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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Whole broiler/fryer prices are holding steady overall. Final majority prices are unchanged in all areas when compared to last week prices. Offerings are light to mostly moderate for current trade needs. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate with fast food normal to good. Floor stocks are light to instances long. Market activity is moderate. In the parts structure, movement is noted as seasonally light to moderate as dealers assess market conditions entering the week. 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.

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 19-Dec-2011

	Grade A		Loads	Composite	
	Majority	Wtd Avg		Wtd Avg	Loads
<u>Delivered to First Receivers 1/:</u>					
Boston/New England	TFEWR		:	78.92	13
Ohio Cities	TFEWR		:	78.61	12
Denver	TFEWR		:	81.71	14
Detroit	TFEWR		:	75.71	19
Los Angeles	99.00	96.43	23 :	86.84	57
New York	75.00-78.00	76.95	21 :	78.52	40
Philadelphia	74.50-76.00	75.45	11 :	75.84	22
Pittsburgh	74.00-77.00	76.20	10 :	81.50	51
St. Louis	TFEWR		:	73.35	19
San Francisco	99.50	96.86	7 :	88.88	17

	Whole Body 2/:		Loads	Composite	
	Majority	Wtd Avg		Wtd Avg	Loads
Chicago	70.00-74.00		:	72.51	45

Composite Weighted Average 3/:				
Loads	12/19/11	Change Last Wk	12/12/11	12/20/10
309	80.01	-.44	80.45	77.40

WOG broiler 4/:	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads
Eastern	79.00-81.00	80.35	28
Central	68.00-77.00	73.66	73
Western	78.00-87.00	80.90	40

FOB Dock Equivalent 5/:			
Mississippi	82.00-86.00	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/: 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
973	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	1,703
BREASTS - B/S	147.50	7,337
BREASTS - WHOLE	84.00	1,459
THIGH MEAT - B/S	119.50	1,212
THIGHS	71.50	1,109
DRUMSTICKS	72.50	1,149
LEG QUARTERS	53.00	9,830
WINGS	146.50	3,585

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

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Prices are trending steady to firm for most sizes. Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers is moderate as dealers assess market conditions entering the week. Offerings of all sizes are light to moderate for current needs. Trade activity is moderate. In the parts complex, supplies of wings and tenders 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 are moderate to satisfy trade needs. Demand following the weekend is seasonally light to mostly moderate. Market activity is moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate for early week trading. Prices for wings continue to trend firm to higher with good movement. Breast items and dark meat items are trending steady and tenders are firm. 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.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The final majority was unchanged from last Monday. Prices trended steady with offers light. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate. Floor stocks light to moderate. Sizes mixed. Parts supplies were light to moderate; wings in the tightest position. Parts prices firm on wings and steady on the balance. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average is 79.30 cents, down 0.18 cents on 27 loads. Trading: boneless skinless breasts 120-133, tenders 144-152, bone-in breasts 82-108, legs 70-82, leg meat 109-117, leg quarters bulk 52-61, 4-10 leg quarters 53-65, drums 54-70, thighs 62-85, thigh meat 124-129, wings 135-161 cents delivered.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS - Final majority prices were unchanged into the Chicago market; Ohio cities, Detroit and St. Louis were TFEWR. Whole broiler fryer prices trended steady with offerings light to moderate. 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 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 week as dealers assess current market conditions. Offerings are light to moderate 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.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	63-94
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Northeast Broiler/Fryer Parts Prices continue to trend firm to higher for wings and tenders; steady for the balance of items. Trucklot buying activity was noted as seasonally light to moderate as dealers assess market conditions entering the week. Offerings of wings and tenderloins are light and commanding premiums. Other items are light to moderate for current needs. Movement is slow to moderate.

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

Item	Current Negotiated Trading*	Wtd Avg**	Volume /lbs.
Breast - B/S	140-145	125.68	649,000
Tenderloins	150	142.28	156,560
Breast - With Ribs	79-80	91.96	88,983
Breast - Line Run	79	81.96	65,385
Legs	68-69	70.18	124,840
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	48-49	52.79	269,600
Drumsticks	56-57	71.89	59,680
Thighs	70-71	71.32	97,120
B/S Thighs	124-125	128.26	54,320
Wings (Whole)	147-148	151.82	158,760
Backs And Necks (Stripped)	16-18	18.00	2,720
Livers (5 Pound Tubs)	50-55	53.10	5,880
Gizzards (Hearts)	70-75	74.88	13,160

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
	12/19	12/15	12/15	12/12	12/08
Alabama	3,699	3,398	5.40	3,713	5.62
Arkansas	4,840	4,716	5.55	4,485	5.51
Delmarva	2,084	1,990	6.09	2,040	6.05
KY-LA-TN	2,449	2,250	5.26	2,355	5.21
Mississippi	2,866	2,825	5.83	2,560	5.91
North Carolina	2,248	2,453	7.02	2,366	7.06
Texas	2,392	2,136	5.79	2,753	5.78
Total	20,578	19,768	5.79	20,272	5.83
Mon	20,578(A)			20,272(A)	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 19-Dec 2011 is estimated to be 30,787,000 up 1.21 percent from a week ago, and down 8.0 percent from a year ago. (last week 30,420,000 last year 33,450,000)

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)	591	47.00-50.00	-	48.26
Leg Quarters (4/10)	842	49.00-52.00	-	50.95
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 19, 2011 -- f.o.b. dock

Range	Today's Average	5-Day Average
54.00 - 57.00	55.41	54.61

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 19-Dec-2011 to 23-Dec-2011, Cents per Pound

	Price per Lb.	Mostly
Breast - B/S	114.00 - 138.00	119.00 - 127.00
Tenderloins	139.00 - 158.00	142.00 - 150.00
Breast - Line Run	72.00 - 102.00	77.00 - 85.00
Legs	65.00 - 71.00	-
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	46.00 - 62.00	49.00 - 52.00
Leg Quarters (4/10)	51.00 - 59.00	52.00 - 56.00
Drumsticks	53.00 - 69.00	-
Thighs	61.00 - 78.00	-
B/S Thighs	112.00 - 131.00	-
Wings (Whole)	140.00 - 153.00	144.00 - 150.00
Backs and Necks (Stripped)	17.00 - 30.00	-
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	113-185
Roasters 4# & Up	124
Ducks	217-285

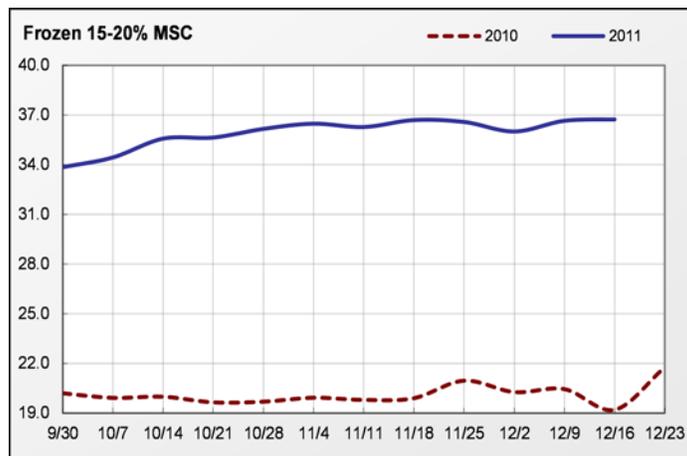
National Mechanically Separated Chicken

(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.)

MSC prices trended steady to firm on all fat contents. Supplies were light to moderate. Schedules were normal. Domestic demand was moderate. Export demand was moderate to good with continued good interest on frozen 15-20%. The spot marketplace remains a bit stronger this week as buyers build inventories for the upcoming holidays and take advantage of cheaper contract pricing before the start of 2012. Industry breathes a heavy sigh, waiting to see how the marketplace develops in 2012; but for now it focuses on the fast approaching holiday and the many preparations associated. Contract negotiations for 2012 finalized on both a formula basis and at higher levels than 2011 and preceding years. Frame contracts also closed at much higher levels for 2012. Market activity was moderate to active. Supplies of raw materials were light. Frames traded between 13-17 cents FOB.

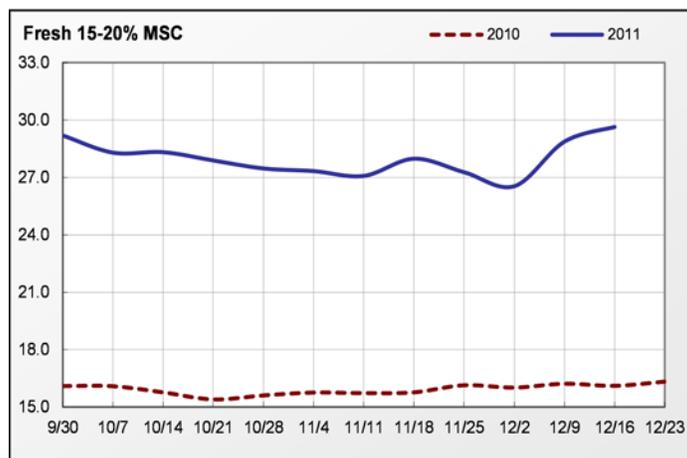
Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	16-Dec-11	Last Week	Last Year	16-Dec-11	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less			-	32.00	31.00 - 32.00	18.00-19.00
Price Range			-			
Wtd Avg Price			-	32.00	31.80	18.50
Volume Traded	-	-	-	61	204	163
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%	34.00 - 40.00	33.00 - 41.00	15.00-26.00	26.00 - 33.50	25.00 - 33.00	13.00-20.50
Price Range						
Wtd Avg Price	36.73	36.65	19.19	29.64	28.87	16.11
Volume Traded	1,640	1,474	1,794	4,264	3,683	3,994
Volume Exported	1,280	1,314	1,514	1,469	1,225	898
20% or More				22.50	22.50	18.00-20.00
Price Range						
Wtd Avg Price				22.50	22.50	19.33
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	82	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
15% or Less				31.74	30.86	18.50
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-			
Volume Traded	-	-	-	469	592	530
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%	36.48	35.47	20.04	27.39	28.01	15.85
Wtd Avg Price						
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
20% or More				22.55	-	19.38
Wtd Avg Price						
Volume Traded	-	-	-	408	-	530
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

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