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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Whole broiler/fryer prices are weak to lower in the East, steady to barely steady in the Midwest, and steady to instances weak in the West. Final majority prices are 3 cents lower in the Midwest, and unchanged in the West when compared to last week prices. Offerings cover the full range, mostly moderate to heavy for current trade needs. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate for late week business. Floor stocks are moderate. The market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate as dealers assess market conditions following the extended holiday weekend. Prices are trending steady to weak for breast items with b/s breast in the weakest position. Wings are steady to firm and dark meat items are mostly steady. Supplies of b/s breast are moderate to heavy and slow to clear. Wings and dark meat items are mostly moderate for current need. Market activity for parts is slow to 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 05-Sep-2011

	Grade A		Composite	
	Majority	Wtd Avg	Wtd Avg	Loads
Delivered to First Receivers 1/:				
Boston/New England	TFEWR		74.88	13
Ohio Cities	TFEWR		76.62	11
Denver	TFEWR		83.73	15
Detroit	TFEWR		71.69	24
Los Angeles	98.00	95.79	24 : 85.39	84
New York	69.00-72.00	70.75	20 : 75.09	40
Philadelphia	68.50-70.00	68.95	11 : 72.09	22
Pittsburgh	68.00-71.00	69.36	11 : 79.13	52
St. Louis	TFEWR		72.03	17
San Francisco	98.50	95.56	8 : 88.14	53

	Whole Body 2/:		Composite	
	Majority	Wtd Avg	Wtd Avg	Loads
Chicago	66.00-72.00		70.19	47

Composite Weighted Average 3/:				
Loads	09/05/11	Change Last Wk	08/29/11	09/06/10
378	77.97	-.77	78.74	85.09

WOG broiler 4/:			
	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads
Eastern	78.50-79.50	79.34	29
Central	60.00-77.00	71.23	78
Western	73.00-89.00	81.51	50

FOB Dock Equivalent 5/:			
	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads
Mississippi	83.00-87.00	84.62	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 88.75 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
1,019	71.00-98.43	86.87

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	188.00	1,775
BREASTS - B/S	149.00	7,689
BREASTS - WHOLE	85.50	1,520
THIGH MEAT - B/S	128.50	1,236
THIGHS	71.50	1,170
DRUMSTICKS	70.50	1,215
LEG QUARTERS	53.00	10,302
WINGS	88.00	3,727

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

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Prices are trending weak to lower on all sizes. Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers is light and generally unaggressive as dealers assess market conditions following the extended holiday weekend. Offerings of all sizes are readily available and slow to clear. Trade activity is slow. In the parts complex, supplies of wings and tenders are light to moderate and clearing satisfactorily; other items are at least sufficient for current needs.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYER Whole broiler/fryers prices are weak to lower. Offerings are heavy for current trade needs. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate. The market activity is slow to moderate following the Labor Day holiday weekend. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate for early week business. Prices are steady to firm for wings and most dark meat items, steady for remaining parts. Supplies of dark meat items and wings are light to moderate, tenders are moderate and breast items are moderate to instances heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate weights are mixed, but noted as mostly desirable.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices are unchanged from last Monday. Offerings light to moderate. Retail and food service demand light to moderate. Floor stocks moderate. Weights desirable. Parts supplies light to moderate. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average is 75.83 cents, down 1.25 cents on 29 loads. Trading: boneless skinless breasts 129-142, tenderloins 144-152, bone-in breasts 80-104, leg quarters 52-61, 4-10 leg quarters 57-83, drums 56-74, thighs 78-84, thigh meat 131-137, leg meat 112-126, wings 98-108 cents delivered.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS - Final majority prices were 3 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 were moderate; weights desirable to heavy. Whole bird market activity was light. Parts supplies were light to moderate. Prices were barely 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 lower at 72 to 81 cents, with a weak to lower trending undertone. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds is light following the holiday weekend as dealers assess current market conditions. Offerings are moderate to heavy for current trade needs. Live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed, but noted as desirable. Processor schedules are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts complex, wings and tenders ranged light to moderate. B/S breasts are moderate to heavy.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	67-94
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 firm for wings; steady for the balance of items. Trucklot buying activity is light to moderate as dealers assess market conditions following the extended holiday weekend. Supplies of boneless skinless breast are moderate to heavy; wings and tenders are light to moderate. Other items are generally sufficient for current needs. Movement is slow to 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	135.81	555,960
Tenderloins		135-140	139.00	81,240
Breast - With Ribs		81-82	93.71	58,312
Breast - Line Run		81	82.92	68,400
Legs		68-69	70.35	177,560
Leg Quarters (Bulk)		48-49	52.55	279,372
Drumsticks		59-60	70.85	96,120
Thighs		71-72	76.24	87,760
B/S Thighs		134-135	129.13	101,280
Wings (Whole)		92-93	96.69	220,480
Backs And Necks (Stripped)		13-15	15.00	11,775
Livers (5 Pound Tubs)		45-50	47.00	5,940
Gizzards (Hearts)		60-65	64.12	19,000

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
	09/06	09/02	09/02	08/30	08/26
Alabama	3,838	4,104	5.50	3,757	5.64
Arkansas	4,632	3,901	5.15	4,966	4.97
Delmarva	2,071	2,667	6.33	2,083	6.15
KY-LA-TN	2,504	2,548	5.14	2,500	5.10
Mississippi	2,876	3,612	5.79	2,928	6.11
North Carolina	2,658	3,257	7.12	2,626	7.27
Texas	2,694	2,848	5.59	2,668	5.45
Total	21,273	22,937	5.78	21,528	5.79
Mon-Tue	29,258(A)			42,750(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 06-Sep 2011 is estimated to be 31,827,000 down 1.48 percent from a week ago, and down 4.1 percent from a year ago. (last week 32,305,000 last year 33,204,000)

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	439	117.00-168.00	-	125.60
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)	391	45.00-50.00	-	48.05
Leg Quarters (4/10)	762	50.00-52.00	-	51.06
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 September 06, 2011 -- f.o.b. dock

Range	Today's Average
52.50 - 56.00	54.64

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 05-Sep-2011 to 09-Sep-2011, Cents per Pound

	Price per Lb.	Mostly
Breast - B/S	120.00 - 140.00	126.00 - 137.00
Tenderloins	131.00 - 150.00	138.00 - 145.00
Breast - Line Run	82.00 - 105.00	82.00 - 90.00
Legs	66.00 - 69.00	-
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	46.00 - 55.00	48.00 - 51.00
Leg Quarters (4/10)	51.00 - 59.00	52.00 - 56.00
Drumsticks	56.00 - 66.00	-
Thighs	61.00 - 78.00	-
B/S Thighs	125.00 - 137.00	-
Wings (Whole)	85.00 - 96.00	90.00 - 96.00
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	101-118
WOGS 2# & Up - Cut Up 8 & 9 Pieces	104-120
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

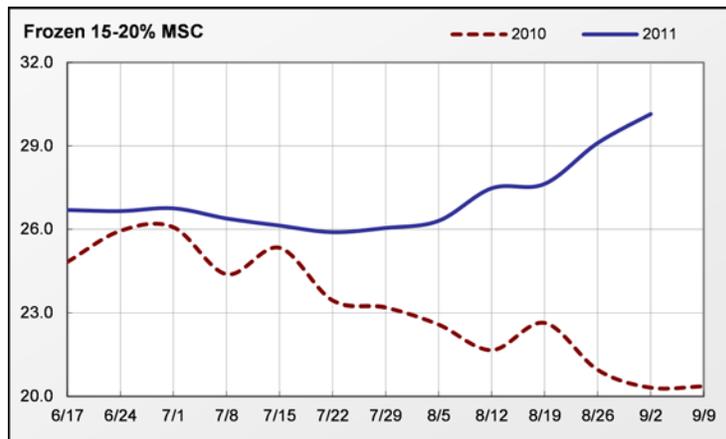
National Mechanically Separated Chicken

(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.)

MSC prices trended firm to higher on all fat contents. MSC supplies were very light to moderate. Schedules were seasonally normal to reduced for the Labor Day holiday. Demand was good into both domestic and export channels. The spot marketplace remains strong going into the holiday weekend despite traditional seasonal patterns. The higher prices and good demand has been attributed to strong export interest and buying, good finished product sales both domestically and abroad, increased production preparations for the hurricane season, traditional increases into pet food channels, limited MSC availability due to industry cutbacks, high grain prices, and others. Industry is closely monitoring the spot marketplace to see its reaction after the holiday and have begun to prepare for the fast approaching contract season, which usually doesn't begin until late September or October at the earliest. Market activity was active with many buyers seeking out fresh 15-20%, especially for Mexico. Supplies of raw materials continue tight and sought after. Frames traded between 12-16 cents FOB.

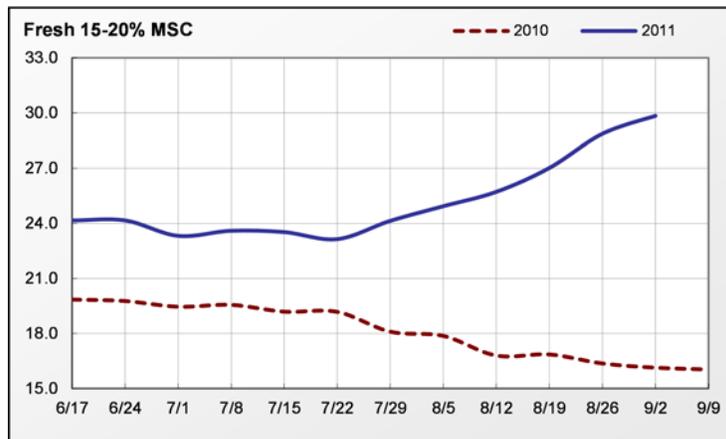
Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	2-Sep-11	Last Week	Last Year	2-Sep-11	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range			-	30.00 - 32.00	30.00	19.00
Wtd Avg Price			-	31.60	30.00	19.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	204	143	82
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	26.00 - 32.00	26.00 - 32.00	16.00-24.00	25.00 - 34.00	26.00 - 34.00	13.00-20.00
Wtd Avg Price	30.14	29.10	20.31	29.84	28.87	16.14
Volume Traded	1,437	1,542	2,118	3,590	3,886	2,978
Volume Exported	1,377	1,542	2,038	938	612	245
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	-	22.00	17.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	-	22.00	17.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	41	41
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	Aug 2011	Jul 2011	Aug 2010	Aug 2011	Jul 2011	Aug 2010
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	27.24	24.43	21.51
Volume Traded	-	-	-	592	571	628
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	200
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	27.62	26.21	21.80	26.57	23.56	16.91
Volume Traded	6,288	8,116	6,995	16,134	22,513	12,159
Volume Exported	5,888	7,486	6,067	2,489	2,122	2,122
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	20.67	20.00	18.57
Volume Traded	-	-	-	245	408	286
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

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LIVE SPENT HEAVY FOWL

Prices are trending steady to firm when compared to the previous week. Offerings are sufficient for the moderate to instances good demand. Processing schedules are normal. Feature activity was 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 13.23

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

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