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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Whole broiler/fryer prices are steady to firm in the East, steady to fully steady in the Midwest, and steady in the West. Preliminary majority prices are 1 cent higher in the Midwest, unchanged elsewhere when compared to early week prices. Offerings are light to moderate for current trade needs. Retail and food service demand cover the full range, mostly moderate approaching the holiday weekend. Floor stocks are light to moderate. Market activity is slow to at times active, but mostly moderate. Part prices are trending firm to higher for wings, steady to firm for breast items and tenders, steady for dark meat. Supplies of wings are light with good movement and held with confidence. Dark meat items are moderate and breast items and tenders are light to moderate. Market activity is slow to mostly moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed, but noted as desirable. According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) for the week ending November 05, 2011 broiler egg sets were down 6%, and chick placements were down 8% when compared to a year ago. Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 17-Dec-2011 is estimated at 139.9 million head, this compares to 140.5 million head a week earlier and 153.9 million head a year ago.

### 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 14-Nov-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	62.00-66.00	57.00-72.50	64.73	36
FOB Dock Equivalent 3/:				
Mississippi	80.00-88.00	68.00-88.00	81.62	21

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	AVG
549	85.44 - 98.98	88.72

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

**\*\*\*NOTE: Due to Friday's Veteran's Day holiday, no weighted averages on parts will be available until Monday, November 14th. Thursday's weighted averages may be used as a Friday preliminary.**

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

**MIDWEST BROILER/FRYER** Preliminary prices into Chicago were mostly steady and TFEWR elsewhere. Whole bird prices were trending steady to fully steady. Additional offers were light to instances moderate. Demand continues light to moderate at best into retail and foodservice venues. Spot wog sales from processor to processor were picking up. Floor stocks were balanced. Weights were mixed. Market activity for whole birds was light. Supplies of wings were tight with breast cuts and dark meat items light to moderate. Parts prices trended steady to firm on wings and steady to fully steady on breast cuts and dark meat items were steady. Parts market activity was light to moderate with good interest on wings.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER** Prices are trending steady to firm for most sizes. Trucklot buying activity for ready-to-cook whole broiler fryers is moderate to instances good approaching the weekend. Offerings of all sizes are light to moderate for current needs. Trade activity is moderate. In the parts complex, offerings of wings are light and clearing well; boneless skinless breast and tenders are light to moderate and in better balance than a week earlier. Dark meat cuts are moderate to heavy.

**SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYER** Whole broiler/fryer prices are steady to firm. Offerings are moderate for current trade needs. Demand is moderate to at times good approaching the weekend. The market activity is moderate to instances active. In the parts structure, movement is moderate for late week business. Prices are trending firm to higher for wings. Breast items and tenders are steady to firm and dark meat items are steady. Supplies for breast items and tenders are light to moderate, wings are light and dark meat items are moderate. Market activity is slow to mostly 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 and WOGs steady to firm with early negotiated prices unchanged to higher for next week's deliveries. Offerings light and held with confidence. Retail demand light to good, mostly light to moderate with best interest on featured items. Some retail members are finding improved activity to sometimes good where cultural preferences are a factor for the upcoming Thanksgiving Holiday. Foodservice demand light to good, mostly light to moderate as increased catering starts being factor. Floor stocks light to moderate. Weights desirable. The market on wings is firm, tenderloins steady to firm, boneless skinless breasts and bone-in breast steady. The market on dark items is steady to weak. Demand mostly light to moderate. Offerings of wings light and breast items light to moderate. Offerings of dark items moderate to moderately heavy. Movement light to good, mostly light to moderate.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Less-than-trucklot asking prices remained unchanged at 68 to 77 cents with a steady to firm trending undertone. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds is moderate to instances good entering the holiday weekend. Offerings are sufficient for current trade needs. Live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed, but reported as mostly desirable. Processor schedules are moderate. Market activity is moderate. In the parts complex, wings are light and clearing well. Breast cuts and tenders are light to moderate. Dark meat items ranged moderate to heavy.

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	62-87
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	POUNDS (000)	WEEKLY VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S		TOO FEW TO REPORT			1,993	114.05
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			1,092	123.11
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT			202	71.75
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT			252	61.20
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	396	42.00-50.00	-	45.36	3,087	45.34
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	515	49.00-52.00	-	50.91	3,665	50.47
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			213	115.40
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			282	129.28
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			131	52.82
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			287	103.24

Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for November 10, 2011 – F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
51.00 – 57.00	53.45	53.33

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 firm to higher for wings and tenders; steady to firm for boneless skinless breast and steady to weak for thigh meat. Trucklot buying activity is moderate approaching the weekend. Supplies of wings are light with good movement; tenders and breast items are light to moderate and dark meat cuts are moderate to heavy for current needs. Movement is slow to mostly moderate.

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

	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS	WEEKLY WTD AVG	WEEKLY VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	135	118.72	747,200	117.52	3,339,760
TENDERLOINS	130	123.73	215,720	125.51	765,920
BREAST - WITH RIBS	74-75	87.64	55,173	89.16	310,951
BREAST - LINE RUN	74	76.87	72,567	76.99	353,183
LEGS	68-69	68.19	137,840	68.31	727,360
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	48-49	52.03	252,480	52.18	1,483,860
DRUMSTICKS	56-57	70.01	80,280	69.23	360,960
THIGHS	70-71	73.57	58,240	78.68	331,840
B/S THIGHS	124-125	130.24	80,120	129.44	372,680
WINGS (WHOLE)	121-122	125.77	217,160	124.25	983,859
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18	8,705	18	45,166
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	52.19	13,440	51.83	60,340
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	65-70	70.1	26,560	69.42	120,800

Includes 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**

	ESTIMATED (1,000)		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WTS		ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS
	11/11	11/10	11/09	11/07	11/09	11/07	11/04	11/02
Alabama	3,278	3,633	3,271	3,754	5.69	5.83	3,572	5.71
Arkansas	3,680	4,758	4,296	4,707	5.70	5.69	3,680	5.63
Delmarva	2,060	2,088	1,869	2,105	6.30	6.23	1,722	6.33
KY-LA-TN	2,290	2,385	2,197	2,284	5.23	5.28	2,227	5.20
Mississippi	2,584	2,928	2,963	2,964	6.08	6.06	2,443	5.99
North Carolina	2,485	2,670	2,491	2,560	7.22	7.12	2,420	7.27
Texas	2,419	2,500	2,148	2,392	6.03	6.03	2,154	6.00
Total	18,796	20,962	19,235	20,766	6.00	5.99	18,218	5.95
Mon-Fri	101,472 (A)						101,089 (A)	
Saturday	616 (included in total for date shown)						239	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 11-Nov-11 and 12-Nov-11 is estimated to be 28,121,000 head up 2.86 percent from a week ago and down 12.88 percent from a year ago. (Last week 27,338,000, last year 32,279,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 12-Nov-11 is estimated to be 150,477,000 head down 2.17 percent from a week ago, and down 8.19 percent from a year ago. (Last week 153,815,000, last year 163,905,000) Actual data incorporated when available.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PROCESSED POULTRY**

(Los Angeles area) - delivered to retailers

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	109-122
ROASTERS 4# & UP	129-139
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**

delivered to restaurants & institutions

		RANGE
FRESH/FRYERS	DRY PACK	113-185
	ICE PACK	
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK	124
	ICE PACK	
DUCKS		279-285

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED**

W/E 05-Nov-2011 Under Federal Inspection (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	35,281	61,599	27,822	29,113	153,815
Avg Live Wgt	3.65	5.28	6.61	8.22	5.68
% of total /1	21%	44%	21%	14%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	31,836	67,006	32,184	21,578	152,604
Avg Live Wgt	3.72	5.33	6.81	8.43	5.74
% of total /1	21%	44%	21%	14%	100%
Year Ago 2/	36,617	71,576	30,550	23,664	162,407
Avg Live Wgt	3.84	5.43	6.59	8.65	5.78
% of total /1	22%	45%	20%	13%	100%
To date/2011*	1,589,221	2,982,656	1,351,352	1,039,505	6,962,734
To date/2010*	1,722,421	3,427,113	1,124,210	843,008	7,116,752

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.  
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 \*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 SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

(PRELIMINARY) W/E 05-Nov-2011

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
Head	153,815	1,304	1,120	2,424	416
Avg Wt	5.68	3.54	7.65	5.44	7.05
Last week	152,604	1,241	1,657	2,898	436
Same wk yr ago	162,407	1,097	1,356	2,453	492
Avg Wt	5.78	3.09	8.11	5.87	6.90
To-date/2011*	6,962,734	59,724	68,233	127,957	18,976
To-date/2010*	7,116,752	61,237	62,063	123,300	18,568
% Change YTD	-2%	-2%	10%	4%	2%
<b>Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage</b>					
Current week	655,252	2,447	5,655	8,102	2,112
Last week	656,960	2,085	8,661	10,746	2,135
Same wk yr ago	699,341	1,797	7,313	9,110	2,444
To-date/2011*	29,761,600	102,317	353,128	455,445	92,727
To-date/2010*	29,649,207	105,108	327,549	432,657	91,820
% Change YTD	0%	-3%	8%	5%	1%
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 was 150.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 155.7 million head, or 5.0 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 - AVAILABLE COMPARISON**

MILLION HEAD

WEEK ENDING	SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE*	PCT	AVG WT
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
29	154.5	151.9	102%	5.74
Nov 5	155.7	150.7	103%	5.68
Year to date	7,047.2	6,969.4	101%	
Nov 12		147.3		
19		143.4		

\*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

**BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**

Under Federal Inspection (in thousands)

W/E	11/12/11	11/05/11	%CHG	11/13/10	%CHG
Broilers	150,477	153,815 <sup>1</sup>	-.02	163,905 <sup>1</sup>	-.08
Cattle	625	648	-.04	661 <sup>2</sup>	-.05
Hogs	2,293	2,347	-.02	2,314 <sup>2</sup>	-.01

<sup>1</sup> Actual data incorporated when available.

<sup>2</sup> Totals adjusted to reflect USDA, NASS revisions.

**EASTERN REGION MISC POULTRY** Delivery week of 07-Nov-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** All reported prices are steady. Demand is moderate to fairly good with movement reported as improving as the holiday season approaches. Supplies are moderate for 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 07-Nov-11

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	192-210	194-210

**GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION** Date of Auction: 11/08/11

\*\*\*AI PAPERS REQUIRED FOR ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY\*\*\*

Prices paid per pound, except as noted.

	RANGE
Banty Hens	2.00 - 2.50 ea.
White Pigeons	3.50 - 3.75 ea.
Broilers	1.00 - 1.05 ea.
Bunnies	2.00 - 4.00 ea.
Chicks	-.25 ea.
Chukars	- 3.00 ea.
Cockateals	17.00 - 26.00 ea.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9LBS	.50 - .60 lbs.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11LBS	.70 - .80 lbs.
Crossbred Roosters 4-6LBS	.90 - 1.10 lbs.
Doves	2.00 - 4.00 ea.
Ducklings	- .50 ea.
Geese 9-14LBS	1.50 - 1.70 lbs.
Goats	- 92.00 ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.80 - 1.90 lbs.
Guinea Pigs	.10 - .50 ea.
Kid Goats	- 40.00 ea.
Leghorn Hens	1.00 - 1.25 ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.85 - 1.10 lbs.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.85 - 1.10 lbs.
Parakeets	4.00 - 5.50 ea.
Pekin Ducks	5.00 - 5.50 ea.
Pigeons	3.30 - 3.40 ea.
Pullets 4-6LBS	- 1.00 lbs.
Quail	1.10 - 2.00 ea.
Rabbits 6-9LBS	1.60 - 1.90 lbs.
Rabbits 4-6LBS	2.50 - 2.80 lbs.
Red Fowl 5-6LBS	.50 - .60 lbs.
Red Fowl 4-5LBS	.40 - .55 lbs.
Silkie	3.00 - 5.00 ea.
Turkeys LBS	.75 - .85 lbs.
Banty Roosters	3.00 - 3.50 ea.
Rats	2.00 - 2.10 ea.
Chinchilla	20.00 - 26.00 ea.
Total Coops Sold	2,472

