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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Whole broiler/fryer prices are steady to about steady in the East, steady to weak in the Midwest, and steady in the West. Preliminary majority prices are unchanged in all areas when compared to early week prices. Offerings are light to moderate with slight improvement noted entering the weekend. Demand is light to mostly moderate for current trade need. Floor stocks are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate. Prices are trending steady to firm for wings, steady for all remaining parts except boneless skinless breast which are weak and slow to clear. Supplies of wings are light to moderate, breast items and dark meat cuts are mostly moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate with weights in a full range.

Preliminary Report

Prices negotiated for truck lot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers FOB Dock and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 24-Oct-2011 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A MAJORITY	RANGE	AVG	WTD LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
New York	65.00-68.00			
Los Angeles	98.00			
Whole Body 2/				
Chicago	65.00-71.00	62.00-75.00	67.57	35
FOB Dock Equivalent 3/:				
Mississippi	81.00-85.00	67.00-89.00	82.65	23

1/: Includes branded product.

2/: Whole Body category includes whole body birds with or without giblets, all grades, brands, and packaging.

3/: Southeast area

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES

The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 89.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG

LOADS	RANGE	WTD AVG
724	85.40 - 98.75	88.22

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice-packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER LB)	VOL (000 LBS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	182.50	1,038
BREAST - BS	141.50	4,801
BREAST - WHOLE	79.00	947
THIGH MEAT - B/S	127.50	805
THIGHS	71.50	762
DRUMSTICKS	70.50	762
LEG QUARTERS	53.00	5,928
WINGS	115.00	2,344

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

MIDWEST BROILER/FRYER Preliminary prices into Chicago were unchanged from last Monday's majority. Whole bird prices were steady weak with offers light to moderate. Demand was light to moderate at best into retail and food service channels. Floor stocks were light to moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy. Market activity for whole birds was light to moderate. Supplies of small wings were tight with breast cuts and dark meat items light to mostly moderate. Parts prices trended steady on breast cuts and dark meat items with wings firm. Parts market activity was best on wings with remainder of parts light to moderate.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER Prices are trending steady for most sizes. Trucklot buying activity for ready-to-cook whole broiler fryers improved slightly entering the weekend and noted as moderate overall. Offerings of all sizes are sufficient for current needs. Trade activity is moderate. In the parts complex, offerings of wings are light to moderate and clearing well. Other items are at least sufficient for trade needs.

SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYER Whole broiler/fryer prices are holding steady. Supplies of all sizes are moderate for current trade needs. Demand entering the weekend is moderate. Market activity is moderate. In the parts structure, movement is mostly moderate for late week business. Prices are trending steady to at times firm for wings with smaller wings in the best position. Dark meat items are steady aided by export interest and breast items are steady to instances weak with b/s in the weakest position and slow to clear. Market activity is slow moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate. Weights are mixed, but mostly desirable.

WESTERN BROILER/FRYER The Los Angeles preliminary majority was unchanged from Monday's final majority at 98 cents. Whole broiler fryer prices trended steady with offers light to moderate. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate going into the weekend; best movement on wings and features. Floor stocks were balanced to instances long. Sizes were desirable to instances heavy. Supplies of wings were tight with breast cuts and dark meat items light to moderate. Prices trended fully steady to firm on wings and steady on the balance of parts. Market activity was light to moderate on parts.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Less-than-trucklot asking prices remained unchanged at 68 to 77 cents with an about steady to steady trending undertone. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds is light to moderate with slight improvement noted entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes are sufficient for current trade needs. Live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed, but noted as mostly desirable. Processing schedules are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts complex, wings are light and in the tightest position. B/S breast items are moderate to heavy. The balance of parts are 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.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	65-87
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	10/17/11 - 10/21/11 (A)
	10/18/10 - 10/22/10 (A)
NO. OF BOXES	10/17/11 - 10/21/11 (A)
	10/18/10 - 10/22/10 (A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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.

October 20, 2011

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)	524	44.00-50.00	-	46.02
Leg Quarters (4/10)	842	49.00-52.00	-	51.03
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 October 20, 2011 -- f.o.b. dock.

Range	Today's Average
52.00 - 57.00	53.68

October 21, 2011

Item	Pounds (000)	Range	Maj	Wtd Avg	Pounds (000)	Range	Maj	Wtd Avg	Weekly Pounds (000)	Weekly Wtd Avg
Breast - B/S		Too Few to Report				Too Few to Report			1,463	114.94
Tenderloins		Too Few to Report				Too Few to Report			706	120.84
Breast - Line Run		Too Few to Report				Too Few to Report			215	72.84
Front Halves		Too Few to Report				Too Few to Report			195	60.08
Legs		Too Few to Report				Too Few to Report			TFEWR	
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	391	42.00-50.00	-	46.89	2,337	46.10				
Leg Quarters (4/10)	735	49.00-52.00	-	50.81	3,898	50.90				
Wings (Whole)		Too Few to Report				Too Few to Report			298	103.69
Wings (Cut)		Too Few to Report				Too Few to Report			244	116.39
Drumsticks		Too Few to Report				Too Few to Report			TFEWR	
Thighs		Too Few to Report				Too Few to Report			TFEWR	
B/S Thighs		Too Few to Report				Too Few to Report			217	115.77

 Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for October 21, 2011 -- f.o.b. dock.

Range	Today's Average	5-Day Average
48.50 - 55.00	52.20	53.13

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 Parts Prices are trending steady to weak for boneless skinless breast and steady for the balance of items. Trucklot buying activity increased slightly but still noted as light to moderate overall entering the weekend. Supplies are moderate to heavy for boneless skinless and noted as less abundant. 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.

October 20, 2011

Item	Current Neg Trading*	Wtd Avg**	Vol /lbs.
Breast - B/S	130-135	119.31	712,000
Tenderloins	125	128.97	213,000
Breast - With Ribs	73-74	87.37	85,027
Breast - Line Run	73	76.32	68,400
Legs	68-69	71.44	98,800
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	48-49	51.64	348,418
Drumsticks	60-61	68.71	139,413
Thighs	70-71	77.88	64,200
B/S Thighs	132-133	135.19	69,680
Wings (Whole)	112-113	120.47	226,800
Backs And Necks (Stripped)	16-18	17.00	13,800
Livers (5 Pound Tubs)	50-55	52.94	12,390
Gizzards (Hearts)	65-70	70.98	22,680

Includes: New York City metropolitan area, northern NJ, MA, CT, RI, and 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.

October 21, 2011

Item	Current Neg Trading*	Wtd Avg**	Vol /lbs.	Weekly Wtd Avg	Weekly Vol/lbs.
Breast - B/S	130-135	118.90	711,360	119.07	3,700,960
Tenderloins	125	122.87	155,080	124.94	828,240
Breast - With Ribs	73-74	88.94	61,837	87.31	322,512
Breast - Line Run	73	76.77	72,519	76.28	357,262
Legs	68-69	71.93	79,960	70.22	535,880
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	48-49	53.12	148,800	52.15	1,247,011
Drumsticks	60-61	72.58	67,400	70.53	394,573
Thighs	70-71	76.07	74,800	75.37	302,000
B/S Thighs	132-133	133.89	74,520	134.55	349,200
Wings (Whole)	112-113	122.43	165,720	120.25	927,840
Backs And Necks (Stripped)	16-18	18.00	22,080	17.49	72,347
Livers (5 Pound Tubs)	50-55	51.25	12,090	52.39	59,660
Gizzards (Hearts)	65-70	69.21	18,640	68.38	158,280

Estimated Slaughter of Broiler-Fryers

	Estimated (1,000)		Actual (1,000)		Avg Wts		Actual (1,000)		Avg Wts	
	10/21	10/20	10/19	10/18	10/19	10/18	10/14	10/12	10/14	10/12
Alabama	3,785	3,768	3,705	3,739	5.64	4.88	4,211	5.58		
Arkansas	4,062	4,561	4,709	4,678	5.60	5.81	3,784	5.75		
Delmarva	2,061	2,150	1,875	2,064	6.42	6.30	1,964	6.21		
KY-LA-TN	2,660	2,449	2,414	2,353	5.45	5.35	2,537	5.70		
Mississippi	2,678	2,942	2,971	2,960	6.02	6.07	2,998	6.09		
North Carolina	2,941	2,683	2,527	2,572	7.34	7.30	2,781	7.33		
Texas	2,409	2,359	2,305	2,420	6.09	5.98	2,601	6.04		
Total	20,596	20,912	20,506	20,786	5.99	5.88	20,876	6.11		
Mon-Fri	104,259 (A)						101,708 (A)			
Saturday	649 (included in total for date shown)						1,263			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection 21-Oct-11 and 22-Oct-11 is estimated to be 30,814,000 head down 1.64 percent from a week ago and down 0.75 percent from a year ago. (Last week 31,327,000, last year 31,046,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 22-Oct-11 is estimated to be 155,307,000 head up 3.48 percent from a week ago, and down 4.45 percent from a year ago. (Last week 150,088,000, last year 162,546,000)

Actual data incorporated when available.

California Processed Poultry - cents per pound

Southern (Los Angeles area) - delivered to retailers		Range
Fresh Fryers		109-122
Roasters 4# & Up		129-139
Ducks		
Rabbits-Whole		
Rabbits-Cut Up		
San Francisco - delivered to restaurants & institutions		Range
Fresh Fryers	Dry Pack	129-188
	Ice Pack	
Roasters 4# & Up	Dry Pack	124
	Ice Pack	
Ducks		235-279

Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

W/E 15-Oct-2011 (Preliminary) (in thousands)

	(A) 4.25 lbs. & down	(B) 4.26 - 6.25 lbs.	(C) 6.26 - 7.75 lbs.	(D) 7.76 lbs. & up	Total
Head	31,344	56,377	41,492	20,875	150,088
Avg Live Wgt	3.90	5.33	6.77	8.50	5.86
% of total /1	21%	37%	28%	14%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	34,939	58,199	34,513	26,172	153,823
Avg Live Wgt	3.61	5.36	6.76	8.46	5.80
% of total /1	23%	38%	22%	17%	100%
Year Ago 2/	35,229	66,531	39,060	25,229	166,049
Avg Live Wgt	3.85	5.46	6.66	8.40	5.85
% of total /1	21%	40%	24%	15%	100%
To date/2011*	1,488,744	2,792,180	1,254,346	965,804	6,501,074
To date/2010*	1,613,522	3,215,672	1,023,816	774,009	6,627,019

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.

*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

Weight Class Description: (A) This size product is normally marketed bone-in into fast food and food service sectors and may include Cornish hens. (B) This size product is normally marketed into the retail grocery sector in tray pack or bagged forms. (C) This size product is normally marketed either into the retail grocery sector in tray pack and IQF form or is further processed and marketed into various sectors. (D) This size product is normally marketed deboned or as roasters or roasting chicken.

Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

(Preliminary)

W/E 15-Oct-2011	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
-----Thousands-----					
Head	150,088	1,249	1,710	2,959	434
Avg Wt	5.86	3.22	7.77	5.85	6.74
Last week	153,823	1,452	1,789	3,241	444
Same wk yr ago	166,049	1,274	1,529	2,803	397
Avg Wt	5.85	3.26	8.14	5.92	6.92
To-date/2011*	6,501,074	55,948	63,779	119,727	17,723
To-date/2010*	6,627,019	57,836	57,947	115,783	17,177
% Change YTD	-2%	-3%	10%	3%	3%

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Current week	659,637	2,132	8,769	10,901	2,106
Last week	669,130	2,470	9,151	11,621	2,145
Same wk yr ago	723,683	2,201	8,277	10,478	1,978
To-date/2011*	27,772,925	95,652	330,035	425,687	86,508
To-date/2010*	27,548,928	99,266	305,259	404,525	84,978
% Change YTD	1%	-4%	8%	5%	2%
Dressing %	75.0%	53.0%	66.0%	72.0%	

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier 153.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 151.9 million head, or 1.3 million less than estimated available. (B) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.

*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

Estimated U.S. Fryer Slaughter/Fryer Availability Comparison

Week Ending	Million Head Slaughtered	Million Head Available*	Pct	Avg Wt
Sep 10	143.2	153.8	93%	5.73
17	161.5	154.3	105%	5.87
24	162.1	154.1	105%	5.80
Oct 1	158.3	152.9	104%	5.87
8	155.7	153.2	102%	5.80
15	151.9	153.2	99%	5.86
Year to date	6579.9	6514.9	101%	
Oct 22		151.9		
29		151.9		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

Broiler/Cattle/Hog Weekly Estimated Slaughter

Under Federal Inspection (in thousands)

W/E	10/22/11	10/15/11	%chg	10/23/10	%chg
Broilers	155,307	150,088 ¹	+3.48	162,546 ¹	-4.45
Cattle	651	650	0	669 ²	-03
Hogs	2,323	2,323	0	2,341 ²	-01

¹ Actual data incorporated when available.

² Totals adjusted to reflect USDA, NASS revisions.

Eastern Region Misc. Poultry Delivery Week of 17-Oct-11

Ducklings: Prices Negotiated by First Receivers, US Grade A, 4-5 lbs. Delivered in Trucklot and Pool Trucklot Quantities, Cents/lb.

Origin	Frozen	Fresh
Long Island	216-220	221-227
Midwest	193-208	198-212

Roasters: Prices Negotiated by First Receivers, US Grade A & Plant Grade, 5 Lbs & Up, Delivered, Cents/lb.

	Range	Mostly
Ice Packed (12 per box)	66.00-71.00	68.00-70.00
Vacuum Packed (6-9 per box)	70.00-74.00	71.00-73.00

Squabs: New York Area Wholesale Prices, Frozen, Plant Grade, Dollars/Dozen, 1 to 10 Boxes

11 oz.	72.00-90.72
13 oz.	80.64-104.64
15 oz.	87.84-109.63

Eastern Region: CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT & WV

Central Region Ducklings Prices remain steady with a steady undertone. Demand ranges moderate to good. Supplies are moderate for current trade requirements. Market activity is moderate. Processing schedules are full-time. Prices paid, first receivers for 10-18 oz. boneless breast at \$7.70-8.70, bone in legs at \$2.75-3.10, gizzards at \$1.20-1.50, wings at \$.75-.90, livers at \$1.25-2.05, and feet at \$.75-1.45 cents per lb.

Prices Negotiated by First Receivers for US Grade A Delivered in Trucklot & Pool Trucklot Quantities, 4-5 lbs., cents/lb. Week of 17-Oct-11

Origin	Frozen	Fresh
Midwest and Others	192-210	194-210

Graystone Small Animal Auction Date of Auction: 10/18/11

All Papers Required to Sell All Out of State Poultry

Prices Paid per lb., Except as Noted

	Range
Banty Hens	1.00 - 1.50 ea.
White Pigeons	3.40 - 3.60 ea.
Bunnies	2.00 - 6.00 ea.
Canaries	- 26.00 ea.
Crossbred Fowl	1.40 - 1.50 lbs.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11LBS	.50 - .60 lbs.
Crossbred Roosters 4-6LBS	.90 - 1.05 lbs.
Doves	4.00 - 4.50 ea.
Ducklings	.20 - .30 ea.
Geese 9-14LBS	1.40 - 1.60 lbs.
Goats	55.00 - 65.00 ea.
Guinea Pigs	.15 - .35 ea.
Kid Goats	35.00 - 45.00 ea.
Leghorn Hens	- 1.25 ea.
Leghorn Roosters	- 1.75 ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.15 - 1.40 lbs.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.20 - 1.50 lbs.
Pekin Ducks	4.00 - 6.50 ea.
Pigeons	2.00 - 3.40 ea.
Pullets 4-6LBS	- 1.10 lbs.
Quail	1.30 - 2.00 ea.
Rabbits 6-9LBS	1.80 - 2.10 lbs.
Rabbits 4-6LBS	1.90 - 2.30 lbs.
Red Fowl 5-6LBS	.30 - .40 lbs.
Red Fowl 4-5LBS	.20 - .35 lbs.
Silkies	1.00 - 3.00 ea.
Turkeys	10.00 - 20.00 ea.
Banty Roosters	- 3.75 ea.
Rats	1.70 - 2.20 ea.
Gerbils	1.75 - 2.20 ea.
Fancy Pheasants	16.00 - 17.00 ea.
Call Ducks	3.00 - 5.00 ea.
Ferret	- 20.00 ea.
Total Coops Sold	3338

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

Prices are trending mostly steady when compared to a week earlier. Offerings are moderate for the light to moderate demand. Processing schedules are noted as normal to heavy with some outside assistance needed to complete project in a timely manner. Retail feature activity is moderate. Finished product supplies are fully sufficient for current needs. Market activity is moderate.

Final prices at Farm Buyer Loading:	Price Range	Wtd Avg
	8.5 – 19.3	13.30

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

LIVE SPENT LIGHT FOWL

Prices continue to trend steady. Demand is light for the moderate to instances heavy offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules are normal. Market activity is slow to moderate. The majority for removal costs is unchanged at 0-7 cents per head.

(live hens are predominately egg-layers averaging about 3.5 lbs. live weight per bird.) Eastern region = AL, CT, DE, GA, KY, MA, MD, ME, MS, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, TN, VA, VT, and WV; North Central = IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI; South Central = AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX.

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