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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

 Whole broiler/fryer prices are steady in all areas. Final majority prices are 1 cent higher in the East and Midwest, but unchanged in the West when compared to last week's prices. Offerings of all sizes are light to moderate for trade needs. Demand is seasonally light to moderate, at times good into fast food channels. Floor stocks are balanced. Market activity is seasonally slow to moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate entering the week. Prices for wings are steady to firm and all other items are mostly holding steady. Supplies are available with wings in the tightest position. Market activity is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

**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-Dec-2011

Grade A		Composite	
Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads	Wtd Avg
<b>Delivered to First Receivers 1/:</b>			
Boston/New England	TFEWR	:	79.31 12
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	:	79.02 12
Denver	TFEWR	:	75.35 26
Detroit	TFEWR	:	76.53 25
Los Angeles	99.00	97.13	23 : 85.40 102
New York	75.00-78.00	76.95	21 : 77.77 38
Philadelphia	74.50-76.00	75.33	12 : 75.76 23
Pittsburgh	74.00-77.00	76.18	11 : 81.39 52
St. Louis	TFEWR	:	74.22 17
San Francisco	99.50	97.13	8 : 87.81 31

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:

Whole Body 2/:		Composite	
Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads	Wtd Avg
Chicago	70.00-74.00	:	74.08 44

Composite Weighted Average 3/:

Loads	12/05/11	Change Last Wk	11/28/11	12/06/10
382	79.59	-1.42	81.01	79.28

WOG broiler 4/:

Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads
Eastern	79.00-81.00	80.38 28
Central	70.00-77.00	74.86 72
Western	78.00-86.00	82.43 41

FOB Dock Equivalent 5/:

Mississippi	82.00-86.00	83.65	21
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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 89.75 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
968	73.00-99.00	88.91

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	189.00	1,667
BREASTS - B/S	148.00	7,301
BREASTS - WHOLE	83.00	1,423
THIGH MEAT - B/S	120.50	1,140
THIGHS	72.00	1,109
DRUMSTICKS	71.50	1,149
LEG QUARTERS	53.50	9,758
WINGS	137.00	3,513

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

**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Prices are trending steady for most sizes. Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers is light to moderate as dealers assess market conditions entering the week. Offerings of all sizes are moderate for current needs. Trade activity is seasonally slow to moderate. In the parts complex, supplies of wings are light with good movement; breast items and dark meat cuts are sufficient for current needs.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYER** Whole broiler/fryer prices are holding steady. Offerings of all sizes are moderate to satisfy trade needs. Demand following the weekend is seasonally light. Market activity is light to moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate. Prices for wings are steady to firm with the remaining items steady. Supplies of wings are light to moderate, breast cuts and dark meat items are mostly moderate. Market activity is moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate. Weights are mixed, but mostly desirable.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Final majorities were unchanged from last Monday. Offerings light. Retail and food service demand light to moderate. Floor stocks light to moderate. Sizes adequate. Parts supplies light to moderate. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average is 81.40 cents, up 2.08 cents on 29 loads. Trading: boneless skinless breasts 124-133, tenders 137-148, bone-in breasts 78-108, legs 68-82, leg meat 110-116, leg quarters bulk 51-61, 4-10 leg quarters 53-58, drums 51-70, thighs 62-85, thigh meat 120-135, wings 134-152 cents delivered.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** - Final majority prices were 1 cent higher into the Chicago market; Ohio cities, Detroit and St. Louis were TFEWR. Whole broiler fryer prices trended steady with offerings light. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate with fast food normal to good. Floor stocks were balanced to instances long. Sizes were in a full range. Whole bird market activity was light. Supplies of wings were tight with breast cuts and dark meat items light to moderate. Prices were firm on wings and steady on the balance of parts. Market activity for parts was light to moderate with most interest on wings.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Less-than-trucklot asking prices remained unchanged at 78 to 84 cents with a mostly steady trending undertone. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds ranged light to moderate entering the week as dealers assess current market conditions. Offerings are sufficient for trade needs. Live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed, but noted as desirable. Processing schedules are moderate. Market activity is seasonally slow to moderate. In the parts complex, supplies are light to moderate with wings in the best position and moving satisfactorily.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	60-94
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

**Northeast Broiler/Fryer Parts** Prices are trending steady to firm for wings and generally steady for the balance of items. Trucklot buying activity is light to moderate entering the week as dealers assess market conditions. Offerings of wings are light to moderate and clearing satisfactorily; breast items and dark meat cuts are moderate for the mostly light demand. 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 Negotiated	Wtd Avg**	Volume /lbs.
Breast - B/S	140-145	125.49	635,920
Tenderloins	140-145	139.50	114,013
Breast - With Ribs	79-80	90.74	56,582
Breast - Line Run	79	81.60	66,860
Legs	68-69	67.53	131,680
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	48-49	51.31	433,890
Drumsticks	56-57	74.03	73,120
Thighs	70-71	80.78	68,440
B/S Thighs	124-125	128.93	45,920
Wings (Whole)	136-137	140.50	177,360
Backs And Necks (Stripped)	16-18	18.00	14,040
Livers (5 Pound Tubs)	50-55	53.44	5,670
Gizzards (Hearts)	70-75	74.11	10,160

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
	12/05	12/01	12/01	11/28	11/24
Alabama	3,818	3,438	5.40	3,625	Holiday
Arkansas	4,621	4,582	5.79	4,610	(A)
Delmarva	2,076	2,086	6.26	2,080	Holiday
KY-LA-TN	2,251	2,280	5.21	2,222	(A)
Mississippi	2,908	2,900	5.97	2,945	Holiday
North Carolina	2,649	2,222	7.38	2,410	(A)
Texas	2,347	2,401	5.92	2,426	Holiday
Total	20,670	19,909	5.92	20,318	4.55
Mon	20,670(B)			20,318(B)	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 05-Dec 2011 is estimated to be 30,925,000 up 1.43 percent from a week ago, and down 6.4 percent from a year ago. (last week 30,489,000 last year 33,054,000)

**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		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)	1,267	44.00-50.00	-	45.81
Leg Quarters (4/10)	756	49.00-52.00	-	51.00
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 December 05, 2011 -- f.o.b. dock

Range	Today's Average	5-Day Average
52.50 - 56.00	53.74	54.21

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-Dec-2011 to 09-Dec-2011, Cents per Pound

	Price per Lb.	Mostly
Breast - B/S	114.00 - 138.00	119.00 - 124.00
Tenderloins	131.00 - 152.00	138.00 - 145.00
Breast - Line Run	79.00 - 102.00	79.00 - 84.00
Legs	65.00 - 71.00	-
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	44.00 - 56.00	49.00 - 52.00
Leg Quarters (4/10)	51.00 - 59.00	52.00 - 54.00
Drumsticks	56.00 - 69.00	-
Thighs	61.00 - 78.00	-
B/S Thighs	119.00 - 131.00	-
Wings (Whole)	131.00 - 142.00	135.00 - 141.00
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	102-120
WOGS 2# & Up - Cut Up 8 & 9 Pieces	105-121
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

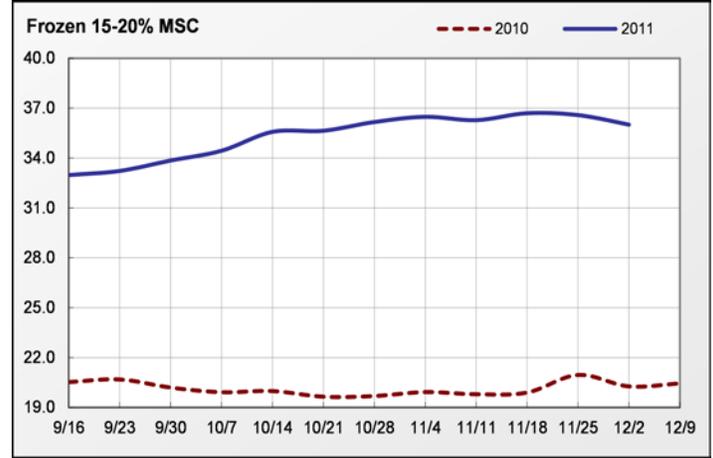
	Range
Fresh Fryers	Dry Pack 113-185
	Ice Pack
Roasters 4# & Up	Dry Pack 124
	Ice Pack
Ducks	279-285

**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.)

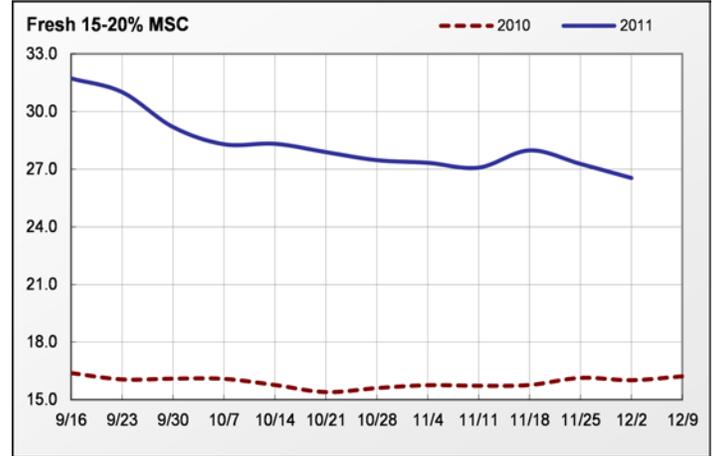
Prices of MSC trended steady on all fat contents. MSC supplies were light to moderate. Schedules were normal following the Thanksgiving holiday. Domestic demand was mostly moderate. Export demand was moderate to instances good with continued good interest on frozen 15-20%. The spot marketplace was status quo this week in relation to weeks past, however demand and pricing for next week is a bit stronger bucking seasonal patterns. A few 2012 contract negotiations continue to wrap up. Contract pricing for 2012 has been finalized on either a formula basis or at higher levels than those seen in 2011 and most preceding years. Market activity was light to moderate. Supplies of raw materials were light. Frames traded between 13-17 cents FOB.

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	2-Dec-11	Last Week	Last Year	2-Dec-11	Last Week	Last Year
<b>15% or Less</b>						
Price Range			-	31.00 - 32.00	31.00 - 32.00	18.00-19.00
Wtd Avg Price			-	31.78	31.71	18.40
Volume Traded	-	-	-	184	143	102
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>15-20%</b>						
Price Range	34.00 - 40.00	34.00 - 39.00	15.00-26.00	22.00 - 32.00	22.00 - 32.00	13.00-20.50
Wtd Avg Price	36.00	36.58	20.26	26.54	27.27	16.02
Volume Traded	1,174	1,508	2,066	3,274	2,978	3,672
Volume Exported	934	1,388	1,466	571	204	653
<b>20% or More</b>						
Price Range	-	-	-	22.50 - 23.00	22.50 - 23.00	18.00-20.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.75	22.63	19.33
Volume Traded	-	-	-	163	163	122
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	Nov 2011	Oct 2011	Nov 2010	Nov 2011	Oct 2011	Nov 2010
<b>15% or Less</b>						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	31.74	30.86	18.50
Volume Traded	-	-	-	469	592	530
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>15-20%</b>						
Wtd Avg Price	36.48	35.47	20.04	27.39	28.01	15.85
Volume Traded	6,588	8,651	5,595	13,433	14,870	12,556
Volume Exported	5,465	7,811	4,755	2,285	3,182	2,856
<b>20% or More</b>						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.55	-	19.38
Volume Traded	-	-	-	408	-	530
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

**NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS**

**LIVE SPENT HEAVY FOWL**

Prices are trending no better than steady when compared to the previous week. Supplies are moderate to heavy for the seasonally light to moderate demand. Processing schedules returned to normal following the Thanksgiving Day holiday. Retail feature activity is moderate. 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. 8.0 – 16.5 13.20

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

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