



National Broiler Market-at-a-Glance

Whole broiler/fryer prices are holding steady overall. Offerings cover the full range light to heavy, mostly moderate. Retail and food service demand is light to good, mostly light to moderate for retail and moderate to good for food service with holiday related catering in full swing. Floor stocks are moderate to instances long. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate for mid-week business. Prices for wings are firm to higher, tenders are firm and all remaining parts are steady. Offerings are light for wings, light to moderate for tenders and moderate for all other parts. Market activity is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.



Georgia F.O.B. Dock The quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remain unchanged at 89.75 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 85.25 cents last year on Dec. 15, 2010.

Dock Price (Cents per Pound)

Table with 2 columns: Item, Dock Price. Items include Line Run Tenders, Breasts - B/S, Breasts - Whole, Thigh Meat - B/S, Thighs, Drumsticks, Leg Quarters, Wings.

Information supplied by the GA Dept. of Ag's Poultry Market News Service.

Northeast Region Prices are trending steady for most sizes. Trucklot buying activity for ready-to-cook whole broiler fryers is light to moderate for mid-week trading. Offerings of all sizes are moderate to heavy for current needs. Trade activity is seasonally slow to moderate. In the parts complex, offerings of wings are light and clearing well. Tenders are light to moderate and the balance of items is sufficient for the lackluster buyer interest.

Midwest Region Whole bird prices were steady. Offers were light to moderate with light to moderate buyer interest. Demand into retail and food service outlets was light to moderate with fast food demand normal and increasing demand from catering operations. Floor stocks were moderate to instances 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 firm on wings while dark meat items and breast cuts were steady to fully steady. Parts market activity was light to moderate and wings continued to be in strong demand.

Western Region The Wednesday Los Angeles delivered quote is 99 cents, unchanged from last week. The market on whole fryers and WOGs is generally steady with some spot strength reported on WOGs. Offerings light to moderate. Retail demand light to good, mostly light to moderate. Foodservice demand light to good, mostly light to moderate. Floor stocks moderate. Weights desirable. The market on wings is firm, balance of items mostly steady with boneless skinless breasts weakest. Demand light to good, mostly light to moderate. Offerings of wings very light to light and held with confidence, balance of items mostly light to moderate. Movement light to good, mostly light to moderate.

Southern Region Whole broiler/fryer prices are steady. Supplies of all sizes are available to satisfy trade needs. Demand is seasonally light to moderate for mid-week business. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate. Prices are firm to higher for wings and tenders, and steady for all other parts. Supplies of wings are tight, tenders are light, and the remaining items are moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set Down 5 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 196 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 10, 2011. This was down 5 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 85 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed Down 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 165 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 10, 2011. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2011 through December 10, 2011 were 8.10 billion, down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set and Broiler Chicks Placed

19 Selected State Total

Table with 4 columns: Week Ending 12/10/11, 2011, 2010, Percent Change Previous Year. Rows include Eggs Set, Chicks Placed, and Selected States.

Weekly Fryers Available for Marketing

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 21-Jan-12 is estimated at 150.2 million head. This compares to 145.9 million head the previous week and to 156.8 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 151.4 million head and the composite weighted average price was 77.25 cents per pound.

DEC 13

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

DEC 14

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	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S		TOO FEW TO REPORT			BREAST - B/S		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT			BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT			FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,095	44.00-50.00	-	46.10	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	597	45.00-50.00	-	47.97
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	736	49.00-52.00	-	51.08	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	832	49.00-52.00	-	51.06
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for F.O.B. Dock

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
52.00 - 56.00	53.71	52.50 - 56.00	54.63	53.94

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 continue to trend firm to higher for wings; steady to firm for tenders and mostly steady for the balance of items. Trucklot buying activity was noted as seasonally light to moderate for mid-week trading. Offerings of wings are light and commanding premiums; light to moderate for tenders and sufficient for the balance of items. Movement is slow to moderate.

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

DEC 13 ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS	DEC 14 ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	140-145	125.62	968,720	BREAST - B/S	140-145	127.89	547,120
TENDERLOINS	140-145	142.90	215,600	TENDERLOINS	140-145	138.32	130,320
BREAST - WITH RIBS	79-80	91.74	59,764	BREAST - WITH RIBS	79-80	93.34	37,701
BREAST - LINE RUN	79	79.85	109,570	BREAST - LINE RUN	79	79.92	109,430
LEGS	68-69	67.70	171,320	LEGS	68-69	70.88	108,760
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	48-49	51.02	360,920	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	48-49	52.67	99,400
DRUMSTICKS	56-57	70.85	73,240	DRUMSTICKS	56-57	71.93	58,120
THIGHS	70-71	72.57	86,160	THIGHS	70-71	77.97	44,520
B/S THIGHS	124-125	126.72	72,280	B/S THIGHS	124-125	126.29	81,600
WINGS (WHOLE)	142-143	145.98	232,400	WINGS (WHOLE)	143-144	149.63	178,600
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	10,768	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	11,060
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	52.57	13,590	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	51.18	15,300
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	74.69	32,680	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	73.82	26,360

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
	12/14	12/13	12/12	12/09	12/12	12/09	12/07	12/05	
Alabama	3,672	3,818	3,713	3,447	5.65	5.22	3,589	5.78	
Arkansas	4,651	7,424	6,178	3,897	5.20	5.48	4,594	5.67	
Delmarva	1,963	2,065	2,040	2,073	6.35	6.15	1,993	6.42	
KY-LA-TN	2,145	2,380	2,355	2,321	5.29	5.17	2,405	5.34	
Mississippi	2,632	2,937	2,560	2,335	5.95	5.95	2,752	5.81	
North Carolina	1,912	2,631	2,366	2,667	7.18	7.04	2,136	7.19	
Texas	2,392	2,354	2,753	2,706	5.51	5.60	2,379	5.89	
Total	19,367	23,609	21,965	19,446	5.73	5.76	19,848	5.96	
Mon-Wed	63,493	(A)					60,899	(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 14-Dec-11 is estimated to be 28,975,000 head down 2.72 percent from a week ago and down 11.68 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 29,784,000, last year 32,806,000)

PROCESSED POULTRY SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. 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 and Institutions

		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	113-185
	ICE PACK	
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK	124
	ICE PACK	
DUCKS		217-285

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection for Week Ending 17-Dec-11

Class	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	12/17/11 (1)	12/10/11	Thousand head	
Broiler/fryer	149,793 (2)	152,559		
Light hens	1,505	1,531		
Heavy hens	1,451	1,699		
Total	152,749	155,789		

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 17-Dec-11 is 141.9 million head compared to 166.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 150.1 million head or 8.2 million more than estimated available. For the week of 24-Dec-11 the estimated available is 141.3 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers

(Including government stocks) (In thousands)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	12/12/11	12/01/11	LBS	LBS
AM	48,520	46,535	53,288	52,639
CHG	1,985		649	
PCT CHG	4%		1%	

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (In Thousands)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	12/12/11	12/05/11	12/13/10	12/12/11	12/05/11	12/13/10
PACIFIC COAST LOS ANGELES	354	362	512	1,809	1,703	3,064
	224	229	153	549	594	969

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

All Papers Required To Sell All Out of State Poultry

	LOW HIGH AVG				LOW HIGH AVG		
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.40	.75	.54	HEAVY FOWL ea.	3.50	4.00	3.83
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	5.50	5.75	5.67
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	1.50	6.00	1.92
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.75	3.00	1.88
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	3.00	6.50	4.50
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	4.00	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.45	1.45	.59	ROOSTERS ea.	2.00	10.00	5.48
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	24.00	36.00	30.00
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	21.00	-
DUCKS lb.	1.05	1.15	1.08	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	2.00	2.80	2.53	RABBITS ea.	-	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	3.00	5.50	4.06
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	8.50	9.00	8.70
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	3.00	4.00	3.50	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-	PEACOCKS ea.	-	-	-
PARTRIDGES ea.	-	-	-	COCKATEALS ea.	-	-	-
DOVES ea.	-	-	-	PHEASANTS ea.	-	-	-
QUAIL ea.	-	-	-	FERRETS ea.	-	-	-
CHINCHILAS ea.	-	-	-	MICE ea.	-	-	-
PEAFOWL ea.	-	-	-				

TOTAL COOPS 83

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending Dec 09, 2011

	Whole Chickens		Legs W/Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
	RAYON					
Low	75.05	133.43	70.05	26.69	6.67	66.71
High	76.05	146.77	83.39	33.36	10.01	66.71
Mostly	75.05	146.77	80.06	31.69	8.34	66.71
SAN JUAN						
Low	74.05	133.43	66.71	23.35	6.67	66.71
High	76.05	143.43	80.06	30.02	10.01	66.71
Mostly	75.05	143.43	76.72	28.35	6.67	66.71
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	73.38	133.43	73.38	30.02	10.01	70.05
High	76.72	150.10	86.73	36.69	13.34	70.05
Mostly	75.05	146.77	83.39	33.36	10.01	70.05
BECERRA						
Low	75.05	133.43	76.72	33.36	10.01	70.05
High	77.39	153.44	90.06	40.03	13.34	70.05
Mostly	75.05	150.10	86.73	36.69	10.01	70.05

NATIONAL FOWL MARKET

Ready-to-Cook

Midwest Region Negotiated Prices to first Receivers

(cents/lb. delivered to first receivers; US Grade A and plant Grade)

	Price Range
Ice Packed (12/box):	80.0 - 86.0
Vacuum Packed (6-9/box):	85.0 - 90.0

Midwest region = IL, IN, MI, MO, OH, and WI

DELMARVA Less-than-trucklot asking prices are unchanged at 78 to 84 cents with a steady trending undertone. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds is seasonally light to at times moderate for midweek business. Offerings ranged moderate to heavy for current trade needs. Live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed, but noted as mostly desirable. Processor schedules are moderate. Market activity is seasonally slow to moderate. In the parts complex, supplies are light to moderate with wings and tenders 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 from Delmarva.

		BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE		68-94	
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		(A)	
NO. OF BOXES		(A)	

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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