67
<b>NEW SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	82.36	156.88	82.36	27.45	7.84	70.59
High	85.11	176.49	98.05	31.38	11.77	70.59
Mostly	84.32	172.56	94.13	27.45	7.84	70.59
<b>BECERRA</b>						
Low	83.14	160.80	86.28	27.45	7.84	70.59
High	86.28	180.41	101.97	31.38	11.77	70.59
Mostly	85.11	176.49	98.05	27.45	7.84	70.59

**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 MAY 09, 2011.

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

**DELMARVA** Less-than-trucklot asking prices are 1 cent lower at 80 to 91 cents, with a weak to lower trending undertone. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds is light for mid-week business. Offerings are moderate to heavy for trade needs. Live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed from desirable to heavy. Processing schedules are moderately heavy. Market activity is mostly slow. In the parts complex, supplies are moderate to heavy for tenders and b/s breasts. The balance of parts are light to moderate with leg cuts in the best position.

\*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		73-100
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		(A)
NO. OF BOXES		(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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