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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending steady to barely steady in the Midwest, steady to weak in the East, and weak to firm in the West. Final majority prices are 5 cents lower in the Midwest and 1 cent higher in the West when compared to last week prices. Offerings cover the full range, mostly moderate to heavy for current trade needs. Retail demand is light to good, mostly light to moderate. Food service demand is light to moderate. Floor stocks are light to moderate. The market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, movement is moderate following the hurricane that caused some disruption in transport due to flooding. Prices are trending steady to firm for tenders, wings and some breast items. Dark meat items are mostly steady. Supplies of tenders and wings are light to moderate with good movement. Other part items are mostly sufficient for current needs. Market activity for parts is moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate. Weights are mixed, but reported as mostly desirable.

FINAL BROILER FRYER prices negotiated for trucklot sales of RTC broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers and FOB at major market areas (cents per lb) week of 29-Aug-2011

	Grade A		Loads	Composite	
	Majority	Wtd Avg		Wtd	Loads
<u>Delivered to First Receivers 1/:</u>					
Boston/New England	TFEWR		:	75.92	12
Ohio Cities	TFEWR		:	77.20	14
Denver	TFEWR		:	89.78	9
Detroit	TFEWR		:	72.13	28
Los Angeles	98.00	95.95	22 :	82.90	77
New York	72.00-75.00	73.62	21 :	76.19	43
Philadelphia	71.50-73.00	72.00	11 :	75.11	22
Pittsburgh	71.00-74.00	72.55	11 :	81.25	52
St. Louis	TFEWR		:	73.71	17
San Francisco	98.50	96.44	9 :	89.13	31

	Whole Body 2/:		Loads	Composite	
	Majority	Wtd Avg		Wtd	Loads
Chicago	69.00-75.00		:	71.85	48

Composite Weighted Average 3/:					
Loads	08/29/11	Change Last Wk	08/22/11	08/30/10	
353	78.74	-2.48	81.22	85.62	

WOG broiler 4/:			
	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads
Eastern	81.00-83.00	81.74	29
Central	62.00-78.00	72.49	88
Western	69.00-81.00	80.27	61

FOB Dock Equivalent 5/:			
	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads
Mississippi	83.00-87.00	85.08	25

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 F.O.B. DOCK PRICES

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 88.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
991	75.00-97.78	87.02

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 TENDERS	186.50	1,815
BREASTS - B/S	148.00	7,729
BREASTS - WHOLE	85.50	1,560
THIGH MEAT - B/S	131.50	1,276
THIGHS	71.50	1,130
DRUMSTICKS	66.50	1,175
LEG QUARTERS	53.00	10,342
WINGS	88.00	3,767

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

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Prices are trending steady to weak on all sizes. Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers is light to moderate as dealers assess market conditions following the hurricane that caused some disruptions in scheduling and shipping entering the week. Offerings of all sizes are available and slow in clearing. Trade activity is slow to moderate. In the parts complex, supplies of most items are sufficient for current needs.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYER Whole broiler/fryers prices are weak. Offerings are moderate to at times heavy for current trade needs. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate. The market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, movement is moderate for early week business. Prices are trending firm to higher for tender, wings and breast items. Supplies for most parts are light to moderate with good movement. Dark meat item is mostly moderate. Market activity is moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate weights are mixed, but noted as mostly desirable.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices are 1 cent higher than last Monday. Offerings light. Retail and food service demand light to moderate. Floor stocks moderate. Weights desirable. Parts supplies very light to moderate. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average is 77.08 cents, down 6.59 cents on 49 loads.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS - Final majority prices were 5 cents lower into the Chicago market; Ohio cities, Detroit and St. Louis were TFEWR. Whole broiler fryer prices were steady to barely steady; offers light to moderate. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate at best. Floor stocks light to moderate; weights desirable. Whole bird market activity was fairly light. Parts supplies were light to moderate. Prices were steady for dark meat items and steady to fully steady on the balance of parts. Market activity was light to moderate for all parts.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Less-than-trucklot asking prices are unchanged at 76 to 85 cents, with a barely steady to steady trending undertone. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds is light entering the week with only minimal damage reported from Hurricane Irene. Offerings are moderate to heavy for current trade needs. Live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed, but noted as mostly desirable. Processing schedules are light. Market activity is slow. In the parts complex, supplies ranged light to moderate. Tenders and wings were in the best position.

	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
RANGE	67-96
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Northeast Broiler/Fryer Parts Prices are trending steady to firm for tenders, wings and breast items; steady for the balance of items. Trucklot buying activity is light to moderate with dealers assessing market conditions after Hurricane Irene caused some disruptions in transporting due to flooding in some areas over the weekend. Supplies of boneless skinless breast, tenders and wings are light to moderate and moving well; other items are sufficient for current needs. Movement is 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		150-155	135.10	596,480
Tenderloins		135-140	138.04	129,520
Breast - With Ribs		81-82	95.90	72,215
Breast - Line Run		81	82.97	71,044
Legs		68-69	69.46	170,120
Leg Quarters (Bulk)		48-49	53.74	202,640
Drumsticks		59-60	71.36	94,760
Thighs		71-72	79.13	92,720
B/S Thighs		134-135	136.27	36,800
Wings (Whole)		92-93	101.55	195,120
Backs And Necks (Stripped)		13-15	15.00	10,987
Livers (5 Pound Tubs)		45-50	47.54	4,650
Gizzards (Hearts)		60-65	65.20	11,960

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
	08/29	08/25	08/25	08/22	08/18
Alabama	3,887	3,376	5.72	3,691	5.60
Arkansas	4,882	4,845	5.51	4,876	5.37
Delmarva	1,788	2,096	6.18	1,786	6.21
KY-LA-TN	2,473	2,432	5.09	2,436	5.15
Mississippi	2,993	2,932	6.29	2,939	5.86
North Carolina	2,689	2,610	7.01	2,490	7.08
Texas	2,635	2,718	5.58	2,732	5.55
Total	21,347	21,009	5.87	20,950	5.77
Mon	21,347(A)			20,950(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 29-Aug 2011 is estimated to be 31,938,000 up 1.59 percent from a week ago, and down 3.4 percent from a year ago. (last week 31,438,000 last year 33,058,000)

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)	281	47.00-50.00	-	49.09
Leg Quarters (4/10)	892	50.00-52.00	-	51.13
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 August 29, 2011 -- f.o.b. dock

Range	Today's Average	5-Day Average
54.50 - 57.00	55.75	55.40

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 29-Aug-2011 to 02-Sep-2011, Cents per Pound

	Price per Lb.	Mostly
Breast - B/S	122.00 - 140.00	127.00 - 137.00
Tenderloins	131.00 - 150.00	138.00 - 145.00
Breast - Line Run	77.00 - 102.00	82.00 - 87.00
Legs	66.00 - 69.00	-
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	47.00 - 55.00	49.00 - 52.00
Leg Quarters (4/10)	51.00 - 59.00	52.00 - 55.00
Drumsticks	52.00 - 66.00	-
Thighs	61.00 - 78.00	-
B/S Thighs	125.00 - 137.00	-
Wings (Whole)	85.00 - 96.00	90.00 - 95.00
Backs and Necks (Stripped)	17.00 - 40.00	-
Livers	32.00 - 49.00	-
Gizzards (Hearts)	40.00 - 59.00	-

California Processed Poultry – cents per pound

Southern (L.A. Area)

Delivered to Restaurants and Institutions

	Range
WOGS 2# & Up - Whole	100-118
WOGS 2# & Up - Cut Up 8 & 9 Pieces	104-119
Frozen Ducks	
Frozen Squabs	

Delivered To Retailers

	Range
Fresh Fryers	109-122
Roasters 4# & Up	129-139
Ducks	
Rabbits-Whole	
Rabbits-Cut Up	

San Francisco

Delivered to Restaurants and Institutions

	Range
Fresh Fryers	Dry Pack 129-188
	Ice Pack
Roasters 4# & Up	Dry Pack 124
	Ice Pack
Ducks	235-279

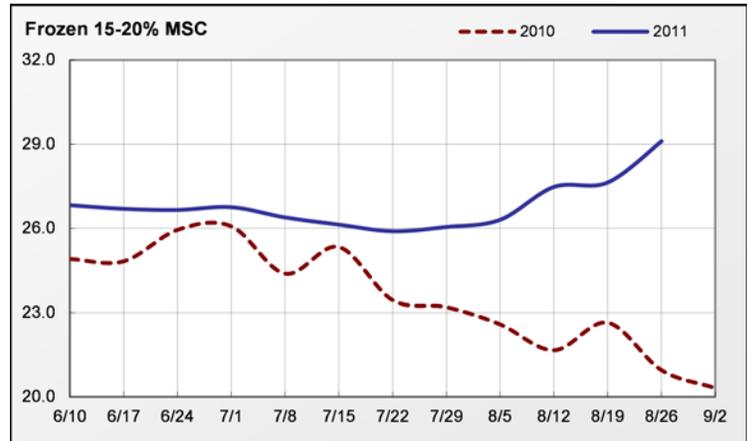
National Mechanically Separated Chicken

(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.)

Prices trended firm to higher on all fat contents. MSC supplies were light to moderate. Schedules were normal. Demand into both domestic and export channels was moderate to mostly good. A variety of factors continue to influence the spot marketplace ranging from continuous high temps, lighter bird weights, higher bird mortality rates, production cutbacks, high grain costs, strong finished product sales domestically, production preparations for the coming hurricane season and improved export interest. Many dealers in industry on both sides have begun to prepare for the fast approaching contract season. However discussions won't begin until late September or October at the earliest with many anticipating a challenging season. Market activity was active with most buyer interest and movement centering on fresh 15-20%, especially into Mexico. Supplies of raw materials were tight and wanted. Frame values continue to trade mostly between 13-15 cents FOB.

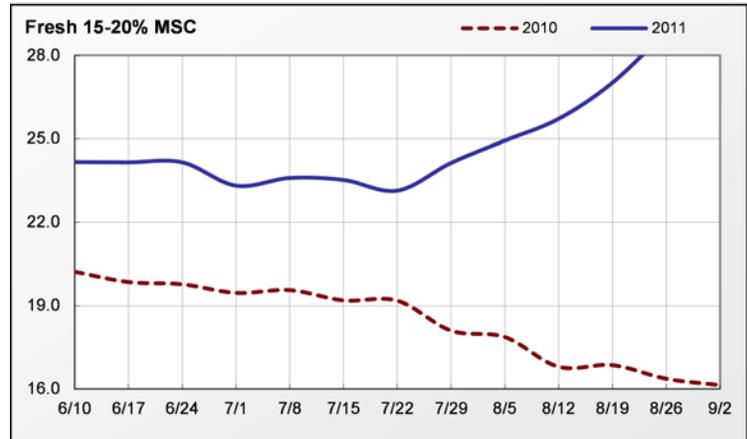
Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	26-Aug-11	Last Week	Last Year	26-Aug-11	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range			-	30.00	26.00	21.00
Wtd Avg Price			-	30.00	26.80	21.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	143	204	163
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	26.00 - 32.00	26.00 - 32.00	16.00-27.00	26.00 - 34.00	24.00 - 30.00	13.00-20.00
Wtd Avg Price	29.10	27.63	20.95	28.87	27.02	16.37
Volume Traded	1,542	1,630	2,546	3,886	3,876	3,713
Volume Exported	1,542	1,590	2,146	612	612	449
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	22.00	21.00	18.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.00	21.00	18.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	41	41	82
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	Jul 2011	Jun 2011	Jul 2010	Jul 2011	Jun 2011	Jul 2010
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	24.00	24.43	25.65	25.25
Volume Traded	-	-	270	571	755	1,738
Volume Exported	-	-	270	-	-	912
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	26.21	26.66	24.61	23.56	24.09	19.06
Volume Traded	8,116	6,656	7,249	22,513	17,625	16,393
Volume Exported	7,486	5,816	6,629	2,122	898	1,775
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	20.00	20.00	21.33
Volume Traded	-	-	-	408	408	367
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

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

**NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS****NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS****LIVE SPENT HEAVY FOWL**

Prices are trending steady to firm when compared to the previous week. Offerings are light to moderate for the moderate to instances good demand. Processing schedules are noted as normal as some areas brace for Hurricane Irene. Feature activity is moderate to good. Finished product supplies are moderate to heavy for current needs. Market activity is moderate to active.

Final prices at Farm Buyer Loading: **Price Range** **Wtd Avg**
 Prices in cents per pound. 8.5 – 19.3 13.25

(Southeast Region broiler breeder hens generally for processing, 7 lbs. and up; under 7 lbs. subject to discount.)

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