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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Whole broiler/fryer prices are barely steady in the Midwest, steady elsewhere. Preliminary majority prices are unchanged in all areas when compared to early week prices. Offerings are light to moderate for current trade needs. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate entering the weekend. Floor stocks are light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate. Prices are trending steady to higher for wings; steady to weak for breast items and dark meat cuts with thighs and drums in the weakest position. Supplies of wings are light to moderate, breast items are moderate and dark meat ranged moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed but noted as desirable.

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 31-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	63.00-68.00	51.00-72.00	64.00	35
FOB Dock Equivalent 3/:				
Mississippi	81.00-85.00	65.00-89.00	82.33	24

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
696	85.41 - 98.76	88.46

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	183.50	1,103
BREASTS - B/S	141.50	4,833
BREASTS - WHOLE	78.00	1,012
THIGH MEAT - B/S	127.00	870
THIGHS	71.00	762
DRUMSTICKS	68.50	762
LEG QUARTERS	53.00	5,993
WINGS	116.00	2,408

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

MIDWEST BROILER/FRYER Preliminary majority prices were slightly lower into Chicago and TFEWR elsewhere. Whole bird prices are barely steady with offers mostly moderate for the light interest. Demand was light to moderate at best into retail and foodservice channels. Floor stocks were light to moderate. Weights were in a full range. Market activity for whole birds was mostly light; instances moderate. Supplies of wings were light, boneless skinless breasts moderate, and on the balance of parts light to moderate. Parts prices trended steady to firm on wings, steady to barely steady on boneless skinless breasts, and steady on the balance of parts. Parts market activity was light to moderate with best interest on wings.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER Prices are trending steady for most sizes. Trucklot buying activity for ready-to-cook whole broiler fryers is light to moderate entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes are fully sufficient for trade needs. Trade activity is slow to moderate. In the parts complex, offerings of wings are light and clearing well. Dark meat cuts are moderate to heavy with drums and thigh meat in the longest position. Other items are mostly sufficient for current needs.

SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYER Whole broiler/fryer prices are holding steady. Supplies of all sizes are moderate for end of the month business. Demand approaching the weekend is moderate. Market activity is moderate. In the parts structure, movement is mostly moderate for late week business. Prices are trending firm to higher for wings with smaller wings in the best position and moving well. Dark meat items are steady to weak and breast items are steady. Supplies for breast items are moderate, wings light and dark meat items moderate to heavy. 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 is 98 cents, unchanged from last Monday's final. The market on whole fryers is steady. The WOG market is steady to weak with negotiations trending lower for next week. Offerings light to moderate. Retail foodservice demand light to moderate with some improvement noted for the weekend. Floor stocks moderate to heavier than desired. Weights desirable. The market on wings is steady to firm with prices trending higher for next week, bone-in breasts and tenderloins steady, boneless skinless breasts steady to weak with prices unchanged to lower for next week's deliveries. The market on dark items is steady to weak with prices unchanged to lower. Demand light to moderate. Offerings of wings light to instances moderate, tenderloins light to moderate, and boneless skinless breasts moderate to moderately heavy. Offerings of dark items moderate to moderately heavy. Movement light to moderate.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Less-than-trucklot asking prices are unchanged at 68 to 77 cents with a generally steady trending undertone. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds is seasonally light to moderate entering the weekend. Offerings are moderate for trade needs. Live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed. Processing schedules are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts complex, wings are light to moderate. Dark meat items ranged 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		63-87
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		(A)
NO. OF BOXES		(A)
CUMULATIVE	10/24/11 - 10/28/11	(A)
	10/25/10 - 10/29/10	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	10/24/11 - 10/28/11	(A)
	10/25/10 - 10/29/10	(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 27, 2011

October 28, 2011

Item	Pounds			Maj	Wtd Avg	Pounds			Weekly	
	(000)	Range				(000)	Range	Maj	Wtd Avg	Pounds (000)
Breast - B/S		Too Few to Report				Too few to report			1,496	116.15
Tenderloins		Too Few to Report				Too few to report			755	122.77
Breast - Line Run		Too Few to Report				Too few to report			290	72.97
Front Halves		Too Few to Report				Too few to report			215	59.30
Legs		Too Few to Report				Too few to report			TFEWR	
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	516	43.00-50.00	-	46.17	667	42.00-50.00	-	45.22	3,123	46.04
Leg Quarters (4/10)	802	50.00-52.00	-	51.40	847	49.00-52.00	-	50.81	3,862	50.95
Wings (Whole)		Too Few to Report				Too few to report			228	110.44
Wings (Cut)		Too Few to Report				Too few to report			246	123.32
Drumsticks		Too Few to Report				Too few to report			112	50.40
Thighs		Too Few to Report				Too few to report			81	57.67
B/S Thighs		Too Few to Report				Too few to report			133	120.32

 Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for October 27, 2011 -- f.o.b. dock.

 Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for October 28, 2011 -- f.o.b. dock.

Range	Today's Average	Range	Today's Average	5-Day Average
49.00 - 55.00	51.84	51.00 - 57.00	53.61	52.75

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 firm to higher for wings; steady to weak for dark meat cuts with thigh meat and drums in the longest position. The balance of items are generally steady. Trucklot buying activity is light to moderate as dealers were content to limit orders to regular commitments. Supplies of wings are in good balance and clearing well. Drums and thigh meat are heavy and slow in clearing. Other items are 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 27, 2011

October 28, 2011

Item	Current Neg			Vol /lbs.	Current Neg			Weekly Wtd Avg	Weekly Vol/lbs.
	Trading*	Wtd Avg**			Trading*	Wtd Avg**	/lbs.		
Breast - B/S	130-135	124.80	773,760	130-135	119.76	805,480	120.28	3,587,760	
Tenderloins	125	130.12	188,160	125	125.01	169,920	126.94	802,720	
Breast - With Ribs	73-74	87.83	55,388	73-74	89.69	79,388	88.73	314,948	
Breast - Line Run	73	76.35	73,911	73	76.59	73,911	76.50	364,820	
Legs	68-69	69.34	135,400	68-69	68.02	123,120	70.51	574,960	
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	48-49	51.04	433,210	48-49	51.02	478,330	51.47	1,677,160	
Drumsticks	58-59	71.01	75,600	57-58	73.13	62,040	71.52	324,040	
Thighs	70-71	79.40	48,600	70-71	78.91	63,240	77.60	274,440	
B/S Thighs	130-131	135.00	93,000	129-130	134.81	76,280	134.66	366,280	
Wings (Whole)	115-116	121.16	227,880	116-117	122.82	247,080	121.54	1,035,080	
Backs and Necks (Stripped)	16-18	18.00	14,480	16-18	18.00	14,480	18.00	59,439	
Livers (5 Pound Tubs)	50-55	54.10	8,100	50-55	53.86	7,800	52.72	45,850	
Gizzards (Hearts)	65-70	70.16	16,240	65-70	69.60	17,320	69.15	89,640	

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.

Estimated Slaughter of Broiler-Fryers

	Estimated		Actual		Avg Wts		Actual		Avg Wts	
	(1,000)	10/27	(1,000)	10/26	10/25	10/26	(1,000)	10/21	10/19	10/20
Alabama	3,703	3,722	3,519	3,793	5.48	5.73	3624	5.64		
Arkansas	3,748	4,552	4,731	4,746	5.58	5.64	4218	5.60		
Delmarva	2,036	2,120	1,972	2,154	6.31	6.34	2068	6.42		
KY-LA-TN	2,381	2,311	2,354	2,376	5.24	5.32	2624	5.45		
Mississippi	2,683	2,754	2,897	2,904	6.06	6.15	2661	6.02		
North Carolina	2,190	2,637	2,517	2,594	7.07	7.12	2792	7.34		
Texas	2,443	2,437	2,100	2,460	6.72	5.91	2163	6.09		
Total	19,184	20,533	20,090	21,027	5.97	5.98	20150	5.99		
Mon-Fri	102,130	(A)					103,144	(A)		
Saturday	351	(included in total for date shown)					992			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 28-Oct-11 and 29-Oct-11 is estimated to be 28,701,000 head down 5.08 percent from a week ago and down 14.51 percent from a year ago. (Last week 30,237,000, last year 33,573,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 29-Oct-11 is estimated to be 152,055,000 head down 2.05 percent from a week ago, and down 7.72 percent from a year ago. (Last week 155,241,000, last year 164,780,000)

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 22-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	33,360	61,871	37,000	23,010	155,241
Avg Live Wgt	3.80	5.34	6.76	8.42	5.81
% of total /1	21%	40%	24%	15%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	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%
Year Ago 2/	36,258	65,805	36,567	23,916	162,546
Avg Live Wgt	3.81	5.40	6.62	8.41	5.76
% of total /1	22%	40%	23%	15%	100%
To date/2011*	1,522,104	2,854,051	1,291,346	988,814	6,656,315
To date/2010*	1,649,780	3,281,477	1,060,383	797,925	6,789,565

/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 22-Oct-2011	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
Head	155,241	1,231	1,677	2,908	401
Avg Wt	5.81	3.27	7.93	5.96	6.83
Last week	150,088	1,249	1,710	2,959	434
Same wk yr ago	162,546	1,208	1,391	2,599	444
Avg Wt	5.76	3.32	8.16	5.91	6.82
To-date/2011*	6,656,315	57,179	65,456	122,635	18,124
To-date/2010*	6,789,565	59,044	59,338	118,382	17,621
% Change YTD	-2%	-3%	10%	4%	3%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	676,463	2,133	8,777	10,910	1,972
Last week	659,637	2,132	8,769	10,901	2,106
Same wk yr ago	697,517	2,128	7,548	9,676	2,180
To-date/2011*	28,449,388	97,785	338,812	436,597	88,480
To-date/2010*	28,246,445	101,394	312,807	414,201	87,158
% 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 151.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 157.1 million head, or 5.2 million more 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 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
22	157.1	151.9	103%	5.81
Year to date	6737.0	6666.8	101%	
Oct 29		151.9		
Nov 5		150.7		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

Broiler/Cattle/Hog Weekly Estimated Slaughter

Under Federal Inspection (in thousands)

W/E	10/29/11	10/22/11	%chg	10/30/10	%chg
Broilers	152,055	155,241 ¹	-2.05	164,780 ¹	-7.72
Cattle	671	651	+03	668 ²	0
Hogs	2,306	2,323	-01	2,311 ²	0

¹ Actual data incorporated when available.² Totals adjusted to reflect USDA, NASS revisions.**Eastern Region Misc. Poultry** Delivery Week of 24-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)	66.00-70.00	68.00-70.00
Vacuum Packed (6-9 per box)	69.00-73.00	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 are steady. Demand is 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 24-Oct-11

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

Graystone Small Animal Auction Date of Auction: 10/25/11

All Papers Required to Sell All Out of State Poultry

Prices Paid per lb., Except as Noted

	Range
Banty Hens	.85 - 1.25 ea.
White Pigeons	3.75 - 4.00 ea.
Bunnies	2.00 - 4.00 ea.
Call Ducks	5.00 - 10.00 ea.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.45 - .60 lbs.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.50 - .60 lbs.
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.80 - 1.00 lbs.
Doves	3.00 - 3.50 ea.
Finch	- 2.50 ea.
Geese 9-14 LBS	1.30 - 1.50 lbs.
Goats	60.00 - 70.00 ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.75 - 1.80 lbs.
Guinea Pigs	.01 - .10 ea.
Kid Goats	40.00 - 50.00 ea.
Leghorn Hens	.50 - 1.75 ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.05 - 1.40 lbs.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.10 - 1.40 lbs.
Pekin Ducks	5.00 - 6.00 ea.
Pigeons	3.25 - 3.50 ea.
Pullets 4-6 LBS	- 1.00 lbs.
Quail	.75 - 1.20 ea.
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	1.50 - 1.80 lbs.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.90 - 2.30 lbs.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.45 - .50 lbs.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.30 - .40 lbs.
Silkies	3.00 - 3.50 ea.
Banty Roosters	3.00 - 3.25 ea.
Gerbils	.75 - 1.00 ea.
Total Coops Sold	3410

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

Prices are trending steady when compared to a week earlier. Offerings are sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Processing schedules are noted as normal. Retail feature activity is moderate. Finished product supplies are moderate to heavy for current needs. Market activity is moderate.

Final prices at Farm Buyer Loading:	Price Range	Wtd Avg
	8.5 – 19.3	13.28

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

LIVE SPENT LIGHT FOWL

Prices are trending steady. Demand is light for the moderate to heavy offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules are normal. Market activity is slow to moderate. The majority for removal costs remained 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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