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Whole broiler/fryer prices are steady in the East, steady to instances fully steady in the Midwest and steady to firm in the West. Offerings are light to moderate for current trade needs. Post-holiday demand is seasonally light to moderate entering the weekend. Floor stocks are light to moderate, instances long. Market activity is moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light and selective with some dealers still down due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Prices are trending steady to higher for wings, mostly steady to firm, steady for the balance of items. Supplies of wings are light with good movement. Dark meat items, breast items and tenders are light to moderate. Market activity is slow to 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 19, 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 31-Dec-2011 is estimated at 139.9 million head, this compares to 138.2 million head a week earlier and 153.1 million head a year ago.

Preliminary Report Prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers FOB and delivered to first receivers at major market areas (cents per lb) Week of 28-Nov-2011

	Majority	Range	Wtd Avg	Loads
Delivered to First Receivers:				
US Grade A 1/				
New York	74.00-77.00			
Los Angeles	99.00			
Whole Body 2/				
Chicago	69.00-73.00	68.00-82.00	71.57	33
FOB Dock Equivalent 3/:				
Mississippi	81.00-86.00	65.00-89.00	82.42	19

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 FOB DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is **89.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.**

PLEASE BE ADVISED: There will not be another market report until Monday, Nov. 28, 2011 due to the Thanksgiving Day holiday weekend.

This info is supplied by the GA Dept. of Ag/Poultry Market News Service.

Western Region The Los Angeles preliminary majority is 99 cents, up 1 cent from last week. The market on whole fryers is steady to mostly firm and WOGs are steady to firm with prices unchanged to higher for next week. Offerings light. Retail demand light to moderate, mostly light for immediate post-holiday needs while others are finding improved orders for next week's deliveries. Foodservice demand mostly light to moderate. Floor stocks moderate. Weights desirable. The market on wings is firm and breast items are steady to firm with prices unchanged to higher for next week's shipments. The market on dark items is steady. Demand light to moderate with some finding improved orders for next week's shipments. Offerings of most items light in response to holiday processing schedules. Movement mostly light to moderate.

Midwest Region Preliminary majority prices were unchanged into Chicago and TFEWR elsewhere. Whole bird prices were trending steady. Additional offers were light to moderate with light to moderate buyer interest. Demand into retail and food service venues was light with fast food demand good for the holiday weekend. Floor stocks were balanced to long. Weights were mixed. Whole bird market activity was light to moderate. Parts supplies were light to moderate with wings in the tightest position. Prices trended fully steady to firm on wings while dark meat items and breast cuts were steady. Parts market activity was light to moderate with wings in hot demand.

Northeast Region Prices are trending steady for most sizes. Trucklot buying activity for ready-to-cook whole broiler fryers is light to moderate following the Thanksgiving holiday. Offerings of all sizes are sufficient for current needs. Trade activity is seasonally slow to moderate. In the parts complex, offerings of wings are light and clearing well. Most other items are moderate for current needs.

Southern Region Whole broiler/fryer prices are holding steady. Offerings are light to moderate for current trade needs. Post-holiday demand is moderate entering the weekend. Market activity is moderate. In the parts structure, movement is moderate. Prices for wings continue firm to higher, and all other parts are steady. Supplies of wings are light and moving well, and supplies of the remaining items are moderate. Market activity is moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate. Weights are mixed, but mostly desirable.

Delmarva Less-than-trucklot asking prices are unchanged at 77 to 83 cents with a steady trending undertone. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds is seasonally light following the Thanksgiving holiday. Offerings are light to moderate for current trade needs. Live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed, but noted as mostly desirable. Processing schedules are light due to some plants down today for the holiday. Market activity is seasonally slow to moderate. In the parts complex, supplies are light to moderate with wings in the best position.

*Broiler/fryer current negotiated prices for immediate delivery includes mostly multiple-drop shipments of branded and wing tagged to New York City form Delmarva

		Branded U.S. Grade A
Range		69-91
Weighted Average		(A)
No. Of Boxes		(A)
Cumulative	11/21/11-11/25/11	(A)
	11/22/10-11/26/10	(A)
No. Of Boxes	11/21/11-11/25/11	(A)
	11/22/10-11/26/10	(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.

Items	Lbs (000)	Range	Maj	Wtd Avg	Weekly	
					Lbs (000)	Wtd Avg
Breast - B/S		Too Few to Report			1,165	121.14
Tenderloins		Too Few to Report			670	131.67
Breast - Line Run		Too Few to Report			TFEWR	
Front Halves		Too Few to Report			225	61.47
Legs		Too Few to Report			TFEWR	
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	601	42.00-50.00	-	46.17	2,370	45.91
Leg Quarters (4/10)	657	49.00-52.00	-	50.84	2,821	50.93
Wings (Whole)		Too Few to Report			193	125.70
Wings (Cut)		Too Few to Report			TFEWR	
Drumsticks		Too Few to Report			TFEWR	
Thighs		Too Few to Report			TFEWR	
B/S Thighs		Too Few to Report			165	112.70

Whole Body Index Based On Southern States Parts Trading For November 25, 2010 -- F.O.B. Dock.

Range	Today's Average	5-Day Average
50.00 - 56.00	53.54	53.71

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 firm for wings and steady for the balance of items. Trucklot buying activity is light and selective with most dealers taking additional down time due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Offerings of wings are light and clearing satisfactorily; breast items and dark meat cuts are sufficient for current needs. Movement is seasonally slow to moderate.

Ice packed broiler/fryer parts, delivered to first receivers in pool trucklot and trucklot quantities, cents per pound.

Item	Current Neg Trading*	Wtd Avg**	Vol /Lbs	Weekly	
				Wtd Avg	Vol /Lbs
Breast - B/S	140-145	122.92	503,040	123.78	2,439,440
Tenderloins	140-145	136.00	129,400	138.40	594,520
Breast - With Ribs	79-80	89.73	44,094	90.73	181,792
Breast - Line Run	79	82.05	68,400	79.51	406,665
Legs	68-69	66.23	118,960	65.72	669,760
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	48-49	51.14	242,370	51.10	951,508
Drumsticks	56-57	70.47	56,040	67.84	309,273
Thighs	70-71	75.58	48,800	77.38	204,640
B/S Thighs	124-125	121.01	82,850	124.85	267,290
Wings (Whole)	131-132	137.11	185,380	135.40	676,760
Backs and Necks (Stripped)	16-18	18.00	10,200	18.00	40,261
Livers (5 Pound Tubs)	50-55	52.46	12,310	52.34	57,700
Gizzards (Hearts)	70-75	73.89	27,460	74.24	108,300

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)	11/24	(1,000)	11/22	11/23	11/22	(1,000)	11/18	11/16	11/16
Alabama	2,494	(A)	3,160	3,715	5.46	5.68	3,493	5.74		
Arkansas	1,958	(A)	4,062	4,390	5.55	5.63	3,326	5.47		
Delmarva	1,836	Holiday	1,608	2,041	6.43	6.32	2,012	6.33		
KY-LA-TN	2,314	(A)	2,263	2,442	5.23	5.15	2,496	5.08		
Mississippi	2,116	Holiday	2,612	2,737	5.67	5.87	3,066	5.85		
North Carolina	2,600	(A)	2,200	2,305	7.36	7.42	2,525	7.50		
Texas	2,311	Holiday	2,404	2,479	5.88	5.94	2,377	5.55		
Total	15,629	1,040	18,309	20,109	5.85	5.93	19,295	5.48		
Mon-Fri	77,635	(B)					97,912	(B)		
Saturday	1,242	(included in total for date shown)					657			

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations
(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 25-Nov-11 and 26-Nov-11 is estimated to be 23,383,000 head down 19.24 percent from a week ago and down 18.75 percent from a year ago. (Last week 28,954,000, last year 28,780,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 26-Nov-11 is estimated to be 113,543,000 head down 22.90 percent from a week ago, and down 12.14 percent from a year ago. (Last week 147,263,000, last year 129,230,000)

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	113-185
	Ice Pack	
Roasters 4# & Up	Dry Pack	124
	Ice Pack	
Ducks		279-285

Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

W/E 19-Nov-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	37,012	61,512	25,731	23,008	147,263
Avg Live Wgt	3.74	5.38	6.76	8.35	5.67
% of total /1	25%	42%	17%	16%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	34,819	67,773	22,616	26,045	151,253
Avg Live Wgt	3.71	5.45	6.76	8.40	5.75
% of total /1	23%	45%	15%	17%	100%
Year Ago 2/	39,591	66,015	35,026	23,352	163,984
Avg Live Wgt	3.83	5.32	6.72	8.51	5.71
% of total /1	24%	40%	22%	14%	100%
To date/2011*	1,661,052	3,111,941	1,399,699	1,088,558	7,261,250
To date/2010*	1,799,157	3,562,038	1,192,276	891,170	7,444,641

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 19-Nov-2011	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
Head	147,263	1,339	1,507	2,846	442
Avg Wt	5.67	3.26	7.69	5.61	6.46
Last week	151,253	1,155	1,464	2,619	447
Same wk yr ago	163,984	1,205	1,836	3,041	457
Avg Wt	5.71	3.32	8.48	6.44	6.39
To-date/2011*	7,261,250	62,218	71,204	133,422	19,865
To-date/2010*	7,444,641	63,333	65,455	128,788	19,455
% Change YTD	-2%	-2%	9%	4%	2%
<i>Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage</i>					
Current week	626,236	2,314	7,649	9,963	2,056
Last week	652,279	1,941	7,421	9,362	2,044
Same wk yr ago	697,580	2,120	10,354	12,474	2,103
To-date/2011*	31,040,115	106,572	368,198	474,770	96,827
To-date/2010*	31,052,578	108,777	346,336	455,113	96,072
% Change YTD	0%	-2%	6%	4%	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 143.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 149.1 million head, or 5.7 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
Oct 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
12	153.1	147.3	104%	5.75
19	149.1	143.4	104%	5.67
Year to date	7349.4	7260.1	101%	
Nov 26		143.2		
Dec 3		143.6		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

Broiler/Cattle/Hog Weekly Estimated Slaughter

Under Federal Inspection (in thousands)

W/E	11/26/11	11/19/11	%chg	11/27/10	%chg
Broilers	113,543	147,263 ¹	-22.90	129,230 ¹	-12.14
Cattle	565	636	-11	579 ²	-02
Hogs	2,074	2,360	-12	2,061 ²	+01

¹ Actual data incorporated when available.² Totals adjusted to reflect USDA, NASS revisions.**Eastern Region Misc. Poultry** Delivery Week of 21-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)	69.00-75.00	73.00-75.00
Vacuum Packed (6-9 per box)	72.00-77.00	74.00-75.00

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 remain steady. Demand is seasonal and reported as moderate to good. Supplies are moderate for present requirements. Market activity is moderate. Processing schedules are reduced due to the Thanksgiving holiday. 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 21-Nov-11

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

Graystone Small Animal Auction Date of Auction: 11/22/11

All Papers Required to Sell All Out of State Poultry

Prices Paid per lb., Except as Noted

	Range
Banty Hens	.75 - 1.20 ea.
White Pigeons	4.00 - 4.10 ea.
Broilers 6-7LBS	.95 - 1.00 lbs.
Bunnies	4.00 - 7.00 ea.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9LBS	.60 - .70 lbs.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11LBS	.60 - .70 lbs.
Crossbred Roosters 4-6LBS	.65 - .80 lbs.
Doves	- 4.00 ea.
Geese 9-14LBS	- 1.50 lbs.
Goats	- 90.00 ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.70 - 1.80 lbs.
Guinea Pigs	.35 - 2.00 ea.
Kid Goats	30.00 - 35.00 ea.
Leghorn Hens	- 1.30 ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.05 - 1.15 lbs.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.10 - 1.20 lbs.
Pekin Ducks	4.50 - 5.00 ea.
Pheasants	10.00 - 18.00 ea.
Pigeons	3.80 - 4.20 ea.
Pullets 4-6LBS	- 1.00 lbs.
Quail	.75 - 1.10 ea.
Rabbits 6-9LBS	1.75 - 2.10 lbs.
Rabbits 4-6LBS	2.80 - 3.30 lbs.
Red Fowl 5-6LBS	.50 - .65 lbs.
Red Fowl 4-5LBS	.50 - .60 lbs.
Silkie	2.00 - 3.00 ea.
Turkeys	14.00 - 23.00 ea.
Turkeys 18-25LBS	.70 - .80 lbs.
Banty Roosters	2.00 - 2.75 ea.
Total Coops Sold	2472

Live Spent Heavy National Fowl

Prices are trending steady at best when compared to the previous week. Supplies are at least sufficient for the seasonally light to moderate demand. Processing schedules are reduced due to the Thanksgiving Day holiday. Retail feature activity is moderate to good. Finished product supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate.

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading:

	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Prices in cents per pound.	8.5- 17.0	13.23
(Southeast Region broiler breeder hens generally for processing, 7 lbs. and up; under 7 lbs. subject to discount.)		

Live Spent Light National Fowl

Prices are trending steady. Demand is seasonally light to moderate for the moderate to instances heavy offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules are reduced due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Market activity is slow to moderate. The majority for removal costs remains 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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Weekly New York City Seasonal Poultry

For Delivery the Week of November 21, 2011.

Capons:

Prices are trending steady to instances firm. Supplies of frozen USDA Grade A capons are in good balance and clearing well. Processors are operating reduced schedules due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Bookings and buyer inquiries for December shipments are good. Trade activity was moderate to active.

Dollars Per Pound Delivered To First Receivers:

6-9 lbs. 2.30-2.55 Mostly 2.35-2.45

Geese:

Prices are trending steady to firm. Supplies of frozen USDA Grade A geese are sufficient for current needs and clearing well. Processors are operating reduced schedules due to the holiday. Bookings for the upcoming holidays are good. Trade activity is moderate to active.

Dollars Per Pound Delivered To First Receivers:

8-16 lbs. 3.80-4.00 Mostly 3.90-4.00