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National Broiler Market At-A-Glance

Whole broiler/fryer prices are holding steady overall. Preliminary majority prices are unchanged in all areas when compared to early week prices. Offerings are light to mostly moderate for current trade needs. Retail and food service demand is light to good, mostly light to moderate entering the weekend. Floor stocks are moderate to instances long. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate. Prices for wings and tenders are firm to higher, steady to firm for breast items, and steady for dark meat items. Offerings are light for wings and tenders and moderate for all other parts. Market activity is slow to mostly moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.



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 19-Dec-2011

	Majority	Range	Wtd Avg	Loads
Delivered to First Receivers:				
US Grade A 1/				
New York	75.00-78.00			
Los Angeles	99.00			
Whole Body 2/				
Chicago	70.00-74.00	63.00-79.00	70.62	35
FOB Dock Equivalent 3/:				
Mississippi	82.00-86.00	73.00-89.00	83.48	23

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 **89.75** cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

Preliminary f.o.b. Dock or Equivalent

Loads	Range	Prelim. Wtd Avg
698	85.46-99.00	89.12

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

Item	Wtd Avg (Cents per Pound)	Volume (000 Pounds)
Line Run Tendens	186.50	1,032
Breasts - B/S	146.50	4,609
Breasts - Whole	82.50	979
Thigh Meat - B/S	118.50	873
Thighs	71.50	747
Drumsticks	70.50	757
Leg Quarters	53.50	5,613
Wings	146.50	2,321

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

Western Region The Los Angeles preliminary majority is 99 cents, unchanged from last Monday's final. The market on whole fryers is steady. The WOG market is steady to firm with prices for next unchanged to higher. Offerings light. Retail and foodservice demand light to good, mostly light to moderate. Floor stocks moderate. Weights desirable. The market on wings is firm with prices higher, tenderloins unchanged to higher, bone-in breasts steady and boneless skinless breasts prices mixed, mostly steady. Demand light to good, mostly light to moderate. Offerings of wings very light to light, tenderloins light, bone-in breasts light to moderate, and boneless skinless breasts moderate to moderately heavy for current shipments. Offerings of dark items light to moderate. Movement light to good, mostly light to moderate.

Midwest Region Preliminary majority for next week into Chicago was unchanged from last Monday. Whole bird prices were trending 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 most sought after.

Northeast Region Prices are trending steady to instances firm for most sizes. Trucklot buying activity for ready-to-cook whole broiler fryers improved slightly and was noted as moderate entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes are light to moderate for current needs. Trade activity is moderate. In the parts complex, offerings of wings and tenders are light with good movement. Other items are sufficient for the generally light buyer interest.

Southern Region Whole broiler/fryer prices are holding steady. Offerings are moderate to satisfy trade needs. Demand entering the weekend is seasonally light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate for late week trading. Prices for wings continue to trend firm to higher with good movement. Breast items are trending steady and dark meat cuts are steady to at times weak. Supplies of wings are light and held with confidence. All other parts are mostly moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate. Weights are mixed, but mostly desirable.

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 moderate entering the weekend. Offerings are moderate for trade needs. Live supplies are moderate at mostly desirable weights. Processing schedules are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts complex, supplies of wings and tenders are light and moving well. The balance of items are sufficient.

*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	71-94	
Weighted Average	(A)	
No. Of Boxes	(A)	
Cumulative	12/12/11-12/16/11	(A)
	12/13/10-12/17/10	(A)
No. Of Boxes	12/12/11-12/16/11	(A)
	12/13/10-12/17/10	(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.
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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)	807	45.00-50.00	-	48.18
Leg Quarters (4/10)	841	48.00-52.00	-	50.86
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 15, 2011 -- f.o.b. dock.

Range	Today's Average
53.50 - 56.00	55.09

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 continue to trend firm to higher for wings and tenders; steady to firm for boneless skinless breast and steady for the balance of items. Trucklot buying activity was noted as seasonally light to moderate entering the weekend. Offerings of wings and tenderloins are light with premiums noted. Other items are light to moderate for current needs. Movement is moderate.

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

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Item	Current Neg Trading*	Wtd Avg**	Vol /lbs.
Breast - B/S	140-145	125.35	929,680
Tenderloins	145	141.79	204,760
Breast - With Ribs	79-80	90.47	88,754
Breast - Line Run	79	80.25	112,708
Legs	68-69	72.45	101,720
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	48-49	53.56	248,000
Drumsticks	56-57	68.28	122,133
Thighs	70-71	81.71	84,240
B/S Thighs	124-125	126.77	96,320
Wings (Whole)	144-145	148.66	247,116
Backs and Necks (Stripped)	16-18	18.00	14,256
Livers (5 Pound Tubs)	50-55	52.00	16,320
Gizzards (Hearts)	70-75	74.39	19,880

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.

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Item	Pounds (000)	Range	Maj	Wtd Avg	Weekly Pounds (000)	Weekly Wtd Avg
Breast - B/S		Too Few to Report			1,191	124.03
Tenderloins		Too Few to Report			642	136.65
Breast - Line Run		Too Few to Report			206	72.00
Front Halves		Too Few to Report			274	61.49
Legs		Too Few to Report			TFEWR	
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	1,226	44.00-50.00	-	46.81	4,865	46.83
Leg Quarters (4/10)	904	50.00-52.00	-	51.12	4,149	51.02
Wings (Whole)		Too Few to Report			TFEWR	
Wings (Cut)		Too Few to Report			680	146.38
Drumsticks		Too Few to Report			218	54.16
Thighs		Too Few to Report			TFEWR	
B/S Thighs		Too Few to Report			213	127.00

Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for December 16, 2011 -- f.o.b. dock.

Range	Today's Average	5-Day Average
52.75 - 56.00	54.24	54.27

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Item	Current Neg Trading*	Wtd Avg**	Vol /lbs.	Weekly Wtd Avg	Weekly Vol/lbs.
Breast - B/S	140-145	126.02	748,320	125.83	3,834,520
Tenderloins	145-150	143.76	110,840	141.52	772,560
Breast - With Ribs	79-80	93.68	62,261	91.91	298,590
Breast - Line Run	79	79.34	110,076	80.12	507,755
Legs	68-69	73.07	90,800	69.90	593,080
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	48-49	52.78	157,080	52.03	1,055,160
Drumsticks	56-57	67.36	123,733	69.31	412,266
Thighs	70-71	77.47	63,400	77.70	331,080
B/S Thighs	124-125	126.52	84,680	126.72	369,520
Wings (Whole)	146-147	151.03	175,240	148.40	986,156
Backs and Necks (Stripped)	16-18	18.00	11,078	18.00	57,922
Livers (5 Pound Tubs)	50-55	52.00	10,620	51.78	66,840
Gizzards (Hearts)	70-75	74.03	24,920	74.36	118,840

Estimated Slaughter of Broiler-Fryers

	Estimated		Actual		Avg Wts		Actual		Avg Wts	
	(1,000)	12/15	(1,000)	12/13	12/14	12/13	(1,000)	12/09	12/07	
Alabama	3,234	3,812	3,536	3,643	5.63	5.58	3,447	5.60		
Arkansas	3,530	4,680	4,690	4,741	5.61	5.60	3,897	5.60		
Delmarva	2,048	2,056	1,845	1,869	6.19	6.28	2,073	6.26		
KY-LA-TN	2,225	2,508	2,008	2,387	4.75	5.33	2,321	5.27		
Mississippi	2,223	2,670	2,855	2,904	5.88	5.89	2,335	5.77		
North Carolina	2,220	2,611	1,781	2,564	7.43	7.03	2,667	7.27		
Texas	2,356	2,078	1,922	2,186	5.75	5.84	2,706	5.82		
Total	17,836	20,415	18,637	20,294	5.81	5.88	19,446	5.86		
Mon-Fri	101,744	(A)					100,824	(A)		
Saturday	533	(included in total for date shown)					984			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 16-Dec-11 and 17-Dec-11 is estimated to be 26,685,000 head down 8.55 percent from a week ago and down 22.73 percent from a year ago. (Last week 29,181,000, last year 34,535,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 17-Dec-11 is estimated to be 148,700,000 head down 2.17 percent from a week ago, and down 9.34 percent from a year ago. (Last week 152,002,000, last year 164,020,000)

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		217-285

Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

W/E 10-Dec-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	33,745	68,267	25,171	24,819	152,002
Avg Live Wgt	3.81	5.48	6.72	8.41	5.79
% of total /1	22%	45%	17%	16%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	31,170	63,558	25,033	28,294	148,055
Avg Live Wgt	3.75	5.43	6.73	8.40	5.86
% of total /1	21%	43%	17%	19%	100%
Year Ago 2/	40,980	67,826	31,168	26,616	166,590
Avg Live Wgt	3.61	5.41	6.67	8.47	5.69
% of total /1	24%	41%	19%	16%	100%
To date/2011*	1,754,228	3,290,606	1,469,186	1,159,966	7,673,986
To date/2010*	1,901,136	3,752,922	1,287,699	962,992	7,904,749

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 10-Dec-2011	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	152,002	1,456	1,530	2,986	448
Avg Wt	5.79	3.29	7.81	5.61	6.91
Last week	148,055	1,155	1,477	2,632	429
Same wk yr ago	166,590	1,177	1,594	2,771	417
Avg Wt	5.69	3.58	8.13	6.20	6.59
To-date/2011*	7,673,986	65,478	75,031	140,509	21,054
To-date/2010*	7,904,749	66,370	69,396	135,766	20,657
% Change YTD	-3%	-1%	8%	3%	2%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	660,069	2,539	7,887	10,426	2,229
Last week	650,702	1,916	7,613	9,529	2,116
Same wk yr ago	706,183	2,233	8,618	10,851	1,979
To-date/2011*	32,837,659	112,193	387,892	500,085	102,722
To-date/2010*	33,030,545	114,186	367,593	481,779	101,840
% Change YTD	-1%	-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 142.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 153.8 million head, or 10.9 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
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
26	114.0	143.2	80%	5.76
Dec 3	149.9	143.6	104%	5.86
10	153.8	142.9	108%	5.79
Year to date	7767.1	7689.8	101%	
Dec 17		141.9		
24		141.3		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

Broiler/Cattle/Hog Weekly Estimated Slaughter

Under Federal Inspection (in thousands)

W/E	12/17/11	12/10/11	%chg	12/18/10	%chg
Broilers	148,700	152,002 ¹	-2.17	164,020 ¹	-9.34
Cattle	642	650	-01	660 ²	-03
Hogs	2,333	2,325	0	2,344 ²	0

¹ Actual data incorporated when available.² Totals adjusted to reflect USDA, NASS revisions.**Eastern Region Misc. Poultry** Delivery Week of 12-Dec-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	221-225	226-232
Midwest	195-210	200-214

Roasters: Prices Negotiated by First Receivers, US Grade A & Plant Grade, 5 Lbs & Up, Delivered, Cents/lb.

	Range	Mostly
Ice Packed (12 per box)	70.00-76.00	73.00-75.00
Vacuum Packed (6-9 per box)	72.00-78.00	74.00-76.00

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 instances good. Supplies are moderate. 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 12-Dec-11

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

Graystone Small Animal Auction Date of Auction: 12/13/11

All Papers Required to Sell All Out of State Poultry

Prices Paid per lb., Except as Noted

	Range
Banty Hens	2.00 - 2.50 ea.
White Pigeons	5.00 - 5.10 ea.
Broilers 5-6LBS	1.00 - 1.10 lbs.
Bunnies	2.00 - 4.00 ea.
Cockatiels	- 28.00 ea.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9LBS	.70 - .80 lbs.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11LBS	.90 - 1.00 lbs.
Crossbred Roosters 4-6LBS	.90 - 1.05 lbs.
Doves	- 2.50 ea.
Geese 9-14LBS	1.50 - 1.60 lbs.
Goats	- 96.00 ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.70 - 1.80 lbs.
Guinea Pigs	.25 - 2.00 ea.
Kid Goats	40.00 - 60.00 ea.
Leghorn Hens	.60 - 1.10 ea.
Leghorn Roosters	- 2.50 ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.30 - 1.70 lbs.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.20 - 1.35 lbs.
Parakeets	7.00 - 8.50 ea.
Pekin Ducks	7.00 - 8.00 ea.
Pheasants	7.00 - 8.50 ea.
Pigeons	2.40 - 2.90 ea.
Pullets 4-6LBS	- 1.00 lbs.
Quail	1.20 - 1.60 ea.
Rabbits 6-9LBS	1.80 - 2.20 lbs.
Rabbits 4-6LBS	3.00 - 3.90 lbs.
Red Fowl 5-6LBS	.60 - .70 lbs.
Red Fowl 4-5LBS	.55 - .60 lbs.
Silkie	- 3.50 ea.
Turkeys	11.00 - 15.00 ea.
Banty Roosters	4.00 - 5.00 ea.
Diamond Dove	- 10.00 ea.
Total Coops Sold	3164

Live Spent Heavy National 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 are normal. 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.	8.0- 16.0	13.17

(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 fully sufficient offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules are normal. Market activity is slow to moderate. The majority price 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 December 12, 2011.

Capons:

Prices are trending steady. Supplies of frozen USDA Grade A capons are light to moderate and clearing well. Production of USDA grade A frozen capons have been completed and shipments for the holidays are in progress. Trade activity was moderate to active.

Dollars Per Pound Delivered To First Receivers:

6-9 LBS. 2.30-2.55 Mostly 2.32-2.45

Geese:

Prices are trending steady. Supplies of frozen USDA Grade A geese are light to moderate for current needs and clearing well. Processors are operating normal schedules. Last of the regular orders for frozen product for the upcoming holiday are being shipped. 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